

THE WORDS
OF
JOHN & JESUS

39- I tell you, you will not **see me again** until you say:

“Blessed is he who comes in the Name of HE.”

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40- For this is the will of my Lord, that everyone who **sees the Servant** and believes in him may have eternal life, and

I shall raise him on the last “Day.”

(Gospel, Mt. 23/39 & Jn. 6/40)

CHAPTER 1

- 1- Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!
- 2- You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
- 3- Produce good Fruit (29/11) as evidence of your repentance.
- 4- And do not presume to say to yourselves: "We have Abraham as our father." For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.
- 5- Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good Fruit (29/11) will be cut down and thrown into the fire.
- 6- I am baptizing you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals.
- 7- He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor,

and gather his "Wheat" into his barn,

 but the "Chaff" he will burn with unquenchable fire.

- 8- I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me!

- 9- Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all Righteousness.

- 10- It is written: "One does not live by bread alone, but

by

 every "Word"

 that comes forth from the mouth of God."

- 11- Again it is written: "You shall not put HE your God to the test."

- 12- Get away, Satan! It is written: "HE your God shall you worship, and Him alone shall you serve."

- 13- Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!

- 14- Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. (9/41-42)

4- Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may

see

your "good Deeds"

and glorify your heavenly Lord.

5- Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

6- Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the Law, until all things have taken place.

7- Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of

these "Commandments"

and teaches others to do so

will be called "least" in the Kingdom of Heaven;

but whoever obeys and teaches

these "Commandments"

will be called "greatest" in the Kingdom of Heaven.

8- I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

9- You have heard that it was said to your ancestors: "You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment."

10- But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother: "Imbecile!" will be answerable to the Court, and whoever says: "You fool!" will be liable to fiery Hell.

11- Therefore, if you bring your gift to the Altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you,

12- Leave your gift there at the Altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

13- Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.

14- Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

15- You have heard that it was said: “You shall not commit adultery!”

16- But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

17- If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body

 “thrown” into Hell.

18- And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body

 “go” into Hell.

19- It was also said: “Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.”

20- But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

21- Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors: “Do not take a false oath, but make good to HE all that you vow.”

22- But I say to you: Do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God’s throne;

23- Nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by the Land-of-Peace, for it is the City of the great King.

24- Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black.

25- Let your “yes” mean “yes,” and your “no” mean “no.” Anything more is from the evil-one.

26- You have heard that it was said: “An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.”

27- But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on right cheek, turn the other one to him as well.

28- If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your clock as well.

29- Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles.

30- Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

- 31- You have heard that it was said: “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.”
 32- But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you,
 33- That you may be the Servants of your heavenly Lord, for He makes His sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.
 34- For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same?
 35- And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same?
 36- So be perfect, just as your heavenly Lord is perfect.

CHAPTER 3

- 1- But take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Lord.
 2- When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.
 3- But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing,
 4- So that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Lord who sees in secret will repay you.
 5- When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.
 6- But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Lord in secret. And your Lord who sees in secret will repay you.
 7- In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words.
 8- Do not be like them. Your Lord knows what you need before you ask Him.
 9- This is how you are to pray:
 10- Our Lord in heaven, hallowed be Your Name,

 “Your Kingdom Come!”

 Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 11- Give us today our daily bread;
 12- And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 13- And do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil-one.

- 14- If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Lord will forgive you.
 15- But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Lord forgive your transgressions.
- 16- When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.
 17- But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,
 18- So that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Lord who is hidden. And your Lord who sees what is hidden will repay you.
- 19- Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroys, and thieves break in and steal.
 20- But store up Treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroy, nor thieves break in and steal.
 21- For where your Treasure (9/38) is, there also will your heart be.
- 22- The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled

with

 "Light;"

(41/43)

- 23- But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in

 "Darkness."

And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be. (45/9-10)

- 24- No one can serve two Masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to 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 in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Lord feeds them. Are not you more important than they?
 27- Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?
 28- Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin.

- 29- But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them.
- 30- If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will He not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?
- 31- So do not worry and say: "What are we to eat, or what are we to drink, or what are we to wear?"
- 32- All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Lord knows that you need them all.
- 33- But seek first

the "Kingdom,"

(21/33)

and His Righteousness,

and all these things will be given to you besides.

- 34- Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil.

CHAPTER 4

- 1- Stop judging, that you may not be judged.
- 2- For as you judge, so will you be judged; and the measure with which you measure

will be

"Measured Out"

to you. (21/31)

- 3- Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye?
- 4- How can you say to your brother: "Let me remove that splinter from your eye," while the wooden beam is in your own eye?
- 5- You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye.

12- Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the Law and the Prophets.

13- Enter through the narrow Gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many.

14- How

narrow

the "Gate,"

and

constricted

the "Road,"

that leads to "life." (43/41)

And those who find it are few.

15- Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves. (22-23)

16- By their Fruits (9/20) you will know them. Do people pick

"Grapes"

from "Thornbushes,"

or "Figs"

from "Thistles?"

17- Just so;

every good "Tree" bears
good "Fruit,"

and a rotten "Tree" bears
bad "Fruit;"

18-

a good "Tree" cannot bear
bad "Fruit,"

nor can a rotten "Tree" bears
good "Fruit."

19- Every Tree

that does not bear good "Fruit"

will be "cut down"
and thrown into the Fire.

20- So by their Fruits (9/20) you will know them.

21- Not everyone who says to me, "lord, lord," will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one

who does

the "Will"

of my Lord in heaven. (29/11)

22- Many will say to me on that day: "lord, lord, did we not prophesy in your name, did we not drive out demons in your name, did we not do mighty deeds in your name?"

23- Then I will declare to them solemnly: "I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers!"

24- Everyone who listens to

these "Words" of Mine

and acts on them (9/20)

will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

25- The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.

26-

And everyone who listens to

these "Words" of Mine

but does not act on them

will be like a fool who built his house on sand.

27- The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined.

CHAPTER 5

- 1- I will do it. Be made clean!
- 2- See that you tell no one, but go show yourself to the priest and

offer

 the "Gift"

that Moses prescribed;
(32/1-4)

that will be "Proof" for them.

- 3- I will come, and cure him.
- 4- Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith.
- 5- I say to you, many will come from the east and the west and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the Banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- 6- But the servants of the Kingdom will be driven out into the outer darkness, where there will be

 "Wailing,"

 and "Grinding"
 of teeth.

- 7- You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you.
- 8- Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.
- 9- Follow Me, and let the dead bury their dead.
- 10- Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?
- 11- Go then!
- 12- Courage child, your sins are forgiven!
- 13- Why do you harbor evil thoughts?
- 14- Which is easier, to say: "Your sins are forgiven," or to say: "Rise and walk?"

15- But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. (27/16-20)

16- Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home!

17- Follow Me!

18- Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.

19- Go and learn the meaning of the words: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.

20- Can the wedding guests (15/1...) mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

21- No one patches an old cloak with a piece of unshrunk cloth, for its fullness pulls away from the cloak, and the tear gets worse.

22- People do not put new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise the skins burst, the wine spills out, and the skins are ruined. Rather, they pour new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.

23- Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you.

24- Go away! The girl is not dead, but sleeping.

25- Do you believe that I can do this?

26- Let it be done for you according to your faith.

27- See that no one knows about this.

28-

The "Harvest"

is
abundant

but the "laborers" are few;

29- So ask the Master of the Harvest to send out laborers for His Harvest. (21/33-35)

CHAPTER 6

- 1- Do not go into a pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town.
- 2- Go rather to the lost students of the house of Israel.
- 3- As you go, make this proclamation: "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!"

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| 4- | Cure the "sick,"
----- | Cleanse "lepers,"
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| | Raise the "dead;" | Drive out "demons." |

Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give.

- 5- Do not take gold, or silver, or copper for your belts;
- 6- No sack for the journey, or a second tunic, or sandals, or walking stick. The laborer deserves his keep.
- 7- Whatever town or village you enter, look for a worthy person in it, and stay there until you leave.
- 8- As you enter a house, wish it peace.
- 9- If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you.
- 10- Whoever will not receive you or

listen to

your "Words,"

go outside that house or town and shake the dust from your feet.

11- Amen, I say to you: It will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorra on the day of Judgment than for that town.

12- Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves.

13- But beware of people, for they will hand you over to courts and scourge you in their synagogues,

14- And you will be led before governors and kings for My Sake as a witness before them and the pagans.

15- When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say.

16- For it will not be you who speak, but the Spirit of your Lord speaking through you.

17- Brother will hand over brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise up against parents and have them put to death.

18- You will be hated by all because of My Name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved.

19- When they persecute you in one town, flee to another. Amen, I say to you, you will not

finish

the "Towns" of Israel

(Dvd. 48/6-8)

before the Son of Man comes.

20- No disciple is above his Teacher, no slave above his Master.

21- It is enough

for the "disciple"
that he become like his

"Teacher,"

for the "slave"
that he become like his

"Master."

If they have called the Master of the house "Leader of Devils," how much more those of his household!

22- Therefore do not be afraid of them.

Nothing is "concealed" that
will not be

"Revealed,"

Nor "secret" that
will not be

"Known."

23- What I say to you in "darkness"
speak in the

"Light,"

What you hear "whispered"
proclaim on the

"Housetops."

24- And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in Hell.

25- Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Lord's knowledge.

26- Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

27- So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

28- Everyone who acknowledges me before others,

I will "acknowledge"

before

my heavenly Lord.

29- But whoever denies me before others,

I will "deny"

before

my heavenly Lord.

30- Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword.

31- 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;

32- And one's enemies will be those of his household.

33- 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;

34- And whoever does not take up his cross and

follow

after “me”

is not (9/20)
worthy of Me.

35- Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My Sake will find it.

36- Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the One who sent me.

37- Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is righteous will receive a righteous man’s reward.

38- And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.

CHAPTER 7

1- Go and tell John what you hear and see:

2- The “blind” regain their sight,

The “lame” walk;

“lepers” are cleansed,

The “deaf” hear;

The “dead” are raised.
(42/31-33)

And (thus) the poor have the Good News proclaimed to them.

3- And blessed is the one who takes no offense at Me.

- 4- What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?
 5- Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces.
 6- Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
 7- This is the one about whom it is written: "Behold, I am sending My messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."
 8- Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least

in

 the "Kingdom of Heaven"

(21/33-35)

is greater than he.

- 9- From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent are taking it by force.
 10- All the Prophets and the Law prophesied up to the time of John.
 11- And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah, the one who is to come.

12- "Whoever has ears ought to hear."

13- To what shall I compare this generation? It is like children who sit in marketplaces and call to one another:

14- "We played the "flute" for you, but you did not

"dance,"

we sang a "dirge," but you did not

 "mourn."

- 15- For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they said: "He is possessed by a demon."
 16- The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they said: "Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners."

But

"Wisdom"

is vindicated by its "works."

17- Woe to you Highland! Woe to you Beachland!

For if

the "Mighty Deeds"

done in your midst,

had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes.

18- But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of Judgment than for you.

19- And as for you, Towerland: "Will you be exalted to heaven?" You will go down to the netherworld.

For if

the "Mighty Deeds"

done in your midst,

had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

20- But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of Judgment than for you.

21- I give praise to you Lord, the Lord of heaven and earth, for although

You have hidden

these "Things"

from

the "Wise,"

and the "Learned,"

You have revealed them to the childlike.

22- Yes, Lord, such has been Your gracious will.

23- All things have been handed over to me by my Lord. No one knows the Servant except the Lord, and no one knows the Lord except the Servant and anyone to whom the Servant wishes to

reveal

"Him."

24- Come to me all you who labor,

and

are "burdened,"

(5/28-29)

and I will give you rest.

25- Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.

26- For

My "Yoke"

is easy,

and My "Burden"

light.

CHAPTER 8

1- Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry,

2- How he went into the House of God and ate the bread of offering, which neither he nor his companions, but only the priests could lawfully eat?

3- Or have you not read in the Law that on the sabbath the priests serving in the Temple violate the sabbath and are innocent.

4- I say to you,

"Something"

greater than the Temple

is here!

5- If you knew what this meant: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice," you would not have condemned these innocent men.

6- For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.

7- Which one of you who has a sheep that falls into a pit on the sabbath will not take hold of it and lift it out?

8- How much more valuable a person is than a sheep. So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath.

9- Stretch out your hand!

10- Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste, and no town or house divided against itself will stand.

11- And if satan drives out satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand?

12- And if I drive out demons by the Leader of Devils, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

13- But if it is by the spirit of God

that I drive out "demons,"

then the Kingdom of God (21/33-35 & 9/33-35) has come upon you.

14- How can anyone enter a strong man's house and steal his property, unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

15-	Whoever is not ----- "with me" ----- is against Me,	and Whoever does not ----- "gather with me" ----- scatters.
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16- Therefore, I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but blasphemy

against

the "Spirit"

(43/41)

will not be forgiven.

17- And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit (43/41) will not be forgiven, either in this Age or in the Age to come.

18- Either declare the "Tree" good

and its "Fruit" is good,

Or declare the "Tree" rotten

and its "Fruit" is rotten,

for a Tree is known by its Fruit. (9/20)

19- You brood of vipers, how can you say good things when you are evil? For from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

20- A good person brings forth Good out of a store of goodness, but an evil person brings forth Evil out of a store of evil.

21- I tell you, on the day of Judgment people will render an account for every careless word they speak.

22-

By

your "Words"

you will be acquitted,

and

By

 your “Words”

you will be condemned.

23- An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a Sign, but no Sign will be given it except the Sign of Jonah the prophet.

24- Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.

25- At the judgment, the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah;

and there is
 “Something” greater than Jonah
 here!

26- At the judgment the queen of the south will arise with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon;

and there is
 “Something” greater than Solomon
 here!

