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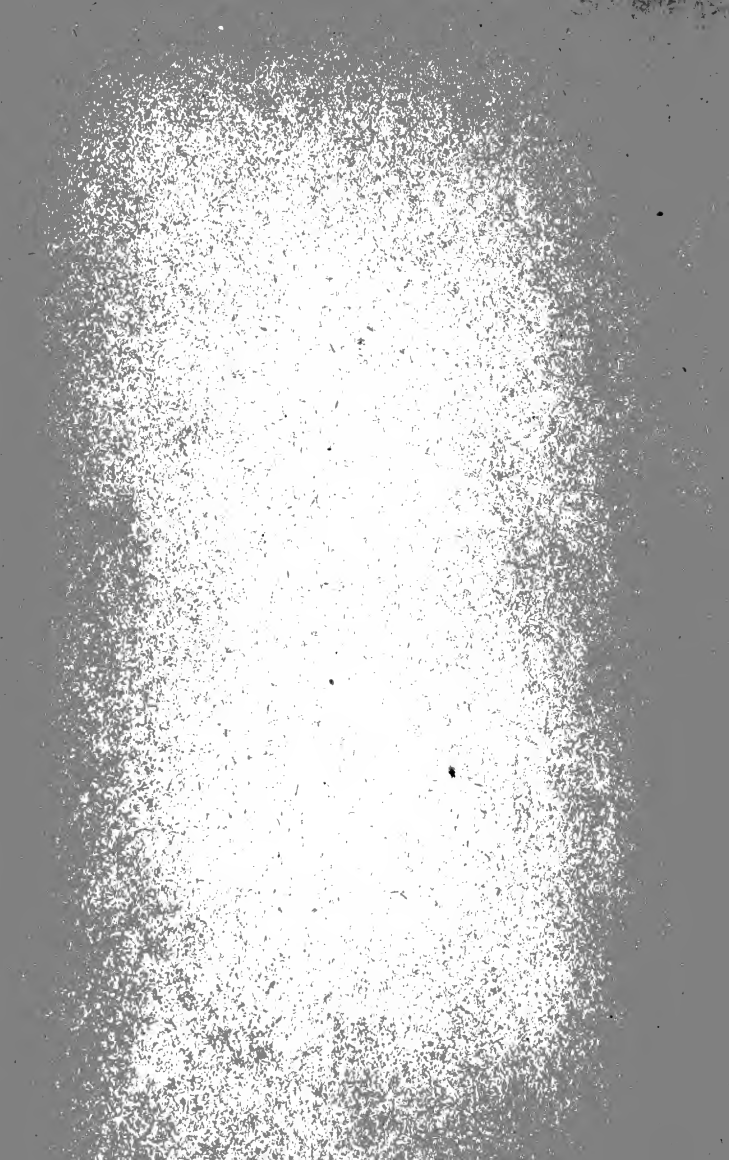
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THE critical labours of Griesbach, in examining the age and value of the manuscripts, and in settling the Greek Text of the New Testament, are too well known to need any remark. His text, in the edition dated Leipsic, 1805, is the standard to which most scholars appeal.

In rendering this into English, the translator has made use of such commentaries and helps as were within his reach, and he lays no claim to anything new or peculiar. He has made no change for changing's sake, being well aware of how much every new word grates upon the ear that is accustomed to the beautiful simplicity of the Authorised Version. His aim has been to give the meaning and idiom of the corrected Greek text as far as possible in the well-known words; and to lay before the English reader those fruits of the labours of our numerous biblical critics, which are already well known to the learned. *The Philology of the critics*, writes Matthew Henry in his Commentary, *hath been of much more advantage to religion, and lent more light to sacred truth than the philosophy of the school divines*. Some readers may perhaps wish that the changes had been fewer; but no translation while new, however few and necessary the changes, even if far more free from fault than the present, could ever make its way into general use, or get read by any but students; and the translator hopes that by such readers the loss of the old words will be forgiven for the chance of gaining a more faithful knowledge of the original.

8th March, 1840.

In this Seventh edition, as in each of the former, the translator has taken advantage of numerous friendly criticisms, and of further study, to correct faults which had before escaped him.

Highbury Place.

1 Jan., 1881.

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THE NEW COVENANT.

THE GOOD TIDINGS ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

1 **T**HE BOOK OF THE BIRTH of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham begat Isaac ;
and Isaac begat Jacob ;
and Jacob begat Judah and his brethren ;
3 and Judah begat Pharez and Zarah by his wife Thamar ;
and Pharez begat Esrom ;
and Esrom begat Aram ;
4 and Aram begat Aminadab ;
and Aminadab begat Naasson ;
and Naasson begat Salmon ;
5 and Salmon begat Booz by his wife Rachab ;
and Booz begat Obed by his wife Ruth ;
and Obed begat Jesse ;
6 and Jesse begat David the king ;
and David the king begat Solomon by the wife of Uriah ;
7 and Solomon begat Roboam ;
and Roboam begat Abia ;
and Abia begat Asa ;
8 and Asa begat Josaphat ;
and Josaphat begat Joram ;
and Joram begat Oziah ;
9 and Oziah begat Joatham ;
and Joatham begat Achaz ;
and Achaz begat Ezekiah ;
10 and Ezekiah begat Manasseh ;
and Manasseh begat Amon ;
and Amon begat Josiah ;
11 and Josiah begat Jechoniah and his brethren, at the
12 time of the carrying away to Babylon ; and after the
carrying away to Babylon,
Jechoniah begat Salathiel ;
and Salathiel begat Zorobabel ;
13 and Zorobabel begat Abiud ;
and Abiud begat Eliakim ;
and Eliakim begat Azor ;
14 and Azor begat Sadoc ;
and Sadoc begat Achim ;

and Achim begat Eliud ;
 and Eliud begat Eleazar ; 15
 and Eleazar begat Matthan ;
 and Matthan begat Jacob ;
 and Jacob begat Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom 16
 was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

Therefore all the generations from Abraham to David 17
 are fourteen generations ; and from David to the carry-
 ing away to Babylon are fourteen generations ; and from
 the carrying away to Babylon until the Christ are four-
 teen generations.

