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THE OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS

THE CREATION

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness He called "night." And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

⁶Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷God made the expanse, and separated the waters that were below the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse; and it was so. ⁸God called the expanse "heaven." And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

⁹Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. ¹⁰And God called the dry land "earth," and the gathering of the waters He called "seas"; and God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit according to their kind with seed in them"; and it was so. ¹²The earth produced vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, according to their kind; and God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

¹⁴Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and they shall serve as signs and for seasons, and for days and years; ¹⁵and they shall serve as lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; *He made* the stars also. ¹⁷God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸and

to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

²⁰Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens." ²¹And God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind; and God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

²⁴Then God said, "Let the earth produce living creatures according to their kind: livestock and crawling things and animals of the earth according to their kind"; and it was so. ²⁵God made the animals of the earth according to their kind, and the livestock according to their kind, and everything that crawls on the ground according to its kind; and God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth." ²⁷So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; ³⁰and to every animal of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to everything that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given every green plant for food*"; and it was

so.³¹ And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 And so the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their heavenly 'lights.² By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

THE CREATION OF MAN AND WOMAN

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.⁵ Now no shrub of the field was yet on the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground.⁶ But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.⁷ Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living 'person.⁸ The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God caused every tree to grow that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers.¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.¹² The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there *as well*.¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush.¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and tend it.¹⁶ The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may freely eat;¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it you will certainly die."

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."¹⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.²⁰ The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every animal of the field, but for 'Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.²² And the LORD God 'fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.²³ Then the man said, "At last this is bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called 'woman,' Because she was taken out of man."

²⁴For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked, but they were not ashamed.

THE FALL OF MANKIND

3 Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'"² The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die!⁵ For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also gave *some* to her husband with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves waist coverings.

⁸Now they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." ¹¹And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me some of *the fruit of the tree*, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this *that* you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴Then the LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than
all the livestock,
And more than any animal of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And dust you shall eat
All the days of your life;
¹⁵ And I will make enemies
Of you and the woman,
And of your 'offspring
and her 'Descendant;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise Him on the heel."

¹⁶To the woman He said,
"I will greatly multiply
Your pain in childbirth,
In pain you shall deliver children;
Yet your desire will be for your husband,
And he shall rule over you."

¹⁷Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';

Cursed is the ground because of you;
With hard labor you shall eat *from* it
All the days of your life.

¹⁸ "Both thorns and thistles
it shall grow for you;
Yet you shall eat the plants of the field;

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
You shall eat bread,
Until you return to the ground,
Because from it you were taken;
For you are dust,
And to dust you shall return."

²⁰Now the man named his wife 'Eve, because she was the mother of all *the* living. ²¹And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

²²Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out with his hand, and take *fruit* also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—²³therefore the LORD God sent him out of the Garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴So He drove the man out; and at the east of the Garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

CAIN AND ABEL

4 Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have obtained a male *child with the help of the LORD*." ²And again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a cultivator of the ground. ³So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD from the fruit of the ground. ⁴Abel, on his part also brought *an offering*, from the firstborn of his flock and from their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering; ⁵but for Cain and his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his face was gloomy. ⁶Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why is your face gloomy? ⁷If you do well, will *your face* not be cheerful? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." ⁸Cain talked to his brother Abel; and it happened that when they were in the field Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰Then He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying out to Me from the ground. ¹¹Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you cultivate the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you; you will be a wanderer and a drifter on the earth." ¹³Cain

THE NEW TESTAMENT

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 'Judah 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 'her *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

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah was as follows: when His mother Mary had been 'betrothed 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 '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; and you shall name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." ²²Now all this took place so that what was spoken by the Lord through 'the prophet would be fulfilled: ²³"BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE 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 he named Him Jesus.

THE VISIT OF THE MAGI

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, 'magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ²"Where is He who has been born King 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, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by 'the prophet:

⁶ 'AND 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 the

1:2¹ Gr *Judas*; a name of a person in the Old Testament is given in its Old Testament form 1:6¹ I.e., Bathsheba

1:18¹ Unlike engagement, a betrothed couple was considered married, but did not yet live together 1:19¹ Or *divorce*

her 1:22¹ I.e., Isaiah 2:1¹ A caste of educated men specializing in astronomy, astrology, and natural science 2:5¹ I.e., Micah

star appeared. ⁸ And 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." ⁹ After 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*. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And after they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And after being warned by *God* in a dream not to return to Herod, *the magi* left for their own country by another way.

THE ESCAPE TO EGYPT

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

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

HEROD SLAUGHTERS BABIES

¹⁶ Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the 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. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A 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."

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord *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."

²¹ So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by *God* in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, ²³ and came and settled in a city called Nazareth. *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 in those days John the Baptist *came*, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said,

"THE VOICE OF ONE CALLING 'OUT
IN THE WILDERNESS,
'PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!'"