27- When an unclean spirit goes out of a person, it roams through arid regions searching for rest but finds none.

28- Then it says: “I will return to my home from which I came.” But upon returning, it finds it empty, swept clean, and put in order.

29- Then it goes and brings back with itself seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they move in and dwell there; and the last condition of that person is worse than the first.

Thus it will be with this evil generation.

30- Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?

31- Here are my mother and my brothers.

32- For whoever

does

the "Will"

of my heavenly Lord (9/20)

is my brother, and sister, and mother.

CHAPTER 9

- 1- A sower went out to sow.
- 2- And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up.
- 3- Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep,
- 4- And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots.
- 5- Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.
- 6- But some seed fell on rich soil, and

produced

"Fruit,"

a "hundred,"

or "sixty,"

or "thirtyfold."

- 7- "Whoever has ears ought to hear."

8- Because knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted.

9- To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

10- This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see, and hear but do not listen or understand.

11- Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

you shall indeed "hear," ----- but not "Understand;" -----	you shall indeed "look," ----- but never "See." -----
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12- Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears. They have closed their eyes, lest

----- they "See" ----- with their eyes,	----- and "Hear" ----- with their ears,
----- and "Understand" ----- with their heart;	

(4/7)

and be converted, and I heal them.

13- But blessed are

your eyes because ----- they "See;" -----	and your ears because ----- they "Hear." -----
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14- Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed

to see	and to hear
-----	-----
what you "See"	what you "Hear"
-----	-----
but did not "see" it,	but did not "hear" it.

15- Hear then the parable of the sower:

16- The seed sown on the path is the one who

hears

the "Word"

of the Kingdom

without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart.

17- The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the Word and receives it at once with joy.

18- But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the Word, he immediately falls away.

19- The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the Word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the Word, and it bears no Fruit.

20- But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who

hears

the "Word"

and understands it,

who indeed bears

"Fruit"

and yields

a “hundred,”

or “sixty,”

or “thirtyfold.”

- 21- The Kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed (29/7) in his field.
 22- While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.
 23- When the crop grew and bore Fruit, the weeds appeared as well.
 24- The slaves of the householder came to him, and said: “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?”
 25- He answered: “An enemy has done this.” His slaves said to him: “Do you want us to go and pull them up?”
 26- He replied: “No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.”
 27- Let them grow together until harvest; then at Harvest Time I will say to the harvesters:

 First collect the “Weeds”
 and tie them in bundles for burning;

but gather the “Wheat” into My barn.

(1/7)

- 28- The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed (29/7) that a person took and sowed in a field.
 29- It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush,

 and the “birds and dwell in
 of the sky” come, its “branches.”

30- The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of

“wheat flour”

until

the “Whole Batch”

was leavened.

31- He who sows good seed is the Son of Man,

32- The field is the world,

the good seed

“the Servants of the Kingdom;”

the weeds are

“the Servants of the Evil-One.”

33- And the enemy who sows them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are Angels.

34- Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

35- The Son of Man will send his Angels, and they will collect out of

“his Kingdom”

all that
“Cause others to Sin,”

and all that
“Evildoers.”

36- They will throw them into

the fiery "Furnace,"

where there will be

"Wailing,"

and "Grinding"
of teeth.

37- Then the Righteous will shine like the sun

in

the "Kingdom"

of their Lord.

"Whoever has ears ought to hear."

38- The Kingdom of Heaven is like

a "Treasure"

buried in a field,

which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

39- Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant

searching for

fine "Pearls,"

40- When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

41- Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind.

42- When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put

what is "Good" into buckets;

what is "Bad" they throw away.

43- Thus it will be at the end of the age. The Angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous.

44- And throw them into the fiery Furnace, where there will be

"Wailing,"

and "Grinding"
of teeth.

45- "Do you understand all these things?"

46- Then every scribe who has been instructed in the Kingdom of Heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom

both the "New"

and the "Old."

47- A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house.

CHAPTER 10

1- There is no need for them to go away;

give them

some "Food"

yourselves.

(43/13)

2- Bring them here to Me!

3- Take courage, it is me; do not be afraid!

4- O you of little faith, why did you doubt?

5- And why do you break the Commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?

6- For God said: "Honor your father and your mother," and "Whoever curses father or mother shall die,"

7- But you say: "Whoever says to father or mother: "Any support you might have had from me is dedicated to God,"

8- need not honor his father." You have nullified the Word of God for the sake of your tradition.

9- Hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy about you when he said:

10- "This people honors Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me;

11- In vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines human precepts."

12- Hear and understand:

13- It is not what enters one's mouth that defiles that person; but what comes out of the mouth is what defiles one.

14- Every Plant that my heavenly Lord has not planted

will be "uprooted." (8/18)

15- Let them alone; they are blind guides. If a blind person leads a blind person, both will fall into a pit.

16- Are even you still without understanding?

17- Do you not realize that everything that enters the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled into the latrine?

18- But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile.

19- For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, unchastity, theft, false witness, blasphemy.

20- These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.

21- I was sent only to the lost students of the house of Israel.

22- It is not right to take

the "Food"

of the Servants (43/13)

and throw it to the dogs.

23- O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.

24- My heart is moved with pity for the crowd, for they have been with me now for Three Days (Ps. 90/4) and have Nothing to eat. (1/10) I do not want to send them away hungry, for fear they may collapse on the way.

25- How many loaves do you have?

CHAPTER 11

1- In the evening you say: "Tomorrow will be fair, for the sky is red,"

2- And in the morning: "Today will be stormy, for the sky is red and threatening." You know how to judge the appearance of the sky, but you cannot judge the signs of the times.

3- An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a Sign, but no Sign will be given it except the Sign of Jonah.

4- Look out, and beware of

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the "leaven"	and -the "leaven"-
of the Pharisees,	of the Saducees.

5- You of little faith, why do you conclude among yourselves that it is because you have no bread?

6- Do you not yet understand, and do you not remember

the five “loaves”
for the five thousand,

and how many “wicker
baskets” you took up?

7-

Or

the seven “loaves”
for the four thousand,

and how many “baskets”
you took up?

8- How do you not comprehend that I was not speaking to you about bread? Beware of

the “leaven”
of the Pharisees,

and -the “leaven”-
of the Saducees!

9- Who do people say that the Son of Man is?

10- But who do you say that I am?

11- Blessed are you, Thunder, son of Understanding-one! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Lord.

12- And I say to you: “You are Rock, and upon this Rock

I will build

my “Church,”

and

the “Gates”
of the Netherworld

shall not prevail against it.”

13- I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven;

whatever you bind on earth

shall be “bound” in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth

shall be “loosed” in heaven.

14- Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do! (9/8, 10)

15- Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.

16- For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My Sake will find it.

17- What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life.

18- For the Son of Man will come with his Angels

in his

“Lord’s Glory,”

and then

he will “Repay” everyone

according to his conduct.

19- Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming

in

his “Kingdom.”

20- Rise, and do not be afraid!

21- Do not tell the Vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. (27)

22- Elijah will indeed come and restore all things;

23- But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also will the Son of Man suffer at their hands.

24- O faithless and perverse generation,

how long will I
"be" with you,

how long will I
"endure" you?

Bring him here to "Me!"

25- Because of your little faith. Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed (9/28), you will say to this Mountain:

Move from "here"

to "there,"

and it will move.

Nothing will be impossible for you.

26- The Son of Man is to be handed over to men,

27- And they will kill him; and he will be raised on the Third Day. (Ps. 90/4)

28- What is your opinion, Thunder? From whom do the kings of the earth take tolls or census tax? From their subjects or from foreigners?

29- Then the subjects are exempt.

30- But that we may not offend them, go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the

"first fish" that comes up;

(9/41-42); open its mouth and you will find

“a coin” twice the temple tax.

Give that to them for me and for you.

CHAPTER 12

1- Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children,

you will not enter

the “Kingdom of Heaven.”

(21/33-35)

2- Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

3- And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives Me.

4- Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

5- Woe to the world because of things that cause sin! Such things must come, but woe to the one through whom they come!

6- If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter into life maimed or crippled than with two hands or two feet to be

“thrown” into eternal fire.

7- And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye than with two eyes to be

“thrown” into fiery hell.

8- See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their Angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Lord.

9- What is your opinion? If a man has a hundred students and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the rooms and go in search of the stray?

10- And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray.

11- In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Lord that one of these little ones be lost.

12- If your brother sins, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

13- If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

14- If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church. If he refuses to listen even to the Church, then treat him as you would a gentile or a tax collector.

15- Amen, I say to you,

whatever you bind on earth

shall be "bound" in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth

shall be "loosed" in heaven.

16- Again, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Lord.

17- For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am "I" in the midst of them.

18- I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

19- That is why the Kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

- 20- When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.
- 21- Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.
- 22- At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said: "Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full."
- 23- Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go, and forgave him the loan.
- 24- When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding: "Pay back what you owe!"
- 25- Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him: "Be patient with me, and I will pay you back."
- 26- But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt.
- 27- Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair.
- 28- His master summoned him and said to him: "You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to."
- 29- Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"
- 30- Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt.
- 31- So will my heavenly Lord do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.

CHAPTER 13

- 1- Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female,
- 2- And said: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"?
- 3- So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.
- 4- Because of the hardness of your hearts Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.
- 5- I say to you, whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery.

6- Not all can accept

(the) "Word,"

(9/16-20)

but only those to whom that is "granted."

7- Some are incapable of marriage, because they were born so; some, because they were made so by others; some, because they have renounced marriage

for the sake of

the "Kingdom of Heaven."

(21/33-35)

Whoever can accept this ought to accept it.

8- Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them;

for

the "Kingdom of Heaven"

(21/33-35)

belongs to such as "these."

9- Why do you ask me about the good? There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the Commandments:

10- "You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness;

11- Honor your father and your mother; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

12- If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have Treasure (9/38) in heaven. Then come, follow me.

13- Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

14- Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God. (21/33-35)

15- For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible.

16- Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in the new Age, when the Son of Man is seated on his

 "Throne of Glory,"

will yourselves sit on twelve thrones,

judging

 the "Twelve Tribes" of Israel.

17- And everyone who has given up houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands for the sake of My Name will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life.

18- But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

19- The Kingdom of Heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his

 "Vineyard."

 (5/28-29)

20- After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his Vineyard.

21- Going out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

22- And he said to them: "You too go into my Vineyard, and I will give you what is just."

23- So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise.

24- Going out about five o'clock, he found others standing around, and said to them: "Why do you stand here idle all day?"

25- They answered: "Because no one has hired us." He said to them: "You too go into my Vineyard."

26- When it was evening the owner of the Vineyard said to his foreman: "Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first."

27- When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage.

28- So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage.

29- And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner.

30- Saying: "These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat."

31- He said to one of them in reply: "My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?"

32- Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you;

33- am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?"

34- Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.

35- Behold, we are going up to Land-of-Peace, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief Priests and the Scribes, and they will condemn him to death,

36- And hand him over to the gentiles to be

"mocked,"

and "scourged,"

and "crucified,"
(4/7)

and he will be raised on the Third Day.

37- What do you wish?

38- You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?

39- My cup you will indeed drink, but to sit

at

and at

"My Right-Side,"

"My Left-Side,"

is not mine to give, but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Lord.

40- You know that the rulers of the gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones make their authority over them felt.

41- But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant;

42- Whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave.

43- Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served,

but

to "Serve"

and to give his life as a ransom for many.

44- What do you want Me to do for you?

CHAPTER 14

1- Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me.

2- And if anyone should say anything to you, reply: "The master has need of them. Then he will send them at once."

3- It is written: "My House shall be a House of Prayer"; but you are making it a den of thieves.

4- Yes; and have you never read the text: "Out of the mouths of

the "Infants,"

and the "Nurslings,"

You have brought forth

"Praise"?

5- May no Fruit ever come from you again!

6- Amen, I say to you, if you have faith and do not waver, not only will you do what has been done to the Fig Tree (8/18), but even if you say to this Mountain:

Be "lifted up"

and thrown into the "Sea,"

it will be done.

7- Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.

8- I shall ask you one question, and if you answer it for me, then I shall tell you by what authority

I do

"these things!"

9- Where was John's baptism from? Was it of heavenly or of human origin?

10- Neither shall I tell you by what authority

I do

"these things!"

11- What is your opinion? A man had two servants. He came to the first and said: Servant, go out and work

in

the "Vineyard"

today." (9/20)

12- He said in reply: "I will not," but afterwards he changed his mind and went.

13- The man came to the other servant and gave the same order. He said in reply: "Yes, sir," but did not go.

14- Which of the two did his lord's will?

15- Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the Kingdom of God before you.

16- When John came to you in the way of Righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.

17- Hear another parable. There was a landowner who

planted a "Vineyard,"

put a "Hedge" around it,

dug a "Wine Press" in it,

and built a "Tower."

Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey.

18- When vintage time drew near, he sent his slaves to the tenants to obtain his produce.

19- But the tenants seized the slaves and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned.

20- Again he sent other slaves, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way.

21- Finally, he sent his Servant to them, thinking: "They will respect my Servant."

22- But when the tenants saw the Servant, they said to one another: "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance."

23- They seized him, threw him out of the Vineyard, and killed him.

24- What will the owner of the Vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?

25- Did you never read in the Scriptures: "The Stone that the builders despised (Gn. 21/12-13)

has become

the "Cornerstone;"

by HE has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

26- Therefore, I say to you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its Fruit. (9/20)

27- The one

who falls on
this Stone will
be "dashed to pieces,"

and It will
"crush" anyone
on whom it falls.

12- Then the king said to his attendants: “Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be

 “Wailing,”

 and “Grinding”
 of teeth.

