



MATTHEW

THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, [^]the son of David, the son of Abraham:

²Abraham fathered Isaac, Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob fathered ¹Judah and his brothers. ³Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar, [^]Perez fathered Hezron, and Hezron fathered Ram. ⁴Ram fathered Amminadab, Amminadab fathered Nahshon, and Nahshon fathered Salmon. ⁵Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab, Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth, and Obed fathered Jesse. ⁶Jesse fathered David the king.

David [^]fathered Solomon by ¹her *who had been the wife* of Uriah. ⁷Solomon [^]fathered Rehoboam, Rehoboam fathered Abijah, and Abijah fathered Asa. ⁸Asa fathered Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat fathered Joram, and Joram fathered Uzziah. ⁹Uzziah fathered Jotham, Jotham fathered Ahaz, and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah. ¹⁰Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, Manasseh fathered Amon, and Amon [^]fathered Josiah. ¹¹Josiah fathered Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the [^]deportation to Babylon.

¹²After the [^]deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah fathered Shealtiel, and Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel. ¹³Zerubbabel fathered Abihud, Abihud fathered Eliakim, and Eliakim fathered Azor. ¹⁴Azor fathered Zadok, Zadok fathered Achim, and Achim fathered Eliud. ¹⁵Eliud fathered Eleazar, Eleazar fathered

Matthan, and Matthan fathered Jacob. ¹⁶Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, [^]who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the [^]deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the [^]deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

CONCEPTION AND BIRTH OF JESUS

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah was as follows: when His [^]mother Mary had been ¹betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be pregnant by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, since he was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her, planned to ^{1^}send her away secretly. ²⁰But when he had thought this over, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, [^]“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a Son;

1:1 [^]Is 9:6f; 11:1 1:3 [^]Ruth 4:18-22; 1 Chr 2:1-15
1:6 [^]2 Sam 11:27; 12:24 1:7 [^]1 Chr 3:10ff

1:10 [^]1 Chr 3:14 1:11 [^]2 Kin 24:14f; Jer 27:20
1:12 [^]2 Kin 24:14f; Jer 27:20 1:16 [^]Matt 27:17, 22;
Luke 2:11 1:17 [^]2 Kin 24:14f; Jer 27:20

1:18 [^]Matt 12:46; Luke 1:27 1:19 [^]Deut 22:20-24;
24:1-4 1:20 [^]Luke 2:4

1:2 ¹Gr *Judas*; a name of a person in the Old Testament is given in its Old Testament form
1:6 ¹i.e., Bathsheba 1:18 ¹Unlike engagement, a betrothed couple was considered married, but did not yet live together 1:19 ¹Or *divorce her*

and you shall name Him Jesus, for He ^awill save His people from their sins.” ²²Now all this took place so that what was ^aspoken by the Lord through ^tthe prophet would be fulfilled: ²³“^aBEHOLD, THE VIRGIN WILL ^bCONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.” ²⁴And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, ²⁵but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and ^ahe named Him Jesus.

THE VISIT OF THE MAGI

2 Now after Jesus was ^aborn in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, ^tmagi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ²“Where is He who has been born ^aKing of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” ³When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They said to him, “^aIn Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by ^tthe prophet:

⁶ ‘^aAND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH,
ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH;
FOR FROM YOU WILL COME FORTH A RULER
WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.”’

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the magi and determined from them the exact time ^athe star appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully

for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.” ⁹After hearing the king, they went on their way; and behold, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on ahead of them until it came to a stop over *the place* where the Child was *to be found*. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And after they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and ^aworshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And after being warned *by God* ^ain a dream not to return to Herod, *the magi* left for their own country by another way.

THE ESCAPE TO EGYPT

¹³Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord ^aappeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him.”

¹⁴So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. ¹⁵He stayed there until the death of Herod; *this happened* so that what had been spoken by the Lord through ^tthe prophet would be fulfilled: “^aOUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.”