And the birth of Jesus Christ was thus. For when 18
 his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they
 came together, she was found with child of the Holy
 Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a just man, and 19
 not wishing to make her an example, was planning to
 put her away privately. But while he was thinking of 20
 these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to
 him in a dream, saying ; ‘ Joseph, son of David, fear not
 ‘ to take Mary thy wife ; for what is conceived in her is 21
 ‘ of the Holy Spirit ; and she will bring forth a son, and
 ‘ thou shalt call his name Jesus ; for he will save his 22
 ‘ people from their sins.’ Now all this was done so that
 it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord
 through the prophet, saying ; *Behold, the maiden will 23*
be with child, and will bring forth a son, and they will
call his name Emmanuel, which is, when interpreted,
God is with us. Then Joseph being raised from his sleep, 24
 did as the angel of the Lord bid him ; and took his wife,
 and knew her not till she brought forth her first-born 25
 son ; and he called his name Jesus.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in 1
 the days of Herod the king, behold, Magians [or wise
 men] from the east came to Jerusalem, saying ; ‘ Where 2
 ‘ is the new-born king of the Jews ? for we have seen his
 ‘ star in its rising, and are come to worship him.’ And 3
 when Herod the king heard, he was troubled, and all
 Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the 4
 high priests and scribes of the people, he asked of them,
 where the Christ should be born. And they said to him ; 5
 ‘ In Bethlehem of Judea ; for thus it is written through
 ‘ the prophet ; *And thou Bethlehem, land of Judah, art 6*

'not the least among the princes of Judah; for out of thee will come a ruler who will guide my people Israel.'

7 Then Herod, having privately called the Magians, learnt
8 of them the time of the star's appearing, and he sent them
to Bethlehem and said; 'Go, and search carefully about
9 'the child; and when ye have found, tell me, that I also
'may come and worship him.' And when they had
heard the king, they went; and behold, the star, which
they saw in its rising, went before them, till it came and
10 stood over where the child was. And when they saw
11 the star, they rejoiced with a very great joy. And
when they came into the house, they saw the child with
Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him;
and they opened their treasures, and laid before him
12 gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being
warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed
into their own country by another way.

13 And when they had departed, behold, an angel of the
Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying; 'Arise,
'and take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt,
'and be there until I tell thee; for Herod is about to
14 'seek the child to kill him.' And he arose, and took the
child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt.
15 And he was there until the death of Herod; so that it
might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through
the prophet, saying; *Out of Egypt I called my son.*

16 Then Herod, seeing that he was mocked by the Magians,
was very wroth; and he sent forth and slew all the
children in Bethlehem, and in all its neighbourhood, from
two years old and under, according to the time that he
17 had learnt from the Magians. Then was fulfilled what
18 was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying; *A voice
was heard in Rama, wailing and weeping and great
mourning; Rachael weeping for her children, and would
not be comforted because they are not.*

19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord
20 appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying; 'Arise,
'and take the child and his mother, and go into the land of
'Israel; for they who sought the child's life are dead.'
21 And he arose, and took the child and his mother, and
22 came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that
Archelaus was reigning over Judea, in the room of his

father Herod, he was afraid to go there; and being warned in a dream, he withdrew into the parts of Galilee. And he came, and dwelt in a city called Nazareth; so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets; *He will be called a Nazarite.* 23

NOW IN THOSE DAYS cometh John the Baptist, preaching in the desert of Judea, and saying; 'Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he that was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying; *A voice of one crying aloud in the desert, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.* And this John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his food was locusts, and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the country round the Jordan. And they were baptized by him in the Jordan, acknowledging their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them; 'O offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth, therefore, fruit worthy of repentance; and think not to say to yourselves, We have Abraham for a father; for I say to you, that God is able out of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now the axe is even laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that beareth not good fruit, is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you in holy spirit and fire. His fan is in his hand, and he will cleanse his floor, and gather his wheat into the granary, but will burn up the chaff with fire unquenchable.' 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. But John forbad him, saying; 'I have need to be baptized by thee; and comest thou to me?' And Jesus answering said to him; 'Suffer it now; for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he suffereth him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and behold the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and 13 14 15 16

17 coming upon him. And behold, a voice from heaven,
saying; 'This is my beloved son, in whom I am well
— 'pleased.'

1 Then Jesus was led up by the spirit into the desert
2 to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty
3 days and forty nights he was at last hungry. And the
4 tempter came to him, and said; 'If thou be a son of
5 'God, command that these stones be made loaves.' But
6 he answered and said; 'It is written; *Man shall not live*
7 *'by bread alone, but by every word that cometh out of the*
8 *'mouth of God.'* Then the devil taketh him into the
9 holy city, and setteth him on the battlement of the temple-
10 yard; and saith to him; 'If thou be a son of God, cast
11 'thyself down; for it is written; *He will give his angels*
12 *'charge of thee; and, They will bear thee upon their*
13 *'hands, lest thou strike thy foot against a stone.'* Jesus
14 said to him; 'Again it is written; *Thou shalt not try*
15 *'the Lord thy God.'* Again the devil taketh him on to a
16 very high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms
17 of the world, and their glory; and saith to him; 'All
18 'these will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship
19 'me.' Then saith Jesus to him; 'Get thee behind me,
20 'Satan; for it is written; *Thou shalt worship the Lord*
21 *'thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.'* Then the devil
leaveth him; and behold, angels came up and ministered
to him.

12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was delivered
13 up, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, he
14 came and dwelt in Capernaum by the lake, in the borders
15 of Zabulon and Nephthalim; so that it might be fulfilled
16 which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying;
17 *Land of Zabulon, and land of Nephthalim, by the way of*
18 *the lake beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; the*
19 *people sitting in darkness saw a great light, and to those*
20 *that sat in the region and shadow of death a light arose.*
From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say;
'Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

18 And walking by the lake of Galilee, he saw two brethren,
19 Simon called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net
20 into the lake; for they were fishers. And he saith to
them; 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'
21 And they straightway left their nets and followed him.