13- Many are invited, but few are chosen.

14- Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?

15- Show me the coin that pays the census tax.

16- Whose image is this and whose inscription?

17- Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God!

18- You are misled because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.

19- At the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the Angels in heaven.

20- And concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God,

21- “I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.

22- “You shall love HE your God

with all your “Heart,”

with all your “Soul,”

and with all your “Mind.”

23- This is the greatest and the first Commandment.

24- The second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

25- The whole Law and the Prophets depend on these Two-Commandments.

26- What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?

27- How then does David, inspired by the Spirit, call him “lord,” saying:

28- HE said to my lord:

Sit at My "Right-Hand,"

 until I place your "enemies" under your feet.

29- If David calls him "lord," how can he be his son?

CHAPTER 16

- 1- The Scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.
- 2- Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.
- 3- They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them.
- 4- All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels.
- 5- They have places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in Synagogues,
- 6- Greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation "Rabbi."

- 7- As for you, do not be called "Rabbi," you have but one "Teacher," and you are all brothers.
- 8- Call no one on earth your "Lord;" you have but one "Lord" in heaven.
- 9- Do not be called "Master;" you have but one "Master," the Messiah.

- 10- The greatest among you must be your servant.
- 11- Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

- 12- Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites!

You lock

 the "Kingdom of Heaven"

 before human beings;

you do not
 "enter" yourselves,

nor do you allow "entrance"
 to those trying
 to "enter."

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- 13- Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You traverse sea and land to make one convert, and when that happens you make him a servant of Hell twice as much as yourselves.
- 14- Woe to you, blind guides, who say: "If one swears by the Temple, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gold of the Temple, one is obligated."
- 15- Blind fools, which is greater, the gold or the Temple that made the gold sacred?
- 16- And you say: "If one swears by the Altar, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gift on the Altar, one is obligated."
- 17- You blind ones, which is greater, the gift or the Altar that makes the gift sacred?
- 18- One who swears by the Altar swears by it, and all that is upon it;
- 19- One who swears by the Temple swears by it, and all that is upon it;
- 20- One who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God, and by Him who is seated on it.
- 21- Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You pay tithes of mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier things of the Law: judgment, and mercy, and fidelity. But these you should have done, without neglecting the others.
- 22- Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!
- 23- Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You cleanse the outside of cup and dish, but inside they are full of plunder and self-indulgence.
- 24- Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside may also be clean.
- 25- Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of filth.
- 26- Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing.
- 27- Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the memorials of the righteous,
- 28- And you say: "If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have joined them in shedding the prophets' blood."
- 29- Thus you bear witness against yourselves that you are the sons of those who murdered the prophets.
- 30- Now fill up what your ancestors measured out!
- 31- You serpents, you brood of vipers, how can you flee from the judgment of Hell!
- 32- Therefore, behold, I send to you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and pursue from town to town.

33- So that there may come upon you all the righteous blood shed upon earth, from the righteous blood of Abel to the blood of Zachariah, the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the Sanctuary and the Altar.

34- Amen, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

35- Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how many times I yearned to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her young under her Wings (Dvd. 33/7), but you were unwilling!

36- Behold, your House will be abandoned, desolate.

37- I tell you, you will not see me again until you say:

"Blessed is he who comes
in the Name of HE."

(43/13, 22)

CHAPTER 17

1- You see all these things, do you not? Amen, I say to you, there will not be left here a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.

2- See that no one deceives you.

3- For many will come in my name (16/37), saying: "I am the Messiah," and they will deceive many.

4- You will hear of wars and reports of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for these things must happen, but it will not yet be the end.

5- Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be famines and earthquakes from place to place.

6- All these are the beginning of the labor pains.

7- Then they will hand you over to persecution, and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of My Name.

8- And then many will be led into sin; they will betray and hate one another.

9- Many false prophets will arise and deceive many;

10- And because of the increase of evil-doing, the love of many will grow cold.

11- But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.

12- And this

 "Gospel of the Kingdom"

(21/33-35)

will be preached throughout the world as a "Witness" to all nations,

and then the end will come.

13- When you see the desolating abomination spoken of through Daniel the prophet standing in the Holy Place,

14- Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains,

15- Person on the housetop must not go down to get things out of his house,

16- A person in the field must not return to get his cloak.

17- Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days.

18- Pray that your flight not be in winter or on the sabbath,

19- For at that time there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will be.

20- And if those days had not been shortened, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect they will be shortened.

21- If anyone says to you then: "Look, here is the Messiah," or "There, he is!" do not believe it.

22- False messiahs and false prophets will arise, and they will perform signs and wonders so great as to deceive, if that were possible, even the elect.

23- Behold, I have told it to you beforehand.

24- So if they say to you: "He is in the desert," do not go out there; if they say: "He is in the inner rooms," do not believe it.

25- For just as lightning comes

from the "East"

and is seen

as far as the "West,"

so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

26- Wherever

the "Corpse"

is; there

the "Vultures"

will gather. (21/38)

27- Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

28- And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming

upon

the "Clouds"

of Heaven

(Mss. 32/2)

with

"Power,"

and great "Glory."

29- And he will send out his Angels with a trumpet blast, and they will gather his Elect

from

the "Four Winds,"

from one end of the heavens to the other.

30- Learn a lesson from the Fig Tree:

 When its “branch” becomes tender
 and sprouts “leaves,” (8/18)

you know that “summer” is near.

31- In the same way, when you see all these things, know that He is near, at the gates.

32- Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

33- Heaven and earth will pass away,

but

 “My Words”

will not pass away. (9/20)

34- But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the Angels of heaven nor the Servant, but the Lord alone.

35- For as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

36- In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark.

37- They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.

38- Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.

39- Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

40- Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

41- Be sure of this: “If the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into.” (8/14)

42- So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

10- While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked.

11- Afterwards the other virgins came, and said: "lord, lord, open the door for us!"

12- But he said in reply: "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you."

13- Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

14- It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.

15- To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one; to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

16- Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five.

17- Likewise, the one who received two, made another two.

18- But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

19- After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.

20- The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said: "Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more."

21- His master said to him: "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."

22- Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said: "Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more."

23- His master said to him: "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."

24- Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said: "Master, I knew you were a demanding person,

"harvesting"

where you did not "plant,"

and "gathering"

where you did not "scatter."

25- So out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back."

26- His master said to him in reply: “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that

I “harvest”

where I did not “plant,”

and I “gather”

where I did not “scatter;”

(14/25-26)

27- should you not then have put my money in the bank, so that I could have got it back with interest on my return?”

28- Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.

29- For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

30- And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be

“Wailing,”

and “Grinding”
of teeth.

31- When the Son of Man comes in his Glory, and all the Angels with him, he will sit upon his

“Glorious Throne,”

32- And all the Nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

33- He will place

the Sheep on his “right,”

and the Goats on his “left.”

34- Then the king will say to those on his right: “Come, you who are blessed by my Lord.

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, a stranger and you welcomed me,

36- Naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

37- Then the righteous will answer him and say: "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- When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?"

40- And the king will say to them in reply: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for

one of these

"least brothers"

of mine

you did for me."

41- Then he will say to those on his left: "Depart from me, you accursed, 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- A stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me."

44- Then they will answer and say: "Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or ill, or in prison, and not minister to your needs? "

45- He will answer them: "Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for

one of these

"least ones,"

you did not do for me."

46- And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal Life.

CHAPTER 19

1- You know that in two days' time it will be Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.

2- Why do you make trouble for the woman? She has done a good thing for me.

3- The poor you will always have with you; but you will not always have me.

4- In pouring this

perfumed

"Oil"

upon

my "Body,"

(43/33-34, 41)

she did it to prepare me for burial.

5- Amen, I say to you, wherever

this "Gospel"

(17/12 & 21/33-35)

is proclaimed in the whole world,

what she has done will be spoken of, in memory of her.

6- Go into the city to a certain man and tell him: "The Teacher says: "My appointed time draws near; in your house

I shall celebrate

the "Passover"

with
my disciples."

7- Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.

8- He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me.

9- The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.

10- You have said so (that you are that man).

11- Take and eat;

this is

my "Body."

12- Drink from it all of you, for

this is

my "Blood"

of the Covenant,

(43/33-34 & 41)

which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.

13- I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the Vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the Kingdom of my Lord. (14/23-26)

14- This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written: "I will strike the Teacher, and the students of the class will be dispersed."

15- But after I have been raised up (29/33), I shall go before you to Chosen-Land.

16- Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

17- Sit here while I go over there and pray.

18- My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here, and keep watch with me.

19- My Lord, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as You will.

20- So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?

21- Watch and pray that you may not undergo the Test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

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- 22- My Lord, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, Your will be done!
- 23- Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners.
- 24- Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand!
- 25- Friend, do what you have come for.
- 26- Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.
- 27- Do you think that I cannot call upon my Lord and He will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of Angels?
- 28- But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?
- 29- Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the Temple area, yet you did not arrest me.
- 30- But all this has come to pass that the Writings of the Prophets may be fulfilled.
- 31- You have said so (that I am the Messiah, the Servant of God).
- 32- But I tell you: From now on you will see the Son of Man

seated at

 the "Right Hand" of the Power,

and

coming on

 the "Clouds" of Heaven.

(Mss. 32/2)

33- You say so (that I am the king of the Jews).

34- "My God,"

"My God,"

why have You
"forsaken"
me?

CHAPTER 20

1- One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

2- I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you

with

the "Holy Spirit."

(43/41)

3- This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and

believe in

the "Gospel."

(17/12)

4- Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. (9/41-42)

5- Quiet! Come out of him!

6- Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.

7- I do will it. Be made clean!

8- See that you tell no one anything, but go show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing

"What
Moses Prescribed"

(Dt. 32/1-4);

that will be "Proof" for them.

- 9- Child, your sins are forgiven.
- 10- Why are you thinking such things in your hearts?
- 11- Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, “Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Rise, pick up your mat, and walk”?
- 12- But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth. (27/16-20)
- 13- I say to you: “Rise, pick up your mat, and go home!”
- 14- Follow Me.
- 15- Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.
- 16- Can the wedding guests (15/1...) fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.
- 17- But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.
- 18- No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak. If he does, its fullness pulls away, the new from the old, and the tear gets worse.
- 19- Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins are ruined. Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins.
- 20- Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?
- 21- How he went into the House of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of offering that only the priests could lawfully eat, and shared it with his companions?
- 22- The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.
- 23- That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.

CHAPTER 21

- 1- Come up here before us!
- 2- Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?
- 3- Stretch out your hand!

- 4- How can satan drive out satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
- 5- And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.
- 6- And if satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him.
- 7- But no one can enter a strong man’s house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder his house.

- 8- Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them.
- 9- But whoever blasphemes

against

the “Holy Spirit”

(43/41)

will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin.

- 10- Who are my mother and my brothers?
- 11- Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever

does

the “Will” of God

(9/20)

is my brother, and sister, and mother.

- 12- Hear this! A sower went out to sow.
- 13- And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up.
- 14- Other seed fell on rocky ground where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep.
- 15- And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots.
- 16- Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it produced no grain.
- 17- And some seed fell on rich soil and

produced

“Fruit.”

It came up, and grew, and yielded

“thirty,”

and “sixty,”

and a “hundredfold.”

18- “Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.”

19- The mystery of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you. But to those outside everything comes in parables,

20- So that they may

look and see,

but not “Perceive;”

and hear and listen,

but not “Understand;”

in order that they may not be converted and be forgiven.

21- Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand any of the parables?

22- The sower

sows

the “Word.”

23- These are the ones on the path where the Word is sown. As soon as they hear, satan comes at once and takes away the Word sown in them.

24- And these are the ones sown on rocky ground who, when they hear the Word, receive it at once with joy.

25- But they have no root; they last only for a time. Then when tribulation or persecution comes because of the Word, they quickly fall away.

26- Those sown among thorns are another sort. They are the people who hear the Word, but worldly anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the Word, and it bears no Fruit.

27- But those sown on rich soil are the ones who

hear

the "Word"

and accept it,

and bear

"Fruit"

"thirty,"

and "sixty,"

and a "hundredfold."

28- Is a Lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a

"Lampstand?"

29- For there is

nothing "Hidden"
except to be

"Made Visible,"

nothing "Secret"
except to

"Come to Light."

30- "Anyone who has ears to hear ought to hear."

31- Take care what you hear: “The measure with which you measure

will be

 “Measured Out”

to you;

and still

 “More”

will be given to you.”

32- To the one who has, more will be given; from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

33- This is how it is with the Kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed (29/7)

on

 the “Land,”

and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.

34- Of its own accord the Land yields Fruit;

first the “Blade,”

then the “Ear,”

then the “full Grain” in the Ear.

35- And when

the “Grain” is ripe,

he wields the “sickle” at once, for the “Harvest” has come.

- 36- To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it?
- 37- It is like a mustard seed (29/7) that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
- 38- But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants,

 and puts forth
 large "branches,"

so that

 the "birds of the sky"
 can dwell in its shade.

- 39- Let us cross to the other side!
- 40- Quiet! Be still!
- 41- Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?

CHAPTER 22

1-

 "Unclean spirit,"
 (30/17-18)

come out of the man!

- 2- What is your name?
- 3- Go home to your family, and announce to them all that HE, in His pity, has done for you.
- 4- Who has touched my clothes?
- 5- Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace, and be cured of your affliction!
- 6- Do not be afraid; just have faith!

7- Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep.

8- Little girl, I say to you, arise!

9- A prophet is not without honor except in his native place, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

10- Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there.

11- Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.

12- Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.

13-

Give them

some "Food"

yourselves. (1/10)

14- How many loaves do you have? Go and see.

15- Take courage, it is me, do not be afraid!

16- Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

"This people honors Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me;

17- In vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines human precepts."

18- You disregard God's command but cling to human tradition.

19- How well you have set aside the Commandment of God in order to uphold your tradition!

20- For Moses said: "Honor your father and your mother," and "Whoever curses father or mother shall die."

21- Yet you say: "If a person says to father or mother: "Any support you might have had from me is dedicated,"

22- You allow him to do nothing more for his father or mother.

23- You nullify the Word of God in favor of your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many such things.

24- Hear me, all of you, and understand:

25- “Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

26- Are even you likewise without understanding?

Do you not realize that everything that goes into a person from outside cannot defile.

27- Since it enters not the heart but the stomach, and passes out into the latrine?

28- But what comes out of a person, that is what defiles.

29- From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder,

30- Adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.

31- All these evils come from within and they defile.

32- Let the servants be fed first. For it is not right

to take

the “Food”

of the Servants (1/10)

and throw it to the dogs.

33- For saying this, you may go. The demon has gone out of your daughter.

34- Be opened!

CHAPTER 23

1- My heart is moved with pity for the crowd, because they have been with me now for Three Days (Ps. 90/4) and have Nothing to eat. (1/10)

2- If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will collapse on the way, and some of them have come a great distance. (5/5)

3- How many loaves do you have?

4- Why does this generation seek a Sign? Amen, I say to you, no Sign will be given to this generation.

5- Watch out, guard against

the "leaven"
of Pharisees,

and the "leaven"
of Herod!

6- Why do you conclude that it is because you have no bread? Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened?

7- Do you have

eyes

ears

and not "See,"

and not "Hear"?

8- And do you not remember,

when I broke the five "loaves"
for the five thousand,

how many wicker baskets
full of "fragments" you picked up?

9-

when I broke the seven "loaves"
for the four thousand,

how many full baskets of
"fragments" did you pick up?

10-

"Do you still not understand?"

11- Do you see anything?

12- Do not even go into the village!

13- Who do people say that I am?

14- But who do you say that I am?

15- Get behind me, Satan! You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do. (29/6 & 37/14-15)

16- Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.

17- For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My Sake and that of

the "Gospel"

will save it. (17/12)

18- What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?

19- What could one give in exchange for his life?

20- Whoever is ashamed of me and of my Words in this faithless and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his

"Lord's Glory"

with the "Holy Angels."

21- Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until

they see that

the "Kingdom of God"

(21/33-35)

has come in "power."

22- Elijah will indeed come first and restore all things, yet how is it written regarding the Son of Man that he must suffer greatly, and be treated with contempt?

23- But I tell you that Elijah has come and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.

24- What are you arguing about with them?

25- O faithless generation,

how long will I
“be” with you?

how long will I
“endure” you?

Bring him to “Me.”

26- How long has this been happening to him?

27- If you can! Everything is possible to one who has faith.

28- Mute and deaf spirit, I command you: “Come out of him, and never enter him again!”

29- This kind can only come out with prayer.

30- The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and Three Days after his death he will rise.

31- What were you arguing about on the way?

32- If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.

33- Whoever receives one child such as this in My Name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.

34- Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in My Name who can at the same time speak ill of me.

35- For whoever is not against us is for us.

36- Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Messiah, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

37- Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

38- If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands

to “go” into hell,

into the unquenchable fire.

39- And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be

“thrown” into hell.

40- And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter

into

the “Kingdom of God”

with one eye (21/33-35)

than with two eyes to be “thrown” into hell.

41- Where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.

42- Everyone will be salted with fire.

43- Salt is good, but if salt becomes insipid, with what will you restore its flavor? (34/27-28) Keep salt in yourselves, and you will have peace with one another.

CHAPTER 24

1- What did Moses command you? Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this Commandment.

2- But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.”

3- For this reason, “A man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife,

4- and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

5- Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.

6- Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;

7- And if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.

8- Let the children come to me, do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

9- Amen, I say to you, whoever

does not accept

the "Kingdom of God"

like a child (21/33-35)

will not enter it.

10- Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

11- You know the Commandments: "You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother."

12- You are lacking in one thing: "Go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have Treasure (9/38) in heaven; then come, follow me."

13- How hard it is for those who have wealth

to enter

the "Kingdom of God!"

14-

Children, how hard it is

to enter

the "Kingdom of God!"

15- It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich

to enter

the "Kingdom of God."

(21/33-35)

16- For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.

17- Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house, or brothers, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands for My Sake and

for the sake of

the "Gospel,"

(17/12)

18- who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the Age to come.

19- But many that are first will be last, and the last will be first.

20- Behold, we are going up to Land-of-Peace, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief Priests and the Scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the gentiles,

21- Who will

"mock" him,

"spit" upon him,

"scourge" him,

(4/7)

and put him to death; but after Three Days he will rise.

22- What do you wish me to do for you?

23- You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?

24- The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized;

25- But to sit

at

or at

"My Right-Side,"

"My Left-Side,"

is not mine to give, but is for those for whom it has been prepared.

- 26- You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt.
 27- But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;
 28- Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.
 29- For the Son of Man did not come to be served,

but

 to "Serve"

and to give his life as a ransom for many.

- 30- Call him.
 31- What do you want Me to do for you?
 32- Go your way; your faith has saved you.
 33- Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it, and bring it here.
 34- If anyone should say to you, "Why are you doing this?" reply, "The master has need of it, and will send it back here at once."
 35- May no one ever eat of your Fruit again! (8/18)
 36- Is it not written: "My House shall be called a House of Prayer for all peoples"? But you have made it a den of thieves.
 37- Have faith in God.
 38- Amen, I say to 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, it shall be done for him.

- 39- Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours.

40- When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Lord may in turn forgive you your transgressions.

41- I shall ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority

I do

"these things."

42- Was John's baptism of heavenly or of human origin? Answer me.

43- Neither shall I tell you by what authority

I do

"these things."

CHAPTER 25

1- A man

planted a "Vineyard,"

put a "Hedge" around it,

dug a "Wine Press,"

and built a "Tower."

Then he leased it to tenant farmers and left on a journey.

2- At the proper time he sent a slave to the tenants to obtain from them some of the produce of the Vineyard.

- 3- But they seized him, beat him, and sent him away empty handed.
 4- Again he sent them another slave. And that one they beat over the head and treated shamefully.
 5- He sent yet another whom they killed. So, too, many others; some they beat, others they killed.
 6- He had one other to send, a beloved Servant. He sent him to them last of all, thinking, "They will respect my Servant."
 7- But those tenants said to one another: "This is the heir. Come let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours."
 8- So they seized him and killed him, and threw him out of the Vineyard.
- 9- What will the owner of the Vineyard do? He will come, put the tenants to death, and

give

 the "Vineyard"

to others. (9/20)

- 10- Have you not read this Scripture passage: "The Stone that the builders despised (Gn. 21/12-13)

has become

 the "Cornerstone;"

by HE has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

- 11- Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius to look at.
 12- Whose image and inscription is this?
 13- Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.
- 14- Are you not misled because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God!
 15- When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the Angels in heaven.
- 16- As for the dead being raised, have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God told him, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"?
 17- He is not God of the dead but of the living. You are greatly misled.

18- The first is this: “Hear, O Israel! HE, our God, is Lord alone!

19- You shall love HE, your God,

with all your “Heart,”

with all your “Soul,”

with all your “Mind,”

and with all your “Strength.”

20- The second is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other Commandment greater than these.

21- You are not far from the Kingdom of God. (21/33-35)

22- How do the Scribes claim that the Messiah is the Son of David?

23- David himself, inspired by the holy Spirit, said: “HE said to my lord:

Sit at My “Right-Hand,”

until I place your “enemies” under your feet.

24- David himself calls him “lord;” so how can he be his son?

25- Beware of the Scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces.

26- Seats of honor in Synagogues, and places of honor at banquets.

27- They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation.

28- Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.

29- For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.

30- Do you see these great buildings? There will not be one stone left upon another that will not be thrown down.

31- See that no one deceives you.

32- Many will come in my name (16/37), saying: "I am he," and they will deceive many.

33- When you hear of wars and reports of wars, do not be alarmed; such things must happen, but it will not yet be the end.

34- Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes from place to place and there will be famines. These are the beginnings of the labor pains.

35- Watch out for yourselves. They will hand you over to the courts, you will be beaten in synagogues. You will be arraigned before governors and kings because of Me, as a witness before them.

36- But

the "Gospel"

(17/12 & 21/33-35)

must first be "preached" to all nations.

37- When they lead you away and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say. But say whatever will be given to you at that hour. For it will not be you who are speaking but the Holy Spirit. (43/41)

38- Brother will hand over brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise up against parents and have them put to death.

39- You will be hated by all because of My Name. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.

40- When you see the desolating abomination standing where it should not, then those in Judea must flee to the mountains,

41- And a person on a housetop must not go down or enter to get anything out of his house,

42- And a person in a field must not return to get his cloak.

43- Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days.

44- Pray that this does not happen in winter.

45- For those times will have tribulation such as has not been since the beginning of God's creation until now, nor ever will be.

46- If HE had not shortened those days, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect whom He chose, He did shorten the days.

47- If anyone says to you then, “Look, here is the Messiah,” or “Look, there he is!” do not believe it.

48- False messiahs and false prophets will arise and will perform signs and wonders in order to mislead, if that were possible, the elect.

49- Be watchful! I have told it all to you beforehand.

50- But in those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,

51- and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

52- And then they will see the Son of Man coming

in

the “Clouds”

(Mss. 32/2)

with

great “Power,”

and “Glory.”

53- And then he will send out the Angels and gather the Elect

from

the “Four Winds;”

from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

54- Learn a lesson from the Fig Tree:

When its “branch” becomes tender
and sprouts “leaves,” (8/18)

you know that “summer” is near.

55- In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that He is near, at the gates.

56- Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

57- Heaven and earth will pass away,

but

“My Words”

will not pass away. (9/20)

58- But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the Angels in heaven nor the Servant, but only the Lord.

59-

Be “watchful,”

Be “alert!”

You do not know when the time will come.

60- It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

61- Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the House is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

62- May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. (17/43-44)

63- What I say to you, I say to all:

“Watch!”

CHAPTER 26

1- Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me.

2- The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me.

3- She has done what she could. She has anticipated

anointing

my "Body"

(43/33-34)

for burial.

4- Amen, I say to you, wherever

the "Gospel"

is proclaimed to the whole world,

what she has done will be told in memory of her.

5- Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him.

6- Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house: "The Teacher says: "Where is my guest room where

I may eat

the "Passover"

with my disciples?"

7- Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there.

8- Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.

9- One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish.

10- For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.

11- Take it,

this is

 my "Body;"

12-

this is

 my "Blood"

of the Covenant,

(43/33-34)

which will be shed for many.

13- Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the Vine until the day when I drink it new in the Kingdom of God. (25/9-10)

14- All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: "I shall strike the Teacher, and the students will be dispersed."

15- But after I have been raised up (24/21), I shall go before you to Chosen-Land.

16- Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

17- Sit here while I pray.

18- My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here, and keep watch.

19- Abba, Lord, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what You will.

20- Thunder, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?

21- Watch and pray that you may not undergo the Test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

22- Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners.

23- Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand.

24- Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me?

25- Day after day I was with you teaching in the Temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.

26- I am (the Messiah, the Servant of the Blessed-One); and you will see the Son of Man

seated at

the "Right Hand" of the Power,

and

coming with

the "Clouds" of Heaven.

(Mss. 32/2)

27- You say so (that I am the king of the Jews.)

28-

"My God,"

"My God,"

why have You
"forsaken"
me?

CHAPTER 27

1- Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be

in

My Lord's "House."

(Dvd. 21/6)

2- You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

3- Produce good Fruits (9/20) as evidence of your repentance; and do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father," for I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

4- Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not produce good Fruit (9/20) will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

5- Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.

6- Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.

7- Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.

8- I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire.

9- His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and

to gather the "Wheat" into his barn,

but the "Chaff" he will burn with unquenchable fire.

10- It is written: "One does not live by bread alone." (1/10)

11- It is written: "You shall worship HE your God, and Him alone shall you serve."

12- It also says: "You shall not put HE your God to the test."

13- "The Spirit (43/41) of HE is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring Glad Tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim

“Liberty”
to captives,

(4/7)

and “Recovery of Sight”
to the blind;

To let the oppressed
“Go-Free.”

14- And to proclaim a year acceptable to HE.”

15- Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.

16- Surely you will quote me this proverb, “Physician, cure yourself,” and say, “Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Countryside.”

17- Amen, I say to you: “No prophet is accepted in his own native place.”

18- Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land.

19- It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon.

20- Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.

21- Be quiet! Come out of him!

22- To the other towns also I must proclaim

the good news of

the “Kingdom of God,”

(21/33-35)

because for this purpose I have been sent.

23- Put out into deep water, and lower your nets

for

a “Catch.”

(9/41-42)

24- Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.

- 25- I do will it! Be made clean!
 26- Go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing

 "What
 Moses Prescribed;"

(Dt. 32/1-4)

that will be "Proof" for them.

- 27- As for you, your sins are forgiven.
 28- What are you thinking in your hearts?
 29- Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Rise, and walk"?
 30- But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. (16-20)
 31- I say to you: "Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home!"
 32- Follow Me.
 33- Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do.
 34- I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners.
 35- Can you make the wedding guests (15/1...) fast while the bridegroom is with them?
 36- But the days will come, and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.
 37- No one tears a piece from a new cloak to patch an old one. Otherwise, he will tear the new and the piece from it will not match the old cloak.
 38- Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be ruined.
 39- Rather, new wine must be poured into fresh wineskins.
 40- And no one who has been drinking old wine desires new, for he says, "The old is good."