1:21 ^aLuke 2:11; John 1:29 1:22 ^aLuke 24:44; Rom 1:2-4
1:23 ^aIs 7:14 ^bIs 9:6, 7 1:25 ^aMatt 1:21; Luke 2:21
2:1 ^aMic 5:2; Luke 2:4-7 2:2 ^aJer 23:5; 30:9
2:5 ^aJohn 7:42 2:6 ^aMic 5:2; John 7:42 2:7 ^aNum 24:17
2:11 ^aMatt 14:33 2:12 ^aJob 33:15, 16; Matt 1:20
2:13 ^aMatt 2:12, 19 2:15 ^aHos 11:1; Num 24:8

1:22 ¹I.e., Isaiah 2:1 ¹A caste of educated men specializing in astronomy, astrology, and natural science 2:5 ¹I.e., Micah 2:15 ¹I.e., Hosea

HEROD SLAUGHTERS BABIES

¹⁶Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by ^athe magi, he became very enraged, and sent *men* and killed all the boys who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. ¹⁷Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “^aA VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH,
WEeping AND GREAT
MOURNING,
RACHEL WEeping FOR HER
CHILDREN;
AND SHE REFUSED TO BE
COMFORTED,
BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE.”

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord ^{*a}appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” ²¹So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being ^awarned *by God* in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, ²³and came and settled in a city called ^aNazareth. *This happened* so that what was spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

THE PREACHING OF JOHN
THE BAPTIST

3 Now ^ain those days John the Baptist ^{*a}came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ²“^aRepent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³For this is the ^aone

referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said,

“^bTHE VOICE OF ONE CALLING
’OUT IN THE WILDERNESS,
’PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’”

⁴Now John himself had ^aa garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵At that time Jerusalem ^awas going out to him, and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan; ⁶and they were being ^abaptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the ^aPharisees and ^aSadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸“Therefore produce fruit consistent with repentance; ⁹and do not assume that you can say to yourselves, “We have Abraham *as our father*”; for I tell you that God is able, from these stones, to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰And the ^aaxe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit is being cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“As for me, ^aI baptize you ⁱwith water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His ^awinnowing fork is in His hand, and He

2:16^a Matt 2:1 2:18^a Jer 31:15 2:19^a Matt 1:20;
2:12, 13, 22 2:22^a Matt 2:12, 13, 19 2:23^a Luke 1:26;
2:39 3:1^a John 1:6-8, 19-28 3:2^a Matt 4:17
3:3^a Luke 1:17, 76 ^aIs 40:3 3:4^a 2 Kin 1:8; Zech 13:4
3:5^a Mark 1:5 3:6^a Matt 3:11, 13-16; Mark 1:5
3:7^a Matt 16:1ff ^a Matt 22:23 3:8^a Luke 3:8; Eph 5:8, 9
3:9^a Luke 3:8; 16:24 3:10^a Luke 3:9 3:11^a Mark 1:4, 8;
Luke 3:16 3:12^a Is 30:24; 41:16

3:3ⁱ Or *out, Prepare in the wilderness the way*

3:11ⁱ The Gr here can be translated *in, with, or by*

will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

¹³A¹³Then Jesus *arrived from Galilee at the Jordan, *coming* to John to be baptized by him. ¹⁴But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have *the* need to be baptized by You, and yet You are coming to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus, answering, said to him, “*Allow it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us ¹⁶to fulfill all righteousness.*” Then he *allowed Him. ¹⁶After He was baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and ¹⁷he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* settling on Him, ¹⁷and behold, a voice from the heavens said, “¹⁸A¹⁸This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

4 ¹A¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after He had ³fasted for forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. ³And ⁴the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the ⁵Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” ⁴But He answered and said, “*It is written: ⁶‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’*”

⁵Then the devil *took Him along into ⁶the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and he *said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written:

“⁷HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS ORDERS CONCERNING YOU”;

and

“⁸ON *THEIR* HANDS THEY WILL LIFT YOU UP,

SO THAT YOU DO NOT STRIKE

YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.”

⁷Jesus said to him, “*On the other hand, it is written: ⁸‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’*”

⁸Again, the devil *took Him along to a very high mountain and *showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹and he said to Him, “¹⁰A¹⁰All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus *said to him, “*Go away, Satan! For it is written: ¹¹‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’*” ¹¹Then the devil *left Him; and behold, ¹²angels came and *began* to serve Him.