And going on thence he saw two other brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they straightway left the boat and their father, and followed him. 21
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And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Good Tidings of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness in the people. And his fame went into all Syria; and they brought to him all the sick people taken with divers diseases and torments, and demoniacs, and lunatics, and those with palsy; and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, and Decapolis, and Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan. 23
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And seeing the crowds, he went up the mountain; and as he sat, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed in the spirit
'are the poor; for their's is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are they that mourn; for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are *the meek*; for *they will inherit the earth.*
'Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful;
'for they will obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in
'heart; for they will see God. Blessed are the peace-
'makers; for they will be called sons of God. Blessed
'are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for
'their's is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when
'men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say every
'evil word against you falsely for my sake; rejoice and
'be glad, for great is your reward in heaven; for so per-
'secuted they the prophets that were before you. 1
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'Ye are the salt of the earth; and if the salt-stone have
'lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted; it is thence-
'forth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be
'trodden on by men. Ye are the light of the world. A
'city set on a hill cannot be hid; neither do men light a
'lamp and put it under the bushel, but on the lamp-
'stand; and it shineth to all that are in the house; so
'let your light shine before men, that they may see your
'good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. 13
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'Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the
'prophets; I am not come to destroy but to fulfil. For 17
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‘verily I say to you, till the heavens and the earth pass
‘away, not one Iōta [or letter I] or one tip of a letter
‘shall pass away from the Law, till all things come to pass.
19 ‘Whoever therefore shall break one of these least com-
‘mands, and shall teach men so, he will be called least in
‘the kingdom of heaven ; but whoever shall do and teach
‘them, he will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
20 ‘For I say to you, that unless your righteousness shall
‘exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, ye will not en-
‘ter into the kingdom of heaven.
21 ‘Ye have heard that it was said to them of old ; *Thou*
‘*shalt not kill ; and whoever shall kill, will be deserving of*
22 ‘*the judgment.* But I say to you, that every one that is
‘angry with his brother without a cause, will be liable to
‘the judgment ; and whoever shall say to his brother, Raca
‘[or Fool], will be liable to the high council ; and whoever
‘shall say, Moreh [or Apostate], will be liable to the
23 ‘Gehenna of fire. If therefore thou bring thy gift to the
‘altar, and there remember that thy brother hath aught
24 ‘against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy
‘way ; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come
25 ‘and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly,
‘whilst thou art on the way with him ; lest the adversary
‘deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the
26 ‘officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say to thee,
‘thou wilt not come out thence till thou hast paid the last
27 ‘farthing. Ye have heard that it was said ; *Thou shalt not*
28 ‘*commit adultery ;* but I say to you, that every man, that
‘looketh at a woman to lust after her, hath already com-
29 ‘mitted adultery with her in his heart. And if thy right
‘eye maketh thee to sin, pluck it out, and cast it from thee ;
‘for it is better for thee that one of thy limbs should
‘perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into
30 ‘Gehenna. And if thy right hand maketh thee to sin, cut it
‘off, and cast it from thee ; for it is better for thee that one
‘of thy limbs should perish, and not that thy whole body
31 ‘should be cast into Gehenna. And it was said ; *Whoever*
‘*shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of*
32 ‘*divorcement ;* but I say to you, whoever shall put away
‘his wife, unless for the reason of fornication, causeth her
‘to commit adultery ; and whoever shall marry her that
33 ‘hath been put away, committeth adultery. Again, ye

'have heard that it was said to them of old ; *Thou shalt*
 '*not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine*
 '*oaths* ; but I say to you, swear not at all ; neither by 34
 'heaven, for *it is God's throne* ; nor by the earth, for *it is* 35
 '*a footstool for his feet* ; nor by Jerusalem, for *it is the*
 '*great King's city*. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, 36
 'for thou canst not make one hair white or black. But 37
 'let your word be, when yea, Yea ; when nay, Nay ; for
 'what is more than these cometh of evil. Ye have heard 38
 'that it was said ; *An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a*
 '*tooth* ; but I say to you, resist not evil ; but whoever 39
 'shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other 40
 'also ; and let him that wisheth to have judgment against
 'thee, and to take thine under-coat, let him have thy 41
 'cloak also ; and whoever shall force thee to go in his 42
 'service one mile, go with him twain. Give to him that
 'asketh thee, and him that would borrow of thee turn not
 'thou away. Ye have heard that it was said ; *Thou* 43
 '*shalt love thy neighbour and hate thine enemy* ; but 44
 'I say to you, love your enemies ; bless them that curse
 'you ; do good to them that hate you ; and pray for them 45
 'that reproach you and persecute you ; so that ye may be
 'sons of your Father that is in heaven ; for he maketh his
 'sun to rise on the wicked and on the good, and sendeth
 'rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For 46
 'if ye should love them that love you, what reward have
 'ye ? Do not even the tax-gatherers the same ? And if ye 47
 'should salute your brethren only, what great thing do ye ?
 'Do not even the Heathen so ? Be ye therefore perfect, 48
 'as your Father that is in heaven is perfect.

'Take heed that ye do not your acts of righteousness 1
 'before men to be seen by them ; otherwise ye have no re- 2
 'ward with your Father that is in heaven. Therefore,
 'when thou givest alms, do not sound a trumpet before
 'thee as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the
 'streets, that they may be honoured by men. Verily I 3
 'say to you, they have their reward. But when thou
 'givest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right 4
 'hand doeth ; so that thine alms may be in secret ; and
 'thy Father who seeth in secret will himself reward thee 5
 'openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as
 'the hypocrites ; for they love to pray standing in the

‘synagogues and in the corners of the open squares, that
‘they may be seen by men. Verily I say to you, they have
6 ‘their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into
‘thy closet, and after shutting thy door, pray to thy Father
‘that is in secret; and thy Father who seeth in secret will
7 ‘reward thee openly. And when ye pray, babble not as the
‘Heathen do; for they think that in their much speaking
8 ‘they will be heard. Be ye not therefore like them; for
‘your Father knoweth what things ye have need of
9 ‘before ye ask him. Thus, therefore, pray ye; Our
10 ‘Father that art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy
‘kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in
11 12 ‘heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive
13 ‘us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not
14 ‘into temptation, but deliver us from evil.—For if ye for-
‘give men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also
15 ‘forgive you; and if ye forgive not men their trespasses,
16 ‘neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And
‘when ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad face; for
‘they disfigure their faces that they may appear unto men
‘to fast. Verily I say to you, they have their reward.
17 ‘But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash
18 ‘thy face; so that thou appear not unto men to fast, but
‘unto thy Father that is in secret; and thy Father who
‘seeth in secret will reward thee.