CHAPTER 28

- 1- Have you not read what David did when he and those with him were hungry?
 2- How he went into the House of God, took the bread of offering, which only the priests could lawfully eat, ate of it, and shared it with his companions.

3- The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.

4- Come up, and stand before us!

5- I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?

6- Stretch out your hand!

7- Blessed are you who are poor,

for

the "Kingdom of God"

is yours. (21/33-35)

8- Blessed are you who are now hungry (1/18), for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

9- Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

10- "Rejoice," and "Leap-for-joy,"
on that Day!

Behold,
your "reward"
will be great in heaven.

For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

11- But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

12- But woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will

"grieve,"

and "weep."

13- Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets (4/22-23) in this way.

14- But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you;

15- Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

16- To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic.

17- Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.

18- Do to others as you would have them do to you.

19- For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.

20- And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.

21- If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount.

22- But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be the Servants of the Most-High, for He Himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

23- Be merciful, just as your Lord is merciful.

24- Stop judging and you will not be judged; stop condemning and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven.

25- Give and Gifts will be given to you (4/10); a good measure

 “packed
 together,”

 “Shaken-down,”

 and “Overflowing,”

will be poured into your lap.

For the measure with which you measure will in return

be

 “Measured Out”

to you.

26- Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?

27- No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. (45/5)

28- Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?

29- How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye," when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

30- A good "Tree" does not
bear rotten "Fruit,"

Nor does a rotten "Tree"
bear good "Fruit."

31- For every Tree is known by its own Fruit. (9/20)

For

people do not pick "Figs,"

from "Thornbushes,"

nor do they gather "Grapes"

from "Brambles."

32- A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces Good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces Evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

33- Why do you call me "lord, lord," but not do what I command?

34- I will show you what someone is like who comes to me,

listens to

"My Words,"

and acts on them. (9/20)

35- That one is like a person building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when the flood came, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built.

36- But the one who

listens,

“ ”

but does not act, (4/26)

is like a person who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, it collapsed at once and was completely destroyed.

37- I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.

38- Do not weep! Young man, I tell you, arise!

39- Go and tell John what you have seen and heard:

The “blind” regain their sight,

The “lame” walk;

“lepers” are cleansed,

The “deaf” hear;

The “dead” are raised.

(42/31)

And (thus) the poor have the Good News proclaimed to them.

40- And blessed is the one who takes no offense at Me.

41- What did you go out to the desert to see, a reed swayed by the wind?

42- Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine garments? Those who dress luxuriously and live sumptuously are found in royal palaces.

43- Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

44- This is the one about whom Scripture says: “Behold, I am sending My messenger ahead of you, he will prepare your way before you.”

45- I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John; yet the least

in

the “Kingdom of God”

(21/33-35)

is greater than he.

46- Then to what shall I compare the people of this generation? What are they like?

47- They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another, “We played the “flute” for you, but you did not

“dance;”

we sang a “dirge,” but you did not

“weep.”

48- For John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine, and you said: “He is possessed by a demon.”

49- The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you said: “Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.”

50-

But

“Wisdom”

is vindicated by all its “Servants.”

51- Thunder, I have something to say to you.

52- Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days’ wages and the other owed fifty.

53- Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?

54- You have judged rightly.

55- Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me

 “water”

 for My Feet,

but she has

“bathed” them and “wiped” them
 with her tears, with her hair.

56- You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing My Feet since the time I entered.

57- You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed My Feet with ointment.

58- So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.

59- Your sins are forgiven.

60- Your faith has saved you; go in peace.

CHAPTER 29

1- A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up.

2- Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture.

3- Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it.

4- And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it

produced

 “Fruit”

a “hundredfold.”

5- “Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.”

6- Knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that they may

look, ----- but not "See;" -----	and hear, ----- but not "Understand." -----
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7- This is the meaning of the parable:

The seed is

 the "Word"

 of God.

8- Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the Word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved.

9- Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the Word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial.

10- As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature Fruit.

11- But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have

heard

 the "Word,"

embrace it with a
 generous and good heart,

and bear

 "Fruit"

 through perseverance.

12- No one who lights a Lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on

a "Lampstand,"

so that those who enter may see the Light. (2/4)

13- For there is

nothing "Hidden"
that will not

"Become Visible,"

and nothing "Secret"
that will not

"Be Known"

and come to light.

14- Take care, then, how you hear: "To anyone who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he seems to have will be taken away."

15- My mother and my brothers are those who hear

the "Word"

of God

and act on it. (11)

16- Let us cross to the other side of the lake!

17- Where is your faith?

18- What is your name?

19- Return home, and recount what God has done for you.

20- Who touched me?

21- Someone has touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me.

22- Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace.

23- Do not be afraid; just have faith and she will be saved.

24- Do not weep any longer, for she is not dead, but sleeping.

25- Child, arise!

26- Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money; and let no one take a second tunic.

27- Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there.

28- And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them.

29-

Give them

some "Food"

yourselves. (1/10)

30- Have them sit down in groups of about fifty.

31- Who do the crowds say that I am?

32- But who do you say that I am? (11/9-12)

33- The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief Priests, and the Scribes, and be killed; and on the Third Day (Ps. 90/4) he will be raised.

34- If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

35- For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My Sake will save it.

36- What profit is there for one to gain the whole world, yet lose or forfeit himself?

37- Whoever is ashamed of me and of my Words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his glory and in the Glory

of the "Lord,"

and of the holy "Angels."

38- Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death

until they see

the "Kingdom of God."

(21/33-35)

39- O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I

"be" with you,

and "endure" you?

Bring your son "Here!"

40- Pay attention to what I am telling you: "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men!"

41- Whoever receives this child in My Name receives me, and whoever receives me receives the One who sent me. For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest.

42- Do not prevent him, for whoever is not against you is for you.

43- Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.

44- Follow Me.

45- Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go

and proclaim

the "Kingdom of God."

(21/33-35)

46- No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God.

CHAPTER 30

1-

The "Harvest"

is abundant,

but the "laborers" are few;

so ask the Master of the Harvest to send out laborers for His Harvest. (21/33-35)

2- Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.

3- Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.

4- Into whatever house you enter, first say: "Peace to this household."

5- If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.

6- Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another.

7- Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you.

8- Cure the sick in it, and say to them:

The "Kingdom of God"

(21/33-35)

is at hand for you."

9- Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say:

10- "The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you."

11- I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town.

12- Woe to you, High-Land! Woe to you, Beach-Land!

For if

 the "Mighty Deeds"

done in your midst

had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

13- But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the Judgment than for you.

14- And as for you, Tower-Land: "Will you be exalted to heaven? You will go down to the netherworld." (7/17-19)

15- Whoever listens to you listens to me, whoever rejects you rejects me; and whoever rejects me rejects the One who sent me.

16- I have observed satan fall like lightning from the sky.

17- Behold, I have given you the power to tread upon

 "serpents,"

 and "scorpions,"

and upon the full force of the enemy; and nothing will harm you.

18- Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.

19- I give You praise, O Lord, the Lord of heaven and earth, for although

You have hidden

 "These Things"

from

the "Wise,"

and the "Learned,"

You have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Lord, such has been Your gracious will.

20- All things have been handed over to me by my Lord. No one knows who the Servant is except the Lord, and who the Lord is except the Servant and anyone to whom the Servant wishes to

reveal

 "Him."

21- Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.

22- For I say to you, many prophets and kings desired

to see

 what you "See,"

but did not "see" it;

and to hear

 what you "Hear,"

but did not "hear" it.

23- What is written in the Law? How do you read it?

24- You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.

25- A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead.

26- A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

27- Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

28- But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.

29- He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him.

30- The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction: "Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back."

31- Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?

32- Go and do likewise.

33- Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.

34- There is need of

only

"One Thing."

(9/20)

Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken away from her.

CHAPTER 31

1- When you pray, say:

"Lord, hallowed be Your Name,

"Your Kingdom Come!"

2-

Give us each day our daily bread,

And forgive us our sins;

For we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us.

And do not subject us to the final test.

3- Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says: "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him."

4- And he says in reply from within: "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything."

5- I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

6- And I tell you,

Ask and
you will "Receive,"

Seek and
you will "Find;"

Knock and
the door will be "Opened" to you.

7- For

everyone who Asks,
"Receives,"

and the one who Seeks,
"Finds;"

and to the one who Knocks,
the door will be "Opened."

8- What father among you would hand his son

a "Snake"

when he asks for a "Fish"?

9-

Or hand him

a "Scorpion"

when he asks for an "Egg"?

10- If you, then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Lord in heaven give

the "Holy Spirit"

(43/41)

to those who ask Him?

11- Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house.

12- And if satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by the Leader-of-Devils that I drive out demons.

13- If I, then, drive out demons by the Leader-of-Devils, by whom do your own people drive them out?

14- But if it is by the finger of God

that I drive out "demons,"

then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. (6/4)

15- When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his possessions are safe.

16- But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armor on which he relied and distributes the spoils.

17-	Whoever is not ----- "with me" ----- is against Me,	and Whoever does not ----- "gather with me" ----- scatters.
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18- When an unclean spirit goes out of someone, it roams through arid regions searching for rest but, finding none, it says: "I shall return to my home from which I came!"

19- But upon returning, it finds it swept clean and put in order.

20- Then it goes and brings back seven other spirits more wicked than itself who move in and dwell there, and the last condition of that person is worse than the first.

21- Rather, blessed are those

who hear

the "Word" of God

and observe it.
(29/11)

22- This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a Sign, but no Sign will be given it, except the Sign of Jonah.

23- Just as Jonah became a Sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.

24- At the judgment the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon,

and there is
"Something" greater than Solomon
here!

25- At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented,

and there is
"Something" greater than Jonah
here!

26- No one who lights a Lamp hides it away or places it under a bushel basket, but

on

 a "Lampstand,"

so that those who enter might see the "light."

27- The lamp of the body is your eye. When your eye is sound, then your whole body is filled

with

 "Light,"

but when it is bad, then your body is in

 "Darkness."

28- Take care, then, that the light in you not become darkness. (45/9-10)

29- If your whole body is full of Light, and no part of it is in Darkness, then it will be as full of light as a Lamp illuminating you with its brightness.

30- O you Pharisees! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil.

31- You fools! Did not the Maker of the outside also make the inside?

32- But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you.

33- Woe to you Pharisees! You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God.

34- These you should have done, without overlooking the others.

35- Woe to you Pharisees! You love the seats of honor in Synagogues and greetings in marketplaces.

36- Woe to you! You are like unseen graves over which people unknowingly walk.

37- Woe also to you scholars of the Law! You impose on people burdens hard to carry, but you yourselves do not lift one finger to touch them.

38- Woe to you! You build the memorials of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. Consequently, you bear witness and give consent to the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them and you do the building.

39- Therefore, the Wisdom of God said: "I will send to them prophets and apostles, some of them they will kill and persecute."

40- In order that this generation might be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world.

41- From the blood of Abel to the blood of Zachariah who died between the Altar and the Temple building. Yes, I tell you this generation will be charged with their blood!

42- Woe to you, scholars of the Law! You have taken away

the key of

"Knowledge."

(16/12)

You yourselves
did not "Enter,"

and You stopped those
trying to "Enter."

CHAPTER 32

1- Beware of

the "leaven" (11/4-8)
of the Pharisees!

2- There is

nothing "Concealed"
that will not be

"Revealed,"

nor "Secret"
that will not be

"Known."

3- Therefore,

whatever you said in “darkness” will be heard in the ----- “Light,” -----	and whatever you whispered behind “closed doors” will be proclaimed on the ----- “Housetops.” -----
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4- I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body but after that can do no more.
 5- I shall show you whom to fear: Be afraid of the One who after killing has the power to cast into Hell; yes, I tell you, be afraid of that One.

6- Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God.
 7- Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

8- I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others,
 the Son of Man will acknowledge

before

 the “Angels” of God;

9- But whoever denies me before others,

will be denied
 before

 the “Angels” of God.

10- Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes

against

the "Holy Spirit"

(43/41)

will not be forgiven.

11- When they take you before synagogues and before rulers and authorities, do not worry about what you are to say.

12- For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say.

13- Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?

14- Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not

consist of

"Possessions."

(9/20)

15- There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest.

16- He asked himself: "What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?"

17- And he said: "This is what I shall do: "I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods."

18- And I shall say to myself: "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"

19- But God said to him: "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"

20- Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich

in

"What Matters"

to God.

(920)

21- Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear.

22- For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.

23- Notice the ravens: they do not sow or reap; they have neither storehouse nor barn, yet God feeds them. How much more important are you than birds?

24- Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your life-span?

25- If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest?

26- Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them.

27- If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will He not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

28- As for you, do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore.

29- All the nations of the world seek for these things, and your Lord knows that you need them.

30- Instead,

seek

His "Kingdom"

(21/33-35),

and these other things will be given you besides.

31- Do not be afraid any longer, little unit, for your Lord is pleased

to give you

the "Kingdom."

32- Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible Treasure in heaven that

no thief can "reach,"

nor moth "destroy."

33- For where your Treasure (9/38) is, there also will your heart be.

46- And the servant who was ignorant of his Master's Will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly;

"much" will be required
of the person
entrusted with

"Much,"

and still "more" will be demanded
of the person
entrusted with

"More."

CHAPTER 33

- 1- I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!
- 2- There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish

until it is

"Accomplished!"

(1/7)

- 3- Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.
- 4- From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three.
- 5- A father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.
- 6- When you see a cloud rising in the west you say immediately that it is going to rain, and so it does.
- 7- And when you notice that the wind is blowing from the south you say that it is going to be hot, and so it is.
- 8- You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, why do you not know how to interpret the present time?
- 9- Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?