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

¹²Now when Jesus heard that ¹³John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; ¹³and leaving Nazareth, He came and ¹⁴settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴*This happened* so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “¹⁶THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND

THE LAND OF NAPHTALI,

BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE ‘GENTILES—

3:13^a John 1:31-34 3:15^a Ps 40:7, 8; John 4:34

3:16^a Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22 3:17^a Ps 2:7; Is 42:1

4:1^a Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1-13 4:2^a Ex 34:28;

1 Kin 19:8 4:3^a 1 Thess 3:5 ⁸ Matt 14:33

4:4^a Deut 8:3 4:5^a Neh 11:1, 18; Dan 9:24

4:6^a Ps 91:11, 12 4:7^a Deut 6:16 4:8^a Matt 16:26;

1 John 2:15-17 4:9^a 1 Cor 10:20f 4:10^a Deut 6:13;

10:20 4:11^a Matt 26:53; Luke 22:43 4:12^a Matt 14:3;

Mark 1:14 4:13^a Matt 11:23; Mark 1:21 4:15^a Is 9:1

4:15¹ Lit *nations*, usually non-Jewish

16 ^aTHE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING
IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT
LIGHT,
AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING
IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF
DEATH,
UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.”

17^aFrom that time Jesus began to
preach and say, “Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven has come near.”

THE FIRST DISCIPLES

18^aNow as Jesus was walking by the
Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers,
Simon, who was called Peter, and his
brother Andrew, casting a net into
the sea; for they were fishermen.
19^aAnd He ^asaid to them, “Follow Me,
and I will make you fishers of people.”
20^aImmediately they left their
nets and followed Him. 21^aGoing on
from there He saw two other brothers,
^aJames the son of Zebedee, and
his brother John, in the boat with
their father Zebedee, mending their
nets; and He called them. 22^aImme-
diately they left the boat and their
father, and followed Him.

MINISTRY IN GALILEE

23^aJesus was going about in all of
Galilee, ^ateaching in their syna-
gogues and proclaiming the gospel
of the kingdom, and healing every
disease and every sickness among
the people.

24^aAnd the news about Him spread
^athroughout Syria; and they brought
to Him all who were ill, those suffer-
ing with various diseases and
severe pain, demon-possessed,
people with epilepsy, and people
who were paralyzed; and He healed
them. 25^aLarge crowds ^afollowed
Him from Galilee and the Decapo-
lis, and Jerusalem, and Judea, and
from beyond the Jordan.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT; THE BEATITUDES

5 ^aNow when Jesus saw the
crowds, He went up on the
mountain; and after He sat down,
His disciples came to Him. 2^aAnd
^aHe opened His mouth and began
to teach them, saying,

3^a“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4^a“Blessed are ^athose who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

5^a“Blessed are ^athe ¹gentle, for they
will inherit the earth.

6^a“Blessed are ^athose who hunger
and thirst for righteousness, for
they will be satisfied.

7^a“Blessed are ^athe merciful, for
they will receive mercy.

8^a“Blessed are ^athe pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9^a“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for ^athey will be called sons of God.

10^a“Blessed are those who have
been ^apersecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the king-
dom of heaven.

11^a“Blessed are you when *people*
^ainsult you and persecute you, and
falsely say all kinds of evil against you
because of Me. 12^aRejoice and be glad,
for your reward in heaven is great;
for ^ain this same way they persecuted
the prophets who were before you.

DISCIPLES AND THE WORLD

13^a“You are the salt of the earth; but
^aif the salt has become tasteless,

4:16^aIs 9:2; 60:1-3 4:17^aMark 1:14, 15
4:18^aLuke 5:2-11; John 1:40-42 4:21^aMatt 10:2; 20:20
4:23^aMatt 9:35; 13:54 4:24^aMark 7:26; Luke 2:2
4:25^aMark 3:7, 8; Luke 6:17 5:1^aMatt ch 5-7;
Luke 6:20-49 5:2^aMatt 13:35; Acts 8:35
5:3^aLuke 6:20-23 5:4^aIs 61:2; John 16:20
5:5^aPs 37:11 5:6^aIs 55:1, 2; John 4:14 5:7^aProv 11:17;
Matt 6:14, 15 5:8^aPs 24:4 5:9^aMatt 5:45; Luke 6:35
5:10^a1 Pet 3:14 5:11^a1 Pet 4:14 5:12^a2 Chr 36:16;
Matt 23:37 5:13^aMark 9:50; Luke 14:34f

5:5¹Or *humble, meek*

how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by people.