19 ‘Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where
‘moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break through
20 ‘and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
‘where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves
21 ‘break not through nor steal. For where your treasure is,
22 ‘there will your heart be also. The lamp of the body is the
‘eye; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body will
23 ‘be in the light; but if thine eye be evil, thy whole body
‘will be in darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee
24 ‘be darkness, how great will be the darkness! No one
‘can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one
‘and love the other; or he will hold to the one and des-
‘pise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.
25 ‘Therefore I say to you, be not over careful for your life,
‘what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your
‘body, what ye shall put on. Is not life more than food,
26 ‘and the body than raiment? Look at the fowls of

'the air, they sow not, nor reap, nor gather into barns ;
 'and your heavenly Father feedeth them ; are ye not bet-
 'ter than they ? Which of you by being over careful can
 'add one cubit to his stature ? And why are ye over care-
 'ful for raiment ? Consider the lilies of the field how
 'they grow ; they toil not, nor spin ; and I say to you,
 'that not Solomon, in all his glory was arrayed like one
 'of these. If then God so clothe the grass of the field,
 'which to day is, and to-morrow is cast into a furnace,
 'will he not much more clothe you, ye of little faith ?
 'Therefore be not over careful, saying, What shall we eat ?
 'or, What shall we drink ? or, What shall we put on ?
 'For after all these things the Gentiles seek ; for your
 'heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these.
 'But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteous-
 'ness ; and all these things will be added to you. There-
 'fore be not over careful for the morrow ; for the morrow
 'will be over careful for the things of itself. Enough for
 'the day is the evil thereof.

'Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what
 'judgment ye judge, ye will be judged ; and with what
 'measure ye measure, it will be measured to you. And why
 'seest thou the chaff that is in thy brother's eye, but per-
 'ceivest not the splinter that is in thine own eye ? Or how
 'wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me take the chaff out
 'of thine eye ; and behold, the splinter is in thine own
 'eye ? Thou hypocrite, first take the splinter out of thine
 'own eye, and then thou wilt see clearly to take the chaff
 'out of thy brother's eye. Give not what is holy to the
 'dogs, neither cast your pearls before swine ; lest they
 'trample them under their feet, and turn and rend you.
 'Ask, and it will be given to you ; seek, and ye will find ;
 'knock, and it will be opened to you ; for every one that
 'asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to
 'him that knocketh it will be opened. Or what man is
 'there of you, who, if his son ask for bread, will give him
 'a stone ? and if he ask for a fish, will he give him a ser-
 'pent ? If then ye, being evil, know how to give good
 'gifts to your children, how much more will your Father
 'that is in heaven give good things to them that ask
 'him ! Therefore all things whatever ye wish that men
 'should do to you, do ye even so to them ; for this is the

13 'law and the prophets. Enter ye through the small gate;
'for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth
'to destruction, and many there are that enter through it.
14 'How small is the gate and narrow is the way that lead-
15 'eth to life! and few there are that find it. Beware of
'false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but
16 'inwardly are ravening wolves. By their fruits ye will
'know them. Do men gather grapes from thorns? or
17 'figs from thistles? So every good tree beareth good
18 'fruit; and the bad tree beareth evil fruit. A good tree
'cannot bear evil fruit, nor a bad tree bear good fruit.
19 'Every tree not bearing good fruit is hewn down and
20 'cast into the fire. Therefore by their fruits ye will
21 'know them. Not every one that saith to me; Lord,
'Lord, will enter into the kingdom of heaven; but
'he that doeth the will of my Father that is in
22 'heaven. Many will say to me in that day; Lord,
'Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in
'thy name cast out demons? and in thy name done
23 'many wonders? And then I will profess to them, I
'never knew you; depart from me, ye that work un-
'righteousness.

24 'Therefore every one that heareth these my words, and
'doeth them, I will liken him to a wise man, who built
25 'his house upon the rock. And the rain fell, and the
'floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that
'house; and it fell not, for it was founded on the rock.
26 'And every one that heareth these my words, and doeth
'them not, shall be likened to a foolish man, who built
27 'his house upon the sand. And the rain fell, and the
'floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that
28 'house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it.' And
it came to pass, when Jesus ended these words, the
29 crowds were astonished at his teaching; for he taught
— them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

1 And when he was come down from the mountain great
2 crowds followed him. And behold, a leper came and
worshipped him, saying; 'Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst
3 'make me clean.' And Jesus put forth his hand and
touched him, saying; 'I will, be thou cleansed.' And
4 straightway his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith
to him; 'See that thou tell no one; but go thy way, shew

‘thyself to the priest, and take the gift which Moses commanded for a witness unto them.’

And when he was entered into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, beseeching him, and saying; ‘Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.’ And Jesus saith to him; ‘I will come and heal him.’ And the centurion answered and said; ‘Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof; but only command by word, and my servant will be healed. For I am myself a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my slave, Do this, and he doeth it.’ And when Jesus heard, he marvelled, and said to them that followed; ‘Verily I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel. And I say to you, that many will come from the east and from the west, and will lie down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven; but the children of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.’ And Jesus said to the centurion; ‘Go thy way, and be it done to thee as thou hast believed.’ And his servant was healed in that very hour.

And when Jesus was come into Peter’s house, he saw his wife’s mother lying, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose and ministered to them. And when it was evening, they brought to him many demoniacs; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all the sick; so that it might be fulfilled that was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying; *He himself took our weaknesses, and bare our sicknesses.*

And when Jesus saw great crowds about him, he gave command to go to the other side. And a certain scribe came and said to him; ‘Teacher, I will follow thee wherever thou goest.’ And Jesus saith to him; ‘The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.’ And another of his disciples said to him; ‘Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.’ But Jesus said to him; ‘Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.’ And when he was entered into the boat, his disciples

24 followed him. And behold, there arose a great tempest
in the lake, so that the boat was being covered with the
25 waves ; and he was asleep. And the disciples came and
26 awoke him, saying ; ‘ Lord, save us, we perish.’ And he
saith to them ; ‘ Why are ye fearful, ye of little faith ?’
Then he arose and rebuked the winds and the sea ; and
27 there was a great calm. And the men marvelled, saying ;
‘ What is this man, that even the winds and the sea
‘ obey him ?’