10- If you are to go with your opponent before a magistrate, make an effort to settle the matter on the way; otherwise your opponent will turn you over to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the constable, and the constable throw you into prison.

11- I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

12- Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?

13- By no means! But I tell you,

if you do not

 “Repent,”

you will all perish as they did!

14- Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Countryside fell on them; do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem?

15- By no means! But I tell you,

if you do not

 “Repent,”

you will all perish as they did!

16- There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none,

17- He said to the gardener: “For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?”

18- He said to him in reply: “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it;

19- It may bear Fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.” (1/3-5)

20- Woman, you are set free of your infirmity!

21- Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it out for watering?

22- This daughter of Abraham, whom satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day from this bondage?

23- What is the Kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it?

24- It is like a mustard seed (29/7) that a person took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush, and

 the "birds of dwelt in
 the sky" its "branches."

25- To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God?

26- It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of

"wheat flour,"

until

 the "Whole Batch of Dough"

was leavened.

27- Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.

28- After the Master of the House has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying: "lord, open the door for us," he will say to you in reply: "I do not know where you are from."

29- And you will say: "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets."

30- Then he will say to you: "I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!" (4/22-23)

31- And there will be

 "Wailing,"

 and "Grinding"
 of teeth,

when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the Prophets in the Kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out.

32- And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south, and will recline

at

“Table”

(1/10)

in the Kingdom of God.

33- For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.

34- Go and tell that fox: “Behold,

and I perform
“healings,”

I cast out
“demons,”

today and tomorrow, and on the Third Day

I accomplish

My “Purpose.”

(43/24-25)

35- Yet I must continue on my way today, tomorrow, and the following day, for it is impossible that a prophet should die outside of Land-of-Peace.”

36- Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how many times I yearned to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her Wings, but you were unwilling!

37- Behold, your House will be abandoned.

But I tell you, you will not see me (again) until you say:

 “Blessed is he who comes
 in the Name of HE.”

(43/22, 13)

CHAPTER 34

- 1- Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath or not?
- 2- Who among you, if your son or ox falls into a cistern, would not immediately pull him out on the sabbath day?
- 3- When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him,
- 4- And the host who invited both of you may approach you and say: “Give your place to this man,” and you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place.
- 5- Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you, he may say: “My friend, move up to a higher position.” Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table.
- 6- For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.
- 7- When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment.
- 8- Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind;
- 9- Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

10- A man gave a great

 “Dinner”

(1/10)

to which he invited many. (15/1...)

- 11- When the time for the Dinner came, he dispatched his slave to say to those invited: "Come, everything is now ready."
- 12- But one by one, they all began to excuse themselves. The first said to him: "I have purchased a field and must go to examine it; I ask you, consider me excused."
- 13- And another said: "I have purchased five yoke of oxen and am on my way to evaluate them; I ask you, consider me excused."
- 14- And another said: "I have just married a woman, and therefore I cannot come."
- 15- The slave went and reported this to his Master. Then the Master of the house in a rage commanded his slave: "Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in here the poor, the crippled, the blind, the lame."
- 16- The slave reported: "Sir, your orders have been carried out and still there is room."
- 17- The Master then ordered the slave: "Go out to the highways and hedgerows and make people come in that My home may be filled."
- 18- For I tell you, none of those men who were invited

will taste

My "Dinner."

(14/25-26)

- 19- If anyone comes to Me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.
- 20- Whoever does not carry his own cross and

come

after "Me"

cannot be my disciple. (9/20)

- 21- Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?
- 22- Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the Work, the onlookers should laugh at him,
- 23- And say: "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish."
- 24- Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?

25- But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.
 26- In the same way, everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.

27- Salt is good, but if salt itself loses its taste, with what can its flavor be restored?
 28- It is fit

neither for the "Soil,"

nor for the "Manure Pile;"

 it is "Thrown Out."

(9/27)

"Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."

CHAPTER 35

1- What man among you having a hundred students and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the rooms and go after the lost one until he finds it?
 2- And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy.
 3- And upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, and says to them: "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost student."
 4- I tell you, in just 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.

5- Or what woman having ten coins and losing one (of them) would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it?
 6- And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, and says to them: "Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost."

7- In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the Angels of God

over one sinner

 who "Repents."

8- A man had two servants, and the younger servant said to his lord: "lord, give me the share of your estate that should come to me." So the lord divided the property between them.

9- After a few days, the younger servant collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.

10- When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need.

11- So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine.

12- And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any.

13- Coming to his senses he thought, "How many of my lord's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger.

14- I shall get up and go to my lord and I shall say to him: "lord, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

15- I no longer deserve to be called your servant; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

16- So he got up and went back to his lord. While he was still a long way off, his lord caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his servant, embraced him and kissed him.

17- His servant said to him: "lord, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your servant."

18- But his lord ordered his slaves: "Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

19- Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a Feast, because this servant of mine

was dead,
and has

 "Come to Life"

again;

he was lost,
and has

 "Been Found."

20- Then the celebration began. Now the older servant had been out in the field and on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing.

- 21- He called one of the slaves and asked what this might mean.
 22- The slave said to him: “Your partner has returned and your lord has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.”
 23- He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his lord came out and pleaded with him.
 24- He said to his lord in reply: “Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends.
 25- But when your servant returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.”
 26- He said to him: “My servant, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.
 27- But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your partner

was dead,
and has

“Come to Life”

again;

he was lost,
and has

“Been Found.”

CHAPTER 36

- 1- A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property.
 2- He summoned him, and said: “What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.”
 3- The steward said to himself: “What shall I do, now that my Master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg.
 4- I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.”
 5- He called in his Master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said: “How much do you owe my Master?”
 6- He replied: “One hundred measures of olive oil.” He said to him: “Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly

write one

for “fifty.”

7- Then to another he said: “And you, how much do you owe?” He replied: “One hundred kors of wheat.” He said to him: “Here is your promissory note;

write one

for “eighty.”

8- And the Master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.

9- For the servants of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the servants of the Light.

10- I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

11- The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.

12- If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth,

who will trust you with

“True Wealth”?

13- If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another,

who will give you

“What Is Yours”?

14- No servant can serve two Masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Wealth.

15- You justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts; for what is of human esteem is an abomination in the sight of God.

16- The Law and the Prophets lasted until John; but from then on

 the "Kingdom of God"

is proclaimed, (1/1-5)

and everyone who enters does so with violence.

17- It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for the smallest part of a letter of the Law to become invalid.

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

19- There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen, and dined sumptuously each day.

20- And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

21- Who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.

22- When the poor man died, he was carried away by Angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

23- And from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

24- And he cried out: "Father Abraham, have pity on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames."

25- Abraham replied: "My son, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.

26- Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours."

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 replied: "They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them."

30- He said: "Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent."

31- Then Abraham said: "If they will not listen to Moses (32/1-4) and the Prophets (Ish. 44/3-4 & Hos. 10/12 &), neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

CHAPTER 37

- 1- Things that cause sin will inevitably occur, but woe to the person through whom they occur.
- 2- It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck and he be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.
- 3- Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.
- 4- And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times, saying: "I am sorry," you should forgive him.
- 5- If you have faith the size of a mustard seed (29/7), you would say to mulberry Tree: (8/18)

Be "uprooted"

and planted in the "Sea,"

and it would obey you.

- 6- Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here immediately and take your place at table"?
- 7- Would he not rather say to him, "Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished"?
- 8- Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded?
- 9- So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say: "We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do."
- 10- Go show yourselves to the priests.
- 11- "**TEN**" was cleansed was it not, where is the other "**NINE**"?
- 12- Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?
- 13- Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.
- 14- The coming of the Kingdom of God cannot be observed,
- 15- And no one will announce: Look,

"here, it is,"

or "there, it is;"

for behold,

the "Kingdom of God"

(21/33-35)

is among you.

16- The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.

17- There will be those who will say to you, "Look, there he is," or "Look, here he is;" do not go off, do not run in pursuit.

18- For just as lightning flashes and lights up the sky

from "One Side,"

to the "Other,"

so will (the coming of) the Son of Man be. (17/25-26)

19- But first he must suffer greatly and be rejected by this generation.

20- As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man;

21- They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving-in-marriage up to the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

22- Similarly, as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building;

23- On the day when Lot left Sodom, fire and brimstone rained from the sky to destroy them all.

24- So will it be on the Day the Son of Man is revealed. (43/22)

25- On that day, a person who is on the housetop and whose belongings are in the house must not go down to get them, and likewise a person in the field must not return to what was left behind.

26- Remember the wife of Lot.

27- Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it.

28- I tell you, on that night there will be two people in one bed; one will be taken, the other left.

29- And there will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken, the other left.

30- Where

the "Body"

is; there also

the "Vultures"

will gather. (21/37-38)

CHAPTER 38

- 1- There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being.
- 2- And a widow in that town used to come to him and say: “Render a just decision for me against my adversary.”
- 3- For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, “While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being,
- 4- because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her, lest she finally come and strike me.”
- 5- Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says.
- 6- Will not God then secure the rights of His chosen ones who call out to Him day and night? Will He be slow to answer them?
- 7- I tell you, He will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.
- 8- But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? (43/13)
- 9- Two people went up to the Temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector.
- 10- The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself: “O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -greedy, dishonest, adulterous- or even like this tax collector.
- 11- I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.”
- 12- But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed: “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”
- 13- I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.
- 14- Let the children come to me and do not prevent them;

for

the “Kingdom of God”

(21/33-35)

belongs to such as “these.”

15- Amen, I say to you, whoever

does not accept

the "Kingdom of God"

like a child

will not enter it.

16- Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

17- You know the Commandments: "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother."

18- There is still one thing left for you: Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a Treasure (9/38) in heaven. Then come, follow me.

19- How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the Kingdom of God!

20- For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God. (21/33-35)

21- What is impossible for human beings is possible for God.

22- Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house, or wife, or brothers, or parents, or children for the sake of the Kingdom of God, (21/33-35)

23- who will not receive an overabundant return in this present age and eternal life in the age to come.

24- Behold, we are going up to Land-of-Peace and everything written by the Prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.

25- He will be handed over to the gentiles and he will be

"mocked,"

and "insulted,"

and "spat upon;"

(4/7)

26- And after they have scourged him they will kill him, but on the Third Day he will rise.

27- What do you want Me to do for you?

28- Have sight; your faith has saved you.

29- Brilliant-one, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.

30- Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.

31- For the Son of Man has come

to "Seek,"

and to "Save,"

what was "lost."

32- A nobleman went off to a distant country to obtain the kingship for himself and then to return.

33- He called ten of his servants and gave them ten gold coins, and told them: "Engage in trade with these until I return."

34- His fellow citizens, however, despised him and sent a delegation after him to announce, "We do not want this man to be our king."

35- But when he returned after obtaining the kingship, he had the servants called, to whom he had given the money, to learn what they had gained by trading.

36- The first came forward and said: "Sir, your gold coin has earned ten additional ones."

37- He replied: "Well done, good servant! You have been faithful in this very small matter; take charge of ten cities."

38- Then the second came and reported: "Your gold coin, sir, has earned five more."

39- And to this servant too he said: "You, take charge of five cities."

40- Then the other servant came and said: "Sir, here is your gold coin; I kept it stored away in a handkerchief,

41- for I was afraid of you, because you are a demanding person;

you "take up"
what you did not

and you "harvest"
what you did not

"lay down,"

"plant."

42- He said to him: "With your own words I shall condemn you, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a demanding person,

“taking up”
what I did not

“lay down,”

and “harvesting”
what I did not

“plant;”

(14/25-26)

- 43- why did you not put my money in a bank? Then on my return I would have collected it with interest.”
- 44- And to those standing by he said: “Take the gold coin from him and give it to the servant who has ten.”
- 45- But they said to him: “Sir, he has ten gold coins.”
- 46- I tell you: “To everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away!”
- 47- “Now as for those enemies of mine who did not want me as their king, bring them here and slay them before me.”
- 48- Go into the village opposite you, and as you enter it you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it, and bring it here.
- 49- And if anyone should ask you, “Why are you untying it?” you will answer: “The master has need of it.”
- 50- I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!
- 51- If this day you only knew what makes for peace; but now it is hidden from your eyes.
- 52- For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you; they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides.
- 53- They will smash you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you, because you did not recognize

the time of

your “Visitation.”

(Mss. 18/18-19 & 32/1-4)

- 54- It is written, “My House shall be a House of Prayer”; but you have made it a den of thieves.

CHAPTER 39

- 1- I shall ask you a question: "Tell me,
- 2- Was John's baptism of heavenly or of human origin?"
- 3- Neither shall I tell you by what authority

I do

 "these things."

(14/8-10)

- 4- A man planted a Vineyard, leased it to tenant farmers, and then went on a journey for a long time.
- 5- At harvest time he sent a slave to the tenant farmers to receive some of the produce of the Vineyard. But they beat the slave and sent him away empty-handed.
- 6- So he proceeded to send another slave, but him also they beat and insulted and sent away empty handed.
- 7- Then he proceeded to send a third, but this one too they wounded and threw out.
- 8- The owner of the Vineyard said: "What shall I do? I shall send my beloved Servant; maybe they will respect him."
- 9- But when the tenant farmers saw him, they said to one another: "This is the heir. Let us kill him that the inheritance may become ours."
- 10- So they threw him out of the Vineyard and killed him. What will the owner of the Vineyard do to them?
- 11- He will come and put those tenant farmers to death and

turn over

 the "Vineyard"

to others. (9/20)

12- What then does this Scripture Passage mean: “The Stone which the builders despised (Gn. 21/12-13)

has become

 the “Cornerstone!”

13- everyone who falls on that Stone will be “dashed to pieces,” and It will “crush” anyone on whom it falls.