¹⁴“You are ^αthe light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵nor do *people* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may ^αsee your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not presume that I came to abolish the ^αLaw or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I say to you, ^αuntil heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke of a letter shall pass from the Law, until all is accomplished! ¹⁹Therefore, whoever nullifies one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, shall be called least ^αin the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰“For I say to you that unless your ^αrighteousness far surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

²¹“You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘^αYOU SHALL NOT MURDER,’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be answerable to the court.’

²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be answerable to ^αthe court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be answerable to ²the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty *enough to go* into the ³fiery hell.

²³Therefore, if you are ^αpresenting

your offering at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be ^αreconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. ²⁵^αCome to good terms with your accuser quickly, while you are with him on the way *to court*, so that your accuser will not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you will not be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I say to you, ^αyou will not come out of there until you have paid up the last ¹quadrans.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘^αYOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY’; ²⁸but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman ^αwith lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹Now ^αif your right eye is causing you to sin, tear it out and throw it away from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your *body*, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And ^αif your right hand is causing you to sin, cut it off and throw it away from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your *body*, than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“Now it was said, ‘^αWHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY IS TO GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE’; ³²but I say to you that everyone who divorces

5:14^α Prov 4:18; John 8:12 5:15^α Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16
5:16^α1 Pet 2:12 5:17^α Matt 7:12 5:18^α Matt 24:35;
Luke 16:17 5:19^α Matt 11:11 5:20^α Luke 18:11, 12
5:21^α Ex 20:13; Deut 5:17 5:22^α Deut 16:18; 2 Chr 19:5f
5:23^α Matt 5:24 5:24^α Rom 12:17, 18 5:25^α Prov 25:8f;
Luke 12:58 5:26^α Luke 12:59 5:27^α Ex 20:14; Deut 5:18
5:28^α 2 Sam 11:2-5; Job 31:1 5:29^α Matt 18:9; Mark 9:47
5:30^α Matt 18:8; Mark 9:43 5:31^α Deut 24:1, 3; Jer 3:1
5:32^α Matt 19:9; Mark 10:11f

5:22¹ Or *You empty-head*; Gr *Raka (Raca)* from Aramaic *reqa* ² Lit *the Sanhedrin*; i.e., Jewish High Court

³ Lit *Gehenna of fire* 5:26¹ A small Roman copper coin, worth about 1/64 of a laborer's daily wage

his wife, except for *the* reason of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, ‘^aYOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.’” ³⁴But I say to you, ‘take no oath at all, neither by heaven, for it is ^bthe throne of God, ³⁵nor by the earth, for it is the ^afootstool of His feet, nor by Jerusalem, for it is ^bTHE CITY OF THE GREAT KING. ³⁶Nor shall you take an oath by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. ³⁷But make sure your statement is, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of ^aevil origin.

³⁸“You have heard that it was said, ‘^aEYE FOR EYE, and TOOTH FOR TOOTH.’” ³⁹But I say to you, do not show opposition against an evil person; but ^awhoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other toward him also. ⁴⁰And if anyone wants to sue you and take your ^ctunic, let him have your ²cloak also. ⁴¹Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴²^aGive to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘^aYOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR ^band hate your enemy.’” ⁴⁴But I say to you, ^alove your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may prove yourselves to be ^asons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous. ⁴⁶For ^aif you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors, do they not do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your

brothers and sisters, what more are you doing *than others*? Even the Gentiles, do they not do the same? ⁴⁸Therefore ^ayou shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

CHARITABLE GIVING TO THE POOR AND PRAYER

6 “Take care not to practice your righteousness in the sight of people, ^ato be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

²“So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, so that they ^awill be praised by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ³But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your charitable giving will be in secret; and ^ayour Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

⁵“And when you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to ^astand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they will be seen by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ⁶But as for you, when you pray, ^ago into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