28 And when he was come to the other side into the
country of the Gergesenes, there met him two demoniacs,
coming out of the tombs, very fierce, so that no one could
29 pass by that road. And behold, they cried out, saying ;
‘ What have we to do with thee, thou son of God ? art
30 ‘ thou come here to torment us before the time ?’ And
there was a good way off from them a herd of many swine
feeding. And the demons besought him, saying ; ‘ If
31 thou cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.’ And
32 he said to them ; ‘ Go.’ And when they were come
out, they went into the swine. And behold, the whole
herd rushed down the cliff into the lake, and perished in
33 the waters. And they that fed them fled, and went into
the city, and told every thing, and about the demoniacs.
24 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus ; and
when they saw him, they besought him that he would
— depart from their neighbourhood.

1 And he entered into the boat, and crossed over, and
2 came into his own city. And behold, they brought to
him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed. And Jesus
seeing their faith, said to the palsied man ; ‘ Child, be of
3 ‘ good cheer ; thy sins are forgiven thee.’ And behold,
some of the scribes said within themselves ; ‘ This man
4 ‘ blasphemeth.’ And Jesus, seeing their thoughts, said ;
5 ‘ Why think ye evil in your hearts ? For which is easier ;
‘ to say ; Thy sins are forgiven ; or to say ; Arise and
6 ‘ walk ? But that ye may know that the Son of man
‘ hath power on earth to forgive sins ;’ then he saith to the
palsied man ; ‘ Arise, take thy bed, and go into thy
7 8 ‘ house.’ And he arose, and went into his house. And
the crowds that saw it marvelled, and gave glory to God,
who had given such power to men.

9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man,

named Matthew, sitting at the tax-office ; and he saith to him ; ‘ Follow me.’ And he arose and followed him. And it came to pass, as he lay at meat in the house, behold, many tax-gatherers and sinners came and lay down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw, they said to his disciples ; ‘ Why eateth your teacher with the tax-gatherers and sinners ?’ But when Jesus heard, he said to them ; ‘ They that are strong need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what this is ; *I wish for mercy and not for sacrifice* ; for I am not come to call righteous men, but sinners.’

Then came to him John’s disciples, saying ; ‘ Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but thy disciples fast not ?’ And Jesus said to them ; ‘ Can the children of the bride-chamber mourn, while the bridegroom is with them ? But days will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and then they will fast. No one putteth a patch of new cloth on an old cloak ; for it taketh its wholeness from the cloak, and the rent becometh worse. Neither do they put new wine into old skins ; else the skins burst and the wine runneth out, and the skins perish. But they put new wine into new skins, and both are saved.’

While he was speaking these things to them, behold, a certain ruler came and worshipped him, saying ; ‘ My daughter is even now dead ; but come and lay thy hand on her, and she will live.’ And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. And behold, a woman who had had an issue of blood for twelve years came behind him, and touched the hem of his cloak ; for she said within herself ; ‘ If I do but touch his cloak, I shall be healed.’ But Jesus turned, and seeing her, said, ‘ Daughter, be of good cheer ; thy faith hath healed thee.’ And the woman was healed from that hour. And when Jesus came into the ruler’s house, and saw the pipers and the crowd making a noise, he saith to them ; ‘ Leave the place ; for the maiden is not dead, but sleepeth.’ And they laughed at him. But when the crowd was put out, he went in, and took her hand ; and the maiden arose. And the fame thereof went abroad into all that land.

And as Jesus went thence, two blind men followed him, crying out, and saying ; ‘ Have pity on us, thou son

28 'of David.' And when he came into the house, the
blind men came to him ; and Jesus saith to them ; ' Do ye
' believe that I am able to do this ? ' They say to him ;
29 ' Yea, Lord.' Then he touched their eyes, saying ; ' Ac-
30 ' cording to your faith, be it done unto you.' And their
eyes were opened. And Jesus charged them, saying,
31 ' See that no one know it.' But they went out and spread
abroad his fame in all that land.

32 And as they went out, behold, they brought to him a
33 dumb man, a demoniac. And when the demon was cast
out, the dumb man spake. And the crowds marvelled,
34 saying ; ' It was never so seen in Israel.' And the Pha-
risees said ; ' He casteth out the demons by the prince of
' the demons.'

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teach-
ing in their synagogues, and preaching the good tidings
of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every
36 disease. And when he saw the crowds he was moved
with pity for them, because they were weary and cast
37 down, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he to
his disciples ; ' The harvest indeed is great, but the
38 ' labourers are few ; pray ye therefore the Lord of the
— ' harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.'

1 And when he had called his twelve disciples, he gave
them power over unclean spirits, so as to cast them out,
2 and to heal every sickness and every disease. Now the
names of the twelve apostles are these ; first Simon called
3 Peter, and Andrew his brother ; James the son of Zebedee,
and John his brother ; Philip and Bartholomew ; Thomas,
4 and Matthew the tax-gatherer ; James the son of Al-
phæus, and Lebbaeus surnamed Thaddæus ; Simon the
Canaanite, and Judas the Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

5 Jesus sent forth these twelve, and commanded them,
saying ; ' Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and enter
6 ' no city of the Samaritans ; but go rather to the lost sheep
7 ' of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying,
8 ' The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise
' the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out the demons ; ye
' have received without payment, give without payment.
9 ' Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor copper, in your purses ;
10 ' not a scrip for the journey, nor two under-coats, nor
' shoes, nor a staff ; for the workman is worthy of his food.

‘And into whatever city or village ye enter, ask who in
 ‘it is worthy ; and there abide till ye go thence. And
 ‘when ye come into the house, salute it. And if the
 ‘house be worthy, let your peace come upon it ; but if it
 ‘be not worthy, let your peace return to you. And
 ‘whoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, as
 ‘ye go out of that house or city, shake off the dust from
 ‘your feet. Verily I say to you, it will be more toler-
 ‘able for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of
 ‘judgment than for that city.