14- Show me a denarius; whose image and name does it bear?

15- Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.

16- The children of this age marry and remarry;

17- But those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming Age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

18- They can no longer die, for they are like Angels; and they are the Servants of God because they are the ones who will rise.

19- That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the Passage about the bush, when he called HE as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob;

20- And He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive.

21- How do they claim that the Messiah is the Son of David?

22- For David himself in the book of Psalms says: “HE said to my lord,

Sit at My “Right-Hand”

 till I make your “enemies” your footstool.

23- Now if David calls him “lord,” how can he be his son?

24- Be on guard against the Scribes who like to go around in long robes and love greetings in marketplaces, seats of honor in Synagogues, and places of honor at banquets.

25- They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation.

26- I tell you, truly, this widow put in more than all the rest;

27- For those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.

28- All that you see here, the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.

29- See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name (33/37), saying: "I am he," and "The time has come," do not follow them!

30- When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end.

31- Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

32- There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

33- Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of My Name.

34- It will lead to your giving testimony.

35- Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand,

36- For I Myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.

37- You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

38- You will be hated by all because of My Name,

39- But not a hair on your head will be destroyed.

40- By your perseverance you will secure your lives.

41- When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, know that its desolation is at hand.

42- Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. Let those within the City escape from it, and let those in the countryside not enter the City.

43- For these days are the time of punishment when all the Scriptures are fulfilled.

44- Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days, for a terrible calamity will come upon the earth, and a wrathful judgment upon this people.

45- They will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken as captives to all the gentiles; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the gentiles until the times of the gentiles are fulfilled.

46- There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

47- People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

48- And then they will see the Son of Man coming in

a "Cloud"

(Mss. 32/2)

with

"Power,"

and great "Glory."

49- But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

50- Consider the Fig Tree and all the other Trees.

51- -----
When their "buds" (8/18)
burst open,

you see for yourselves and know that "summer" is now near;

52- In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near.

53- Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

54- Heaven and earth will pass away,

but

"My Words"

will not pass away. (29/11)

55- Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.

56- For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth.

57- Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent,

and

to "Stand"

before the Son of Man.

CHAPTER 40

1- Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.

2- When you go into the city, a man will meet you carrying a jar of water. Follow him into the house that he enters.

3- And say to the master of the house, "The Teacher says to you: "Where is the guest room where

I may eat

the "Passover"

with my disciples?"

4- He will show you a large upper room that is furnished; make the preparations there.

5- I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer,

6- For I tell you, I shall not eat it again until

there is "fulfillment"

in

the "Kingdom of God."

(21/33-35)

7- Take this and share it among yourselves;

8- For I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the Vine until the Kingdom of God comes. (39/11-13)

9- This is

my "Body,"

which will be given for you;

do this in memory of me.

10- This cup is the new Covenant

in

my "Blood,"

which will be shed for you.

(43/33 & 41)

11- And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table;

12- For the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed.

13- The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are addressed as benefactors;

14- But among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant.

15- For who is greater, the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves.

16- It is you who have stood by me in my trials;

17- And I confer a Kingdom on you, just as my Lord has conferred One on me,

18- That you may eat and drink

at

my "Table"

in my Kingdom; (1/10)

and you will sit on thrones judging the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

19- Thunder, Thunder, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat,

20- But I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers.

21- I tell you, Rock, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.

22- When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?

23- But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and the one who does not have a Sword should sell his cloak and buy one. (David, 76/6-7)

24- For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely: "He was counted among the wicked." And indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment.

25- It is enough!

26- Pray that you may not undergo the Test.

27- Lord, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but Yours be done.

28- Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the Test!

29- Jackal, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?

30- Stop, no more of this!

31- Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?

32- Day after day I was with you in the Temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness.

33- If I tell you, you will not believe.

34- And if I question, you will not respond.

35- But from this time on the Son of Man will be

seated at

 the "Right-Hand" of the Power of God.

(19/32)

36- You say that I am (the Servant of God.)

37- You say so (that I am the King of the Jews.)

38- Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children,

39- For indeed, the days are coming when people will say: “Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.”

40- At that time people will say to the mountains, “fall upon us,” and to the hills, “cover us!”

41- For if these things are done when

the “Wood” is green

what will happen

when “It” is dry?

(4/17-19)

42- Lord, forgive them, they know not what they do.

43- Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in the Paradise.

44- Lord, into Your hands I commend my spirit!

CHAPTER 41

1- This is he of whom I said: “The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.”

2- I am not the Messiah.

3- I am not (Elijah.)

4- No, (I am not that prophet.)

5- I am the voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Make straight

the “Way”

of the Lord,”

as Isaiah the prophet said.

6- I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,

7- The one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.

8- Behold, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

9- He is the one of whom I said: “A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.”

10- I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.

11- I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him.

12- I did not know him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, “On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize

with

the “Holy Spirit.”

(43/41)

13- Now I have seen and testified that he is the Servant of God.

14- Behold, the lamb of God!

15- What are you looking for?

16- Come, and you will see!

17- You are Thunder, the son of Living-one; you will be called Rock.

18- Follow Me.

19- Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him.

20- Before Stone called you, I saw you under the fig tree.

21- Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.

22- Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the Angels of God

“ascending,”

and “descending,”

on the Son of Man.

23- Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.

24- Fill the jars with water.

25- Draw some out now, and take it to the headwaiter. (42/4)

26- Take these out of here, and stop making my Lord’s House a marketplace!

27- Destroy this Temple and in Three Days (Ps. 90/4)

I will

Raise “It” Up.

28- Amen, amen, I say to you,
 no one can see

 the "Kingdom of God"

 without being born from "above."

29- Amen, amen, I say to you,
 no one can enter

 the "Kingdom of God"

 without being born of "water" and Spirit.

30- What is born of flesh is flesh, and what is born of Spirit (43/41) is Spirit.

31- Do not be amazed that I told you, "You must be born from above."

32- The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

33- You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this!

34- Amen, amen, I say to you,

we speak of	and we testify to
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what we "Know,"	what we have "Seen,"
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but you people do not accept our testimony.

35- If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

36- No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.

37- And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

38- so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

39- For God so loved the world that He gave His only Servant, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

40- For God did not send His Servant into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

41- Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Servant of God.

42- And this is the verdict,

that

the "Light"

came into the world,

but people preferred darkness to Light, because their works were evil.

43- For everyone who does wicked things hates the Light and

does not come to

the "Light,"

so that his "works" might not be exposed.

44-

But whoever lives the truth

comes to

the "Light,"

so that his "works" may be clearly seen as done in God.

CHAPTER 42

1- Give me a drink.

2- If you know the gift of God and who is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.

3- Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;

4- But whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him

 a
 “spring
 of
 Water,”

 (Mss. 32/2)

welling up to Eternal Life.

5- Go call your spouse, and come back.

6- You are right in saying, “I do not have a spouse.”

7- For you have had five spouses, and the one you have now is not your spouse. What you have said is true.

8- Believe me woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Lord neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

9- You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand,

because

 “Salvation”

 is from the jews. (43/13)

10- But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Lord in

 “Spirit,”

 (43/41)

 and “Truth.”

 (51/17)

11- God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in

 “Spirit,”

 and “Truth.”

12- I am he (the Messiah), the one who is speaking with you.

13- I have food to eat of which you do not know.

14- My food is to do the will of the One who sent me and

to finish

His "Work."

(14/11)

15- Do you not say, "In four months the harvest will be here"? I tell you, look up and see that the fields are ripe for the harvest. (30/1)

16- The reaper is already receiving his payment and

gathering

"Crops"

for Eternal Life, (9/20)

so that the Sower and reaper can rejoice together.

17- For here the saying is verified that "One sows, and another reaps."

18- I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the Work, and you are sharing the Fruits (9/20) of their Work.

19- Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe.

20- You may go; your son shall live.

21- Do you want to be well?

22- Rise, take up your mat, and walk!

23- Look, you are well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse may happen to you.

24- My Lord is at Work until now, so I am

at

"Work."

(14/11)

25- Amen, amen, I say to you, a Servant cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees his Lord doing; for what He does, His Servant will do also.

26- For the Lord loves His Servant and shows him everything that He Himself does, and He will show him greater Works than these, so that you may be amazed!

27- For just as the Lord raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Servant give life to whomever He wishes.

28- Nor does the Lord judge anyone, but He has given all judgment to His Servant,

29- So that all may honor the Servant just as they honor the Lord. Whoever does not honor the Servant does not honor the Lord who sent him.

30- Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever hears

“My Word”

(4/24-26)

and believes in the One who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.

31- Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when

the “dead”

will hear the voice of the Servant of God, and those who hear will

“live.”

32- For just as the Lord has life in Himself, so also He gave His Servant the possession of life in himself.

33- And He gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

34- Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice, and will come out;

35- Those who have done good deeds

to the resurrection of

“Life,”

but those who have done wicked deeds

to the resurrection of

“Condemnation.”

36- I cannot do anything on my own; I judge as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will but the will of the One who sent me.

37- If I testify on my own behalf, my testimony cannot be verified.

38- But there is Another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that the testimony He gives on my behalf is true.

39- You sent emissaries to John, and he testified to the truth. (41/13)

40- I do not accept testimony from a human being, but I say this so that you may be saved.

41- He was a burning and shining lamp, and for a while you were content to rejoice in his light.

42- But I have testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Lord gave me to accomplish,

these “Works”

that I perform

“testify” on my behalf that the Lord has sent me.

43- Moreover, the Lord who sent me has testified on my behalf. But you have never heard His voice nor seen His form.

44- And you do not have

 "His Word"

remaining in you, (29/11)

because you do not believe in the one whom He has sent.

45- You search the Scriptures, because you think you have eternal life through them; even they testify on my behalf.

46- But you do not want to come to me to have life. (43/41)

CHAPTER 43

1- I do not accept human praise;

2- Moreover, I know that you do not have the love of God in you.

3- I came in the Name of my Lord, but you do not accept me; yet if another comes in his own name, you will accept him.

4- How can you believe, when you accept praise from one another and do not seek the praise that comes from the only God?

5- Do not think that I will accuse you before the Lord; the one who will accuse you is Moses, in whom you have placed your hope.

6- For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me. (Mss. 18/18)

7- But if you do not believe his Writings,

how will you believe

 "My Words"?

(Dt. 32/1-4)

- 8- Where can we buy enough food (1/10) for them to eat?
 9- Have the people recline.
 10- Gather

 the “fragments” left over,
 so that nothing will be wasted.

11- It is I. Do not be afraid!

12- Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw Signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.

13- Do not work for food that perishes but for

 the “Food”

 that endures for Eternal Life,
 which the Son of Man will give you.

(1/10)

For on him the Lord God has set His seal.

14- This is the work of God, that you believe in the one He sent.

15- Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Lord gives you the true bread from heaven.

16- For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

17- I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

18- But I told you that although you have seen, you do not believe.

19- Everything that the Lord gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,

20- Because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the One who sent me.

21- And this is the will of the One who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what He gave me, but that I should raise it on the Last Day. (13/36)

22- For this is the will of my Lord, that everyone who sees the Servant (16/37) and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the Last Day.

23- I am the bread that came down from heaven.

24- Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Lord who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the Last Day.

25- It is written in the prophets:

“They shall all be

“Taught”

by God.”

(Dvd. 30/8-9)

26- Everyone who listens to my Lord and learns from Him (14/25-26) comes to me.

27- Not that anyone has seen the Lord except the one who is from God (44/13); he has seen the Lord.

28- Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

29- I am the bread of life.

30- Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died;

31- This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.

32- I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

33- Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood (41), you do not have life within you.

34- Whoever

eats

my “Flesh,”

and drinks

 my "Blood,"

has Eternal Life,

and I will raise him on the Last Day.

35- For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

36- Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.

37- Just as the living Lord sent me and I have life because of the Lord, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.

38- This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.

39- Does this shock you?

40- What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? (41/22)

41- It is the Spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail.

 The "Words"

I have spoken to you

(29/7-11)

are Spirit and life.

42- But there are some of you who do not believe.

43- For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Lord.

44- Do you also want to leave?

45- Did I not choose you twelve? Yet is not one of you a devil?

CHAPTER 44

- 1- My time is not yet here, but the time is always right for you.
 2- The world cannot hate you, but it hates me, because I testify to it that its works are evil. (4/22-23)
 3- You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, because my time has not yet been fulfilled. (43/22)
 4- My teaching is not my own but is from the One who sent me.
 5- Whoever chooses

to do

 His "Will"

(29/11)

shall know whether my teaching is from God or whether I speak on my own.

6- Whoever speaks on his own seeks his own glory, but whoever seeks the glory of the One who sent him is truthful, and there is no wrong in him.

7- Did not Moses give you the Law? Yet none of you keeps the Law. Why are you trying to kill me?

8- I performed one work and all of you are amazed because of it.

9- Moses gave you circumcision -not that it came from Moses but rather from the patriarchs- and you circumcise a man on the sabbath.

10- If a man can receive circumcision on a sabbath so that the Law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I made a whole person well on a sabbath?

11- Stop judging by appearances, but judge justly.

12- You know me and also know where I am from. Yet I did not come on my own, but the One who sent me, Whom you do not know, is true.

13- I know Him because I am from Him, and He sent me.

14- I will be with you only a little while longer, and then I will go to the One who sent me.

15- You will look for me but not find, and where I am you cannot come.

16- Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.

17- Whoever believes in me, as Scripture says:

 “Rivers”

of “living Water” (42/4)

will flow from within him.”

18- Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.

19- Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?

20- Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.

21- I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but

will have

 the “Light” of life.

(43/41)

22- Even if I do testify on my own behalf, my testimony can be verified, 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.