5:33^a Lev 19:12; Num 30:2 5:34^a James 5:12 ^bIs 66:1

5:35^a Is 66:1 ^bPs 48:2 5:37^a 1 John 3:12f

5:38^a Ex 21:24; Lev 24:20 5:39^a 1 Cor 6:7

5:42^a Deut 15:7-11; Luke 6:34f 5:43^a Lev 19:18

^bDeut 23:3-6 5:44^a Luke 6:27f; 23:34 5:45^a Matt 5:9;

Luke 6:35 5:46^a Luke 6:32 5:48^a Lev 19:2; Deut 18:13

6:1^a Matt 6:5, 16; 23:5 6:2^a Matt 6:5, 16; 23:5

6:4^a Jer 17:10; Matt 6:6, 18 6:5^a Mark 11:25;

Luke 18:11, 13 6:6^a Is 26:20; Matt 26:36-39

5:40^a A long shirt worn next to the skin ²Or *outer garment*

⁷“And when you are praying, do not use thoughtless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their ^amany words. ⁸So do not be like them; for ^ayour Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

- ⁹“Pray, then, in this way:
 ‘Our Father, who is in heaven,
 Hallowed be Your name.
¹⁰ ‘Your kingdom come.
^aYour will be done,
 On earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹ ‘^aGive us this day our daily bread.
¹² ‘And ^aforgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³ ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but ^adeliver us from evil.’
¹⁴“For if you forgive *other* people for their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But ^aif you do not forgive *other* people, then your Father will not forgive your offenses.

FASTING; THE TRUE TREASURE; WEALTH

¹⁶“Now ^awhenever you fast, do not make a gloomy face as the hypocrites *do*, for they distort their faces so that they will be noticed by people when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ¹⁷But as for you, when you fast, ^aanoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting will not be noticed by people but by your Father who is in secret; and your ^aFather who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“^aDo not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break

in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves ^atreasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹for ^awhere your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²“^aThe eye is the lamp of the body; so then, if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. ²³But if ^ayour eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴“^aNo one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and ^awealth.

THE CURE FOR ANXIETY

²⁵“^aFor this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶^aLook at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather *crops* into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more important than they? ²⁷And which of you by ^aworrying can add a single day to his life’s span? ²⁸And why are you ^aworried about clothing? Notice

6:7^a 1 Kin 18:26f 6:8^a Ps 38:9; 69:17-19 6:9^a Luke 11:2-4
 6:10^a Matt 26:42; Luke 22:42 6:11^a Prov 30:8; Is 33:16
 6:12^a Ex 34:7; Ps 32:1 6:13^a John 17:15; 1 Cor 10:13
 6:14^a Matt 7:2; Mark 11:25f 6:15^a Matt 18:35
 6:16^a Is 58:5 6:17^a Ruth 3:3; 2 Sam 12:20
 6:18^a Matt 6:4, 6 6:19^a Prov 23:4; Matt 19:21
 6:20^a Matt 19:21; Luke 12:33 6:21^a Luke 12:34
 6:22^a Luke 11:34, 35 6:23^a Matt 20:15; Mark 7:22
 6:24^a 1 Kin 18:21; Luke 16:13 6:25^a Luke 12:22-37
 6:26^a Job 35:11; 38:41 6:27^a Matt 6:25, 28, 31, 34;
 Luke 10:41 6:28^a Matt 6:25, 27, 31, 34; Luke 10:41

6:13¹ Late mss add *For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen* 6:24¹ *Gr mamonas, for Aramaic mamon (mammon); i.e., wealth etc. personified as an object of worship*

how the lilies of the field grow; they do not labor nor do they spin *thread for cloth*,²⁹ yet I say to you that not even ^aSolomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.³⁰ But if God so clothes the ^agrass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *clothe* you?³¹ You of little faith! ³¹Do not ^aworry then, saying, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear for clothing?’³² For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for ^ayour heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.³³ But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and ^aall these things will be provided to you.

³⁴“So do not ^aworry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

JUDGING OTHERS

7 ^a“Do not judge, so that you will not be judged.² For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and ^aby your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.³ Why do you ^alook at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and look, the log is in your own eye?⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye!