‘Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of
 ‘wolves ; be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless
 ‘as doves. And beware of men ; for they will deliver you
 ‘up to high councils, and will scourge you in their syna-
 ‘gogues ; and ye will be brought before governors and
 ‘kings for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the
 ‘Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, be not over
 ‘careful how or what ye shall say ; for what ye shall say
 ‘will be given to you in that hour. For it is not ye that
 ‘speak, but the spirit of your Father that speaketh in you.
 ‘And brother will deliver up brother to death, and father
 ‘his child ; and children will rise up against parents, and
 ‘cause them to be put to death. And ye will be hated by
 ‘all for my name ; but he that endureth to the end will
 ‘be saved. When they persecute you in this city, flee into
 ‘the other ; and if they persecute you out of this, flee into
 ‘the other ; for verily I say to you, ye will not have gone
 ‘over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

‘The disciple is not above the teacher, nor the slave
 ‘above his lord ; it is enough for the disciple that he be
 ‘as his teacher, and the slave as his lord. If they have
 ‘called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much
 ‘more his household ! Therefore fear them not ; for
 ‘there is nothing covered which will not be uncovered,
 ‘and hid which will not be known. What I tell you in
 ‘the dark, speak ye in the light ; and what ye hear in the
 ‘ear, preach ye upon the house tops. And fear not them
 ‘that kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul ; but
 ‘rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and
 ‘body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for an
 ‘Assarion [or farthing] ? and not one of them shall fall to
 ‘the ground without your Father. And even the hairs

21 ' of your head are all numbered. Therefore fear not ;
 32 ' for ye are worth more than many sparrows. Whoever
 ' therefore shall acknowledge me before men, him will I
 ' also acknowledge before my Father that is in heaven.
 33 ' But whoever shall deny me before men, him will I also
 ' deny before my Father that is in heaven.

34 ' Think not that I am come to send peace unto the earth ;
 35 ' I came not to send peace, but the sword. For I came
 ' to set *man against his father, and daughter against her*
 ' *mother, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.*
 36 37 ' *And a man's foes will be his own household.* He that
 ' loveth father or mother above me is not worthy of me ;
 ' and he that loveth son or daughter above me, is not
 38 ' worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and
 39 ' followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that find-
 ' eth his life will lose it ; and he that loseth his life for my
 40 ' sake will find it. He that receiveth you receiveth me ;
 ' and he that receiveth me receiveth Him that sent me.
 41 ' He that receiveth a prophet by the name of a prophet
 ' will receive a prophet's reward ; and he that receiveth
 ' a righteous man by the name of a righteous man, will
 42 ' receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever shall
 ' give to drink to one of these little ones a cup of cold
 — ' water only, by the name of a disciple, verily I say to
 1 ' you, he will not lose his reward.' And it came to pass,
 when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve
 disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in
 their cities.

2 And when John heard in prison of the works of the
 3 Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said to him ; ' Art
 ' thou he that is to come, or are we to look for another ?'
 4 And Jesus answered and said to them ; ' Go and tell
 5 ' John what things ye hear and see ; the blind receive
 ' sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and
 ' the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor
 6 ' have good tidings preached to them ; and blessed is he
 ' who shall not stumble at me.'

7 And when these were gone, Jesus began to say to the
 crowds concerning John ; ' What went ye out into the
 8 ' desert for to see ? a reed shaken by the wind ? But what
 ' went ye out for to see ? a man clothed in soft raiment ?
 ' Behold, they that wear soft raiment are in kings' houses.

'But what went ye out for to see? a prophet? Yea, I 9
 'say to you, and a greater than a prophet; for this is he 10
 'of whom it is written; *Behold, I send my messenger*
 '*before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.*
 'Verily I say to you, among those that are born of 11
 'women, there hath not risen a greater than John the
 'Baptist; but the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater
 'than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until 12
 'now, the kingdom of heaven is forced, and the violent
 'seize it. For all the prophets and the law prophesied 13
 'until John. And if ye will receive it, he is Elijah who was 14
 'to come. He that hath ears to hear let him hear. But 15 16
 'unto what shall I liken this generation? It is like
 'children sitting in the markets, and calling to their com-
 'panions, and saying; We have piped to you, and ye have 17
 'not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not
 'lamented.' For John came neither eating nor drinking; 18
 and they say; He hath a demon. The Son of man came 19
 eating and drinking; and they say; Behold a glutton
 and a wine-bibber, a friend of tax-gatherers and sinners.
 And Wisdom was justified of her children.

Then he began to upbraid the cities in which most of 20
 his mighty works were done, because they repented not;
 'Alas for thee, Chorazin! alas for thee, Bethsaida! for 21
 'if the mighty works which have been done in you had
 'been done in Tyre and in Sidon, they had long ago re-
 'pented in sackcloth and ashes. Moreover I say to you, 22
 'it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day
 'of judgment than for you. And thou, Capernaum, 23
 'that hast been raised up to heaven, wilt be thrust down
 'to hell; for if the mighty works that have been done in
 'thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained
 'until this day. Moreover I say to you, that it will be 24
 'more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of
 'judgment than for thee.'

At that time Jesus spake and said; 'I thank thee, 25
 'O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast
 'hid these things from the wise and prudent, and yet
 'hast revealed them to babes. Yea, Father, for thus it 26
 'was well pleasing in thy sight. All things are delivered 27
 'to me by my Father; and no one knoweth the son, but
 'the Father; nor doth any one know the Father, but the

‘son, and he to whom the son wisheth to reveal him.
23 ‘Come to me all ye that labour and are burdened, and I
29 ‘will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn
‘of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye will
30 ‘find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my
— ‘burden light.’