23- You judge by appearances, but I do not judge anyone.

24- And even if I should judge, my judgment is valid, because I am not alone, but it is I and the Lord who sent me.

25- Even in your Law it is written that the testimony of two men can be verified.

26- I testify on my behalf and so does the Lord who sent me.

27- You know neither me nor my Lord. If you knew me, you would also know my Lord.

28- I am going away and you will look for me, but you will die in your sins;

29- Where I am going you cannot come.

30- You belong to what is below, I belong to what is above. You belong to this world, but I do not belong to this world.

31- That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I am, you will die in your sins.

32- (I am) what I told you from the beginning. (43/6)

33- I have much to say about you in condemnation. But the One who sent me is true, and

what I “heard” from Him

I tell the world.

34- When you lift up the Son of Man (41/37-38), then you will realize that I am (43/6); and that I do nothing on my own, but

I say only

what the Lord “taught” me.

35- The One who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to Him.

36- If you remain

in

“My Word,”

(29/11)

you will truly be my disciples,

37- And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

38- Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.

39- A slave does not remain in a household forever, but a Servant always remains.

40- So if a Servant frees you, then you will truly be free.

41- I know that you are descendants of Abraham. But you are trying to kill me, because My Word has no room among you.

42- I tell you what I have seen in the Lord's presence, then do what you have heard from the Lord.

43- If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works of Abraham.

44- But now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the Truth (51/17) that I heard from God; Abraham did not do this.

45- You are doing the works of your Lord!

46- If God were your Lord, you would love me, for I came from God and am here; I did not come on my own, but He sent me.

47- Why do you not understand what I am saying? Because you cannot bear

to hear

 "My Word."

(29/11)

48- You belong to your Lord the devil, and you willingly carry out your Lord's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in Truth (51/17), because there is no Truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks in character, because he is a liar and the lord of lies.

49- But because I speak the Truth (51/17), you do not believe me.

50- Can any of you charge me with sin? If I am telling the Truth, why do you not believe me?

51- Whoever belongs to God

hears

 the "Words" of God;

(29/11)

for this reason you do not listen, because you do not belong to God.

CHAPTER 45

- 1- I am not possessed; I honor my Lord, but you dishonor me.
 2- I do not seek my own glory, there is One who seeks it, and He is the One who judges.
 3- Amen, amen, I say to you,

whoever keeps

 "My Word"

 will never see death. (29/11)

- 4- If I glorify myself, my glory is worth nothing; but it is my Lord who glorifies me, of whom you say, "He is our God."
 5- You do not know Him, but I know Him. And if I should say that I do not know Him, I would be like you a liar. But I do know Him, and

I keep

 "His Word."

 (29/11)

- 6- Abraham your father rejoiced to see my Day (29/33); he saw it and was glad.
 7- Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I am.

8- Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the Works of God might be made visible through him.

- 9- We have to do

 the "Works"

 of the One who sent me

while it is day.

Night is coming when no one can work.

- 10- While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

30- I have other students that do not belong to this room. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one Group, one Teacher.

31- This is why the Lord loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

32- No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own;

I have power

to lay "It" down,

and power

to take "It" up again.

This command I have received from my Lord.

33- I told you, and you do not believe.

The "Works"

I do in my Lord's Name

"testify" to me.

34- But you do not believe, because you are not among my students.

35- My students hear my voice; I know them, and they follow Me.

36- I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.

37- My Lord, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Lord's hand.

38- The Lord and I are one. (24/10) & (48/9)

39- I have shown you many good Works from my Lord. For which of these are you trying to stone me?

40- Is it not written in your Law, "I said, "You are gods"?" (Ps. 82/6)

41- If it calls them gods to whom the Word of God came, and Scripture cannot be set aside,

42- Can you say that the one whom the Lord has consecrated and sent into the world blasphemes, because I said, "I am the Servant of God"?

43- If I do not perform my Lord's Works, do not believe me;

44- But if I perform them, even if you do not believe me,

believe

the "Works,"

so that you may realize that

the Lord is in "me,"

and I am in the "Lord."

CHAPTER 46

1- This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Servant of God may be glorified through it.

2- Let us go back to Crest-Land!

3- Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because

he sees

the "Light"

of this World.

4- But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the Light is not in him. (45/9-10)

5- Our friend Comprehending-one is asleep, but I am going to awaken him.

6- Comprehending-one has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him.

7- Your brother will rise!

8- I am

 the "Resurrection,"

 and the "Life;"

whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,

9- And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

10- Where have you laid him?

11- Take away the stone!

12- Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God.

13- Lord, I thank You for hearing me.

14- I know that You always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that You sent me.

15- Comprehending-one, come out!

16- Untie him, and let him go!

17- Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial. (19/4)

18- You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.

19- The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

20- Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much Fruit. (9/20)

21- Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.

22- Whoever serves me must follow Me; and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Lord will honor whoever serves me. (28/33-35)

23- I am troubled now. Yet what should I say: "Lord, save me from this hour"? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

24- Lord, glorify Your Name!

25- This voice did not come for my sake but for yours.

26- Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

27- And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself.

28- The light will be among you only a little while. Walk while you have the light, so that darkness may not overcome you. (45/9-10) Whoever walks in the dark does not know where he is going. (4/15 & 22-23)

29- While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become

servants of

the "Light."

(41/43-44)

30- Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the One who sent me.

31- And whoever sees me sees the One who sent me. (43/27)

32- I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness.

33- And if anyone hears my Words and does not observe them, I do not condemn him, for I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world.

34- Whoever rejects me and does not accept my Words has something to judge him:

The "Word"

that I spoke, (21/22-27)

it will condemn him on the Last Day.

35- Because I did not speak on my own, but the Lord who sent me commanded me

what to "Say,"

and what to "Speak;"

36- And I know that His Commandment is eternal life. So what I say, I say as the Lord told me.

CHAPTER 47

- 1- What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later.
 2- Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me.
 3- Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all.
 4- Not all of you are clean! (4/22-23)
- 5- Do you realize what I have done for you?
 6- You call me “teacher” and “master,” and rightly so, for indeed I am.
 7- If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet.
 8- I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.
 9- Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master, nor any messenger greater than the One who sent him.
 10- If you understand this, blessed are you, if you do it.
- 11- I am not speaking of all of you, I know those whom I have chosen. (43/24-25) But so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “The one who ate my Food (43/13) has raised his heel against me.” (33/29-30)
 12- From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I am. (43/6-7)
- 13- Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the One who sent me.
- 14- Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.
 15- It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it.
 16- What you are going to do, do quickly!
- 17- Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.
 18- God will also

glorify him

 “in Himself,”

and He will glorify him at once.

19- My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the jews, "Where I go you cannot come." So now I say it to you.

20- I give you a new Commandment: "Love one another!" As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

21- This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

22- Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, though you will follow later.

23- Will you lay down your life for me? Amen, amen, I say to you, the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.

CHAPTER 48

1- Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

2- In my Lord's House there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

3- And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again (16/37) and take you

to

 "Myself;"

so that where I am you also may be.

4- Where I am going you know the way.

5- I am

the "Way,"

and the "Truth,"

 and the "Life."

(42/35)

No one comes to the Lord except through me.

6- If you know me, then you will also know my Lord. From now on

you do	and have
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“Know” Him,	“Seen” Him.
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(41/34)

7- Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Contemplating-one?

8- Whoever has seen me has seen the Lord. (43/27) How can you say, “Show us the Lord”?

9- Do you not believe that

I am in the “Lord,”

and the Lord is in “me”?

The “Words”

that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.

The Lord who dwells in me (41/11-12)

is doing

His “Works.”

10- Believe me that

I am in the “Lord,”

and the Lord is in “me,”

or else, believe because of the Works themselves.

11- Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the Works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Lord.

12- And whatever you ask in my name, "I" will do; so that the Lord may be glorified in the Servant.

13- If you ask anything of Me, in my name, "I" will do it. (49/16)

14- If you love me, you will keep my Commandments.

15- And I will ask the Lord, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always.

16- The

"Spirit of Truth,"

which the world cannot accept,

because

it neither "Sees,"

nor "Knows" it.

But you know it, because

it "Remains"

and it "Will Be"

with you,

in you.

(43/41-42) & (21/22-27)

17- I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

18- In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me (16/37), because I live and you will live.

19- On that Day (29/33) you will realize that I am

in

"my Lord"

and you are in "me,"

and I in "you."

20- Whoever has my Commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Lord, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.

21- Whoever loves me

will keep

my "Word,"

(4/24-25)

and my Lord will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

22- Whoever does not love me

does not keep

my "Word,"

(4/26-27)

yet the Word you hear is not mine, but that of the Lord who sent me.

23- I have told you this while I am with you.

24- The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, that the Lord will send in my name, it will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I told you.

25- Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

26- You heard me tell you, "I am going away and I will come back to you."

If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Lord; for the Lord is greater than I.

27- And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.

28- I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming; he has no power over me,

29- But the world must know that I love the Lord and that I do just as the Lord has commanded me. Get up, let us go!

CHAPTER 49

- 1- I am the true Vine, and my Lord is the Vine Grower.
- 2- He takes away every branch in me that does not bear Fruit, and everyone that does He prunes so that it bears more Fruit. (29/11)
- 3- You are already pruned because of the Word that I spoke to you. (29/7-11)
- 4- Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear Fruit on its own unless it remains on the Vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.
- 5- I am the Vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much Fruit; because without Me you can do nothing.

- 6- Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.

7- If you remain in me

and

“My Words”

remain in you, (29/7-11)

ask for whatever you want, and it will be done for you.

- 8- By this is my Lord glorified, that you bear much Fruit and become my disciples.
- 9- As the Lord loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.
- 10- If you keep my Commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Lord’s Commandments and remained in His Love.

11- I have told you this, so that

my “Joy”

might be in you,

and your “Joy”

might be complete.

- 12- This is my Commandment: “Love one another, as I love you.”
- 13- No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

26- When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Lord,

 the "Spirit of Truth"

that proceeds from the Lord,

it will "testify" to me.

27- And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

CHAPTER 50

1- I have told you this so that you may not fall away.

2- They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God.

3- They will do this because they have not known either the Lord or me.

4- I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you.

5- I did not tell you this from the beginning, because I was with you.

6- But now I am going to the One who sent me, and not one of you asks me, "Where are you going?"

7- But because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts.

8- But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send it to you.

9- And when it comes, it will convict the world in regard to Sin, and Righteousness, and Condemnation.

10- Sin; because they do not believe in me.

11- Righteousness; because I am going to the Lord and you will no longer see me.

12- Condemnation; because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

13- I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.

14- But when it comes,

 the "Spirit of Truth,"

it will "guide" you to all Truth.

He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.

15- He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

16- Everything (49/15) that the Lord has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

17- A little while and you will no longer see me, and again a little while later (29/33 & 11/14) and you will see me. (16/37)

18- Are you discussing with one another what I said: “A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me?”

19- Amen, amen, I say to you, you will

 “Weep,”

 and “Mourn,”

while the world rejoices;

you will “Grieve,” but your grief will become joy.

20- When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world.

21- So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again (16/37), and your hearts will rejoice; and no one will take your joy away from you.

22- On that Day (29/33) you will not question me about anything. Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Lord in my name, He will give you.

23- Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your Joy may be complete.

24- I have told you this in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but I will tell you clearly about the Lord.

25- On that Day you will ask in my name, and I do not tell you that I will ask the Lord for you.

26- For the Lord Himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God.

27- I came from the Lord, and have come into the world. Now I am leaving the world, and going back to the Lord.

28- Behold, the hour is coming, and has arrived, when each of you will be scattered to his own home, and

you will leave me

"Alone."

(38/8)

But I am not "alone," because the Lord is with me.

29- I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.

CHAPTER 51

- 1- Lord, the hour has come. Give glory to Your Servant, so that Your Servant may glorify You.
- 2- Just as You gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life (43/13) to all You gave him.
- 3- Now this is eternal life, that they should know You, the only true God, and the one whom You sent, Jesus Messiah.
- 4- I glorified You on earth

by accomplishing

the "Work"

that You gave me to do. (42/24)

- 5- Now glorify me, Lord, with You, with the glory that I had with You before the world began.
- 6- I revealed Your Name to those whom You gave me out of the world. They belonged to You and You gave them to me, and they have

kept

Your "Word."

(29/11)

21- So that they may all be one, as

You, Lord, are in “me,”

and I in “You,”

that they also may be

in “Us,”

that the world may believe that You sent me.

22- And I have given them the glory You gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one,

23- I in “them,”

and You in “me,”

that they may be brought to perfection

as “One,”

that the world may know that You sent me,

and that You loved them even as You loved me.

24- Lord, they are Your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that You gave me, because You loved me before the foundation of the world.

25- Righteous Lord, the world also does not know You, but I know You, and they know that You sent me.

26- I made known to them Your Name

and

I will make “It” known,

that the love with which You loved me may be in them, and I in them.

CHAPTER 52

- 1- Whom are you looking for?
 2- I am (Jesus, the Nazorean.)
- 3- Whom are you looking for?
 4- I told you that I am (Jesus, the Nazorean.)
 5- So if you are looking for me, let these men go!
- 6- Put your sword into its scabbard;
 7- Shall I not drink the cup that the Lord gave me?
- 8- I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the Temple area where all the jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing.
 9- Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said.
- 10- If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?
- 11- Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?
 12- My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here.
- 13- You say that I am a king;

for "this"
 I was born,

and for "this"
 I came into the world;

to testify to

 the "Truth."

(51/17)

Everyone who belongs to the "Truth" listens to my voice.

- 14- You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.

15- Woman, behold, your son!

16- Behold, your mother!

17- I thirst.

18- It is finished!