⁶“Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

PRAYER AND THE GOLDEN RULE

⁷“^aAsk, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.⁹ Or what person is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone?¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?¹¹ So if you, *despite* being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, ^ahow much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

¹²“In everything, ^atherefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for ^bthis is the Law and the Prophets.

THE NARROW AND WIDE GATES

¹³“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

A TREE AND ITS FRUIT

¹⁵“Beware of the ^afalse prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.¹⁶ You will ^aknow them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered

6:29^a1 Kin 10:4-7; 2 Chr 9:4-6, 20-22

6:30^aJames 1:10, 11 ^bMatt 8:26; 14:31

6:31^aMatt 6:25, 27, 28, 34; Luke 10:41 ^b6:32^aMatt 6:8;

Phil 4:19 ^b6:33^aMatt 19:28; Mark 10:29f

6:34^aMatt 6:25, 27, 28, 31; Luke 10:41

7:1^aRom 14:10, 13 ^b7:2^aMark 4:24; Luke 6:38

7:3^aRom 2:1 ^b7:4^aLuke 6:42 ^b7:6^aMatt 15:26

7:7^aLuke 11:9-13 ^b7:11^aPs 84:11; Is 63:7

7:12^aLuke 6:31 ^bMatt 22:40 ^b7:13^aLuke 13:24

7:15^aMatt 24:11, 24; Mark 13:22 ^b7:16^aMatt 7:20; 12:33

from thorn *bushes*, nor figs from thistles, are they? ¹⁷So ^aevery good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰So then, you will know them ^aby their fruits.

²¹“^aNot everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. ²²Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ ²³And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; ^aLEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’

THE TWO FOUNDATIONS

²⁴“Therefore, ^aeveryone who hears these words of Mine, and acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and *yet* it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and its collapse was great.”

²⁸When Jesus had finished these words, ^athe crowds were amazed at His teaching; ²⁹for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

JESUS CLEANSSES A MAN WITH LEPROSY

8 When Jesus came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him. ²And ^aa man with ^aleprosy came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” ³Jesus reached out with His hand and touched him, saying, “**I am willing; be cleansed.**” And immediately his ^aleprosy was cleansed. ⁴And Jesus ^asaid to him, “**See that you tell no one; but ^ago, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.**”

THE CENTURION'S FAITH

⁵And ^awhen Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, begging Him, ⁶and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying ^aparalyzed at home, terribly tormented.” ⁷Jesus ^asaid to him, “**I will come and heal him.**” ⁸But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I also am a man under ^aauthority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does *it*.” ¹⁰Now when Jesus heard *this*, He was amazed and said to those who were following, “**Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in**

7:17^a Matt 12:33, 35 7:19^a Matt 3:10; Luke 3:9

7:20^a Matt 7:16; 12:33 7:21^a Luke 6:46

7:22^a Matt 25:11f; Luke 13:25ff 7:23^a Ps 6:8;

Matt 25:41 7:24^a Matt 16:18; James 1:22–25

7:28^a Matt 13:54; 22:33 8:2^a Mark 1:40–44; Luke

5:12–14 8:3^a Matt 11:5; Luke 4:27 8:4^a Mark 1:44;

Luke 5:14 8:5^a Luke 7:1–10 8:6^a Matt 4:24

8:9^a Mark 1:27; Luke 9:1

8:2¹ I.e., leprosy or a serious, unspecified skin disease, and so throughout the ch; see Lev 13

Israel. ¹¹And I say to you that many ^awill come from east and west, and ^arecline *at the table* with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; ¹²but ^athe sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into ^bthe outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go; it shall be done for you ^aas you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW AND MANY OTHERS HEALED

¹⁴When Jesus came into Peter's home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever. ¹⁵And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and waited on Him. ¹⁶Now when evening came, they brought to Him many ^awho were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and ^bhealed all who were ill. ¹⁷*This happened* so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled: “^aHE HIMSELF TOOK OUR ILLNESSES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES.”