1 At that time Jesus went on the sabbath through the
corn fields; and his disciples were hungry, and began to
2 pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. And the Pharisees
seeing, said to him; ‘Behold, thy disciples are doing
3 ‘what is not lawful to do on a sabbath.’ But he said to
them; ‘Have ye not read what David did when he was
4 ‘hungry, and they that were with him; how he entered
‘into the house of God, and ate the bread of the offering
‘which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for them that
5 ‘were with him, but for the priests alone? Or have ye
‘not read in the law, that on the sabbath the priests in
6 ‘the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? And
‘I say to you, that one greater than the temple is here.
7 ‘But if ye had known what this is; *I wish for mercy, and*
‘*not for sacrifice*, ye would not have condemned the
8 ‘blameless. For the Son of man is lord of the sabbath.’

9 And when he had gone thence he went into their
10 synagogue; and behold, there was a man that had a
withered hand. And they questioned him, saying; ‘Is
‘it lawful to heal on the sabbath?’ that they might
11 accuse him. And he said to them; ‘What man shall
‘there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it
‘fall into a pit on the sabbath, will he not lay hold of it
12 ‘and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a
13 ‘sheep! So it is lawful to do right on the sabbath.’ Then
saith he to the man; ‘Stretch out thy hand.’ And he
stretched it out; and it was restored whole like the other.

14 And the Pharisees went out and took counsel against
15 him, how they should destroy him. But Jesus knowing
it, withdrew from thence; and great crowds followed
16 him; and he healed them all, and charged them that
17 they should not make him known; so that it might be
fulfilled that was spoken through the prophet Isaiah,
18 saying; *Behold, my servant, whom I have chosen, my*
beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased; I will put my
spirit on him, and he shall proclaim judgment to the Gen-

tiles. He will not strive nor cry out, nor will any one hear his voice in the open squares ; a bruised reed will he not break, and smoking flax will he not quench ; till he hath sent forth judgment unto victory. And in his name will the Gentiles hope.

Then was brought to him a demoniac, blind and dumb ; and he healed him, so that the blind and dumb man both spake and saw. And all the crowds were amazed, and said, 'Is this the son of David?' And when the Pharisees heard it, they said ; 'This man doth not cast out the demons, unless by Beelzebub the prince of the demons.' And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them ; 'Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand ; and if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself ; how then will his kingdom stand ? And if I by Beelzebub cast out the demons, by whom do your children cast them out ; therefore they shall be your judges. But if I by the spirit of God cast out demons, then the kingdom of God is come upon you. Or how can any one enter into the Strong One's house, and plunder his goods, unless he first bind the Strong One ? and then he will plunder his house.'

'He that is not with me is against me ; and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth. Therefore I say to you, that all sin and blasphemy will be forgiven to men ; but the blasphemy of the spirit will not be forgiven to men. And whoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it will be forgiven him ; but whoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, neither in this age, nor in that to come. Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad ; for the tree is known by the fruit. O offspring of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things ? for out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaketh. The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things ; and the evil man out of his evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. And I say to you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof on the day of judgment. For by thy words thou wilt be justified, and by thy words thou wilt be condemned.'

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, say-
39 ing; 'Teacher, we wish to see a sign from thee.' And
he answered and said to them; 'An evil and adulterous
' generation seeketh a sign; and no sign will be given to
40 ' it, but the sign of Jonah the prophet. For as Jonah
' was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so
' will the Son of man be three days and three nights in
41 ' the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise
' up at the judgment with this generation, and will con-
' demn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah;
42 ' and behold something greater than Jonah is here. The
' queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with
' this generation, and will condemn it; for she came from
' the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon;
' and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.'

43 'And when the unclean spirit is gone out of the man,
' it walketh through places where there is no water,
44 ' seeking rest and findeth it not. Then it saith, I will
' return into my house, from whence I came out. And
' when it is come, it findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.
45 ' Then it goeth and taketh with itself seven other spirits
' more wicked than itself, and they enter and dwell there;
' and the last state of that man becometh worse than the
' first. And thus will it be with this wicked generation.'

46 And while he was yet talking to the crowds, behold,
his mother and his brethren stood without, seeking to
47 speak to him. Then one said to him; 'Behold, thy
' mother and thy brethren are standing without, seeking
48 ' to speak to thee.' And he answered and said to him
that told him; 'Who is my mother? and who are my
49 ' brethren?' And stretching forth his hand towards his
disciples, he said; 'Behold my mother and my brethren.
50 ' For whosoever shall do the will of my Father that is in
— ' heaven, he is my brother and sister and mother.'

1 On that day Jesus came out of the house and sat by
2 the lake. And great crowds were gathered round him,
so that he went into the boat, and sat down; and all
3 the crowd stood on the shore. And he spake to them
many things in parables, saying; 'Behold, the sower
4 ' went forth to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell
' by the road side, and the birds came and ate them up.
5 ' And others fell upon stony places, where they had not

‘much earth ; and forthwith they sprung up, through not
 ‘having a depth of earth. And when the sun rose, they 6
 ‘were scorched ; and through not having a root they
 ‘withered away. And others fell among thorns ; and the 7
 ‘thorns came up and choked them. And others fell upon 8
 ‘good ground, and bore fruit ; one a hundredfold, one sixty,
 ‘and one thirty. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.’ 9

And the disciples came, and said to him ; ‘Why 10
 ‘speakest thou to them in parables?’ And he 11
 answered and said to them ; ‘Unto you it is given to
 ‘know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven ; but to
 ‘them it is not given. For whoever hath, to him will be 12
 ‘given, and he will have abundance ; but whoever hath
 ‘not, from him will be taken even what he hath. There- 13
 ‘fore I speak to them in parables ; because seeing they
 ‘see not, and hearing they hear not, and understand not.
 ‘And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which 14
 ‘saith ; *By hearing ye will hear, and will not understand ;*
 ‘*and seeing ye will see, and will not perceive. For this* 15
 ‘*people’s heart is hardened, and with their ears they hardly*
 ‘*hear, and their eyes they have closed ; lest they should see*
 ‘*with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand*
 ‘*with their heart, and should turn, and I should heal them.*
 ‘But blessed are your eyes, for they see ; and your ears, 16
 ‘for they hear. For verily I say to you, that many 17
 ‘prophets and righteous men wished to see what ye see,
 ‘and did not see ; and to hear what ye hear, and did not
 ‘hear.