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

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees 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; ⁹ and 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. ¹⁰ And the axe 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, I baptize you *'with 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. ¹² His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He 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

¹³ Then Jesus *arrived* from Galilee at the Jordan, *coming* to John to be baptized by him.

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

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

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

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

'HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS ORDERS CONCERNING YOU';

and

'ON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL LIFT YOU UP, SO THAT YOU DO NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"

⁷ Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written: 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

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

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; ¹³ and leaving Nazareth, He came and

settled 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 "THE 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—

¹⁶ THE 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 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

THE FIRST DISCIPLES

¹⁸ Now 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 And He *said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. ²¹ Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the *son* of Zebedee, and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets; and He called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

MINISTRY IN GALILEE

²³ Jesus was going about in all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

²⁴ And the news about Him spread throughout Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and severe pain, demon-possessed, people with epilepsy, and people who were paralyzed; and He healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and *the* Decapolis, and Jerusalem, and Judea, and *from* beyond the Jordan.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT; THE BEATITUDES

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. ² And

He opened His mouth and *began* to teach them, saying,

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

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

⁵ “Blessed are the ‘gentle, for they will inherit the earth.

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

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

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

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

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

DISCIPLES AND THE WORLD

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, 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 the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor 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. ¹⁶ Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not presume that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke of a letter shall pass from the Law, until all is accomplished! ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever nullifies one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, shall be called least in 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 righteousness 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, ‘YOU SHALL NOT MURDER,’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be answerable to the court.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be answerable to the 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. ²³ Therefore, if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. ²⁵ Come 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. ²⁶ Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last ¹quadrans.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY’; ²⁸ but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ Now if 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. ³⁰ And if 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, ‘WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY IS TO GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE’; ³² but I say to you that everyone who divorces 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, ‘YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.’

5:5¹ Or *humble, meek* 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

³⁴ But I say to you, take no oath at all, neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, nor by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING. ³⁶ Nor shall you take an oath by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. ³⁷ But make sure your statement is, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil *origin*.

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'EYE FOR EYE, and TOOTH FOR TOOTH.' ³⁹ But I say to you, do not show opposition against an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other toward him also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your ¹tunic, let him have your ²cloak also. ⁴¹ Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴² Give 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, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may prove yourselves to be sons 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. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors, do they not do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers *and* sisters, what more are you doing *than* others? Even the Gentiles, do they not do the same? ⁴⁸ Therefore you 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, to 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 will be praised by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ³ But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your charitable giving will be in secret; and your 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 stand 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.

⁶ But as for you, when you pray, go 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.

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 many words. ⁸ So do not be like them; for your 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.
Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ 'Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² 'And forgive us our debts, as we
also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ 'And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.'

¹⁴ For if you forgive *other* people for their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive *other* people, then your Father will not forgive your offenses.

FASTING; THE TRUE TREASURE; WEALTH

¹⁶ "Now whenever 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. ¹⁷ But as for you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that your fasting will not be noticed by people but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

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

5:40¹ A long shirt worn next to the skin ²Or *outer garment* 5:13¹ Late mss add *For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body; so then, if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. ²³But if your 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“No 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 'wealth.

THE CURE FOR ANXIETY

²⁵“For 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?

²⁶Look 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 worrying can add a single day to his life's span? ²⁸And why are you worried about clothing? Notice how the lilies of the field grow; they do not labor nor do they spin *thread for cloth*, ²⁹yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *clothe* you? You of little faith! ³¹Do not worry then, saying, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear for clothing?' ³²For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.

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

JUDGING OTHERS

7“Do not judge, so that you will not be judged. ²For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. ³Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or 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? ⁵You 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“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or what person is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? ¹¹So if you, *despite* being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

¹²“In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this 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. ¹⁴For 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 false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? ¹⁷So every 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 by their fruits.

²¹“Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father 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; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

6:24¹Gr *mamonas*, for Aramaic *mamon* (mammon); i.e., wealth etc. personified as an object of worship

THE TWO FOUNDATIONS

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

28 When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; **29** for 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. **2** And a man with leprosy came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” **3** Jesus reached out with His hand and touched him, saying, “**I am willing; be cleansed.**” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. **4** And Jesus *said to him, “**See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.**”

THE CENTURION’S FAITH

5 And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, begging Him, **6** and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, terribly tormented.” **7** Jesus *said to him, “**I will come and heal him.**” **8** But 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. **9** For I also am a man under authority, 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*.” **10** Now 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 Israel.** **11** And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and *recline at the table* with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; **12** but the sons of the

kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” **13** And Jesus said to the centurion, “**Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed.**” And the servant was healed at that *very* moment.

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

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

DISCIPLESHIP TESTED

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

JESUS CALMS THE STORM

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

28 And when He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men confronted Him as they

8:2¹ i.e., leprosy or a serious, unspecified skin disease, and so throughout the ch; see Lev 13 8:11¹ i.e., to dine