DISCIPLESHIP TESTED

¹⁸Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, ^aHe gave orders to depart to the other side *of the sea*. ¹⁹Then a scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.” ²⁰And Jesus ^asaid to him, “^aThe foxes have holes and the birds of the sky have nests, but ^athe Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” ²¹And another of the disciples said to Him, “Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father.” ²²But Jesus ^asaid to him, “^aFollow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

JESUS CALMS THE STORM

²³When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. ²⁴And behold, a violent storm developed on the sea, so that the boat was being covered by the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. ²⁵And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, “^aSave us, Lord; we are perishing!” ²⁶He ^asaid to them, “^aWhy are you afraid, ^ayou men of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. ²⁷The men were amazed, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

JESUS SENDS DEMONS INTO PIGS

²⁸And when He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men confronted Him as they were coming out of the tombs. *They were* so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way. ²⁹And they cried out, saying, “^aWhat business do You have with us, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?” ³⁰Now there was a herd of many pigs feeding at a distance from them. ³¹And the demons begged Him, saying, “If You *are going to* cast us out, send us into the herd of pigs.” ³²And He said to them, “Go!” And they came out and went into the pigs; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea

8:11^aIs 49:12; 59:19 8:12^aMatt 13:38 ^bMatt 22:13
8:13^aMatt 9:22, 29 8:14^aMark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-41
8:16^aMatt 4:24 ^bMatt 4:23 8:17^aIs 53:4
8:18^aMark 4:35; Luke 8:22 8:19^aLuke 9:57-60
8:20^aDan 7:13; Matt 9:6 8:22^aMatt 9:9; Mark 2:14
8:23^aMark 4:36-41; Luke 8:22-25 8:25^aMatt 8:2; 9:18
8:26^aMatt 6:30; 14:31 8:28^aMark 5:1-17; Luke
8:26-37 8:29^aJudg 11:12; 2 Sam 16:10

8:11¹I.e., to dine

and drowned in the waters.³³ And the herdsmen ran away, and went to the city and reported everything, including what had happened to the ^ademon-possessed men.³⁴ And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, ^athey pleaded with Him to leave their region.

A PARALYZED MAN HEALED

9 Getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over *the Sea of Galilee* and came to ^aHis own city.

²^aAnd they brought to Him a paralyzed man lying on a stretcher. And seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man who was paralyzed, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.”³ And some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is ^ablaspheming!”⁴ And Jesus, ^aperceiving their thoughts, said, “Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? ⁶But so that you may know that ^athe Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—then He ^{*}said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, pick up your stretcher and go home.”⁷ And he got up and went home.⁸ But when the crowds saw *this*, they were awestruck, and they ^aglorified God, who had given such authority to men.

MATTHEW CALLED

⁹^aAs Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting in the tax collector’s office; and He ^{*}said to him, “Follow Me!” And he got up and followed Him.

¹⁰Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and *began* dining

with Jesus and His disciples.¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, “Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?”¹² But when Jesus heard *this*, He said, “*It is not ^athose who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.*”¹³ Now go and learn what this means: “*I DESIRE COMPASSION, RATHER THAN SACRIFICE,*” for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

THE QUESTION ABOUT FASTING

¹⁴Then the disciples of John ^{*}came to Him, asking, “Why do we and ^athe Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”¹⁵ And Jesus said to them, “The attendants of the groom cannot mourn as long as the groom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the groom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.¹⁶ But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.¹⁷ Nor do *people* put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”

MIRACLES OF HEALING

¹⁸^aWhile He was saying these things to them, behold, a *synagogue* official came and bowed down before Him, and said, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your

8:33^a Matt 4:24 8:34^a Amos 7:12; Acts 16:39
9:1^a Matt 4:13; Mark 5:21 9:2^a Mark 2:3-12; Luke 5:18-26 9:3^a Mark 3:28, 29 9:4^a Matt 12:25;
Luke 6:8 9:5^a Matt 9:2, 6; Mark 2:5, 9
9:6^a Matt 8:20; John 5:27 9:8^a Matt 5:16; 15:31
9:9^a Mark 2:14-22; Luke 5:27-38 9:11^a Matt 11:19;
Mark 2:16 9:12^a Mark 2:17; Luke 5:31 9:13^a Hos 6:6
9:14^a Luke 18:12 9:18^a Mark 5:22-43; Luke 8:41-56