‘Do ye therefore hear the parable of the sower. When 18 19
 ‘any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and
 ‘understandeth it not, the Wicked one cometh, and
 ‘snatcheth away what was sown in his heart. He is
 ‘what was sown by the road side. But that which was 20
 ‘sown upon the stony places, is he that heareth the word
 ‘and anon with joy receiveth it ; but he hath not root in 21
 ‘himself, and is not lasting ; and when tribulation or
 ‘persecution cometh because of the word, straightway he
 ‘stumbleth. And that which was sown among the thorns, 22
 ‘is he that heareth the word ; and the cares of this age,
 ‘and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and it
 ‘becometh unfruitful. And that which was sown on the 23
 ‘good ground, is he that heareth and understandeth the

‘word ; who also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, one a hundredfold, and one sixty, and one thirty.’

24 Another parable he put before them, saying ; ‘The king-
25 ‘dom of heaven hath been likened to a man sowing good
26 ‘seed in his field ; and as the men slept, his enemy came
27 ‘and sowed weeds among the wheat and went his way.
28 ‘But when the blade was sprung up, and bore fruit, then
29 ‘were seen the weeds also. And the slaves of the house-
30 ‘holder came and said to him ; Lord, didst thou not sow
31 ‘good seed in thy field ? From whence then hath it weeds ?
32 ‘And he said to them ; An enemy hath done this.
33 ‘And the slaves said to him ; Dost thou wish then
34 ‘that we should go and gather them up ? And he said ;
35 ‘No, lest while ye gather up the weeds, ye should root up
36 ‘the wheat with them. Leave them both to grow up
37 ‘together until the harvest ; and at harvest time I will
38 ‘say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the weeds,
39 ‘and bind them in bundles for burning, but gather the
40 ‘wheat into my barn.’

31 Another parable he put before them, saying ; ‘The
32 ‘kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard, which a
33 ‘man took, and sowed in his field ; which indeed is the
34 ‘least of all seeds, but when it is grown, is the greatest
35 ‘among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of
36 ‘the air come and lodge in its branches.’

33 Another parable spake he to them ; ‘The kingdom
34 ‘of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took, and hid
35 ‘in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.’
36 All these things spake Jesus to the crowds in parables,
37 and without a parable he spake not to them ; so that
38 it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the pro-
39 phet, saying ; *I will open my mouth in parables, I will
40 utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.*

36 Then Jesus sent the crowds away, and went into the
37 house ; and his disciples came to him, saying ; ‘Tell
38 ‘us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ And he
39 answered and said to them ; ‘He that soweth the
40 ‘good seed is the Son of man ; the field is the world ; and
‘the good seed are the children of the kingdom ; and the
‘weeds are the children of wickedness ; the enemy that
‘sowed them is the devil ; the harvest is the end of the
‘age ; and the reapers are angels. As therefore the weeds

‘are gathered together and burned in the fire; so will it
 ‘be in the end of this age. The Son of man will send
 ‘forth his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom
 ‘all causes of sin, and those who do unrighteousness; and
 ‘they will cast them into the furnace of fire, where there
 ‘will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. Then will
 ‘the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of
 ‘their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hid in
 ‘the field; which when a man found, he covered up, and
 ‘for joy thereof goeth his way, and selleth all that he hath
 ‘and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is
 ‘like a merchant seeking goodly pearls; and when he found
 ‘one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had,
 ‘and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a
 ‘net cast into the sea, and gathering up of every kind;
 ‘which, when it was full, they drew to the shore; and
 ‘sitting down gathered the good into vessels and cast
 ‘away the bad. So will it be at the end of the age.
 ‘The angels will come forth, and sever the wicked from
 ‘among the just, and will cast them into the furnace of
 ‘fire; there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.’
 Jesus saith to them; ‘Have ye understood all these
 ‘things?’ They say to him; ‘Yea, Lord.’ And he said
 to them; ‘Therefore every scribe that is made a dis-
 ‘ciple of the kingdom of heaven, is like a householder
 ‘that bringeth out of his treasury things new and old.’
 And it came to pass that when Jesus ended these
 parables he departed thence.

And coming into his own country, he taught them in
 their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said;
 ‘Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these powers?
 ‘Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called
 ‘Mary, and his brethren James, and Joses, and Simon,
 ‘and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us?
 ‘Whence then hath he all these things?’ And they
 found a difficulty in him. And Jesus said to them;
 ‘A prophet is not without honour, save in his own
 ‘country, and in his own house.’ And he did not do
 many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of
 Jesus, and said to his servants; ‘This is John the

‘Baptist ; he is risen from the dead ; and therefore the
3 ‘mighty powers work in him.’ For Herod had laid hold
on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for the
4 sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife. For
John was saying to him ; ‘It is not lawful for thee to
5 ‘have her.’ And when he wished to have killed him, he
feared the crowd, because they held him as a prophet.
6 But when Herod’s birthday was kept, the daughter of
Herodias danced in the midst, and pleased Herod.
7 Whereon he promised with an oath to give her whatever
8 she should ask. And she, being first taught by her
mother, said ; ‘Give me here the head of John the Baptist
9 ‘on a dish.’ And the king was sorry ; but for the sake
of the oaths and the guests, he ordered it to be given.
10 11 And he sent and beheaded John in the prison. And his
head was brought on a dish, and given to the little girl ;
12 and she brought it to her mother. And his disciples
came and took the body, and buried it ; and went and
13 told Jesus. And Jesus when he heard, departed thence
by boat into a desert place apart ; and when the crowds
heard, they followed him on foot from the cities.

14 And Jesus went forth and saw a great crowd, and had
15 pity on them, and healed their sick. And when it was
evening, his disciples came to him, saying ; ‘This is a
‘desert place, and the hour is now past ; send away the
‘crowds, that they may go into the villages, and buy
16 ‘themselves victuals.’ And Jesus said to them ; ‘They
17 ‘have no need to go ; give ye them to eat.’ And they
say to him ; ‘We have here only five loaves and
18 ‘two fishes.’ And he said ; ‘Bring them here to me.’
19 And he commanded the crowds to lie down on the grass,
and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking
up to heaven he gave praise ; and he brake, and gave
the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave to the
20 crowds. And they all ate and were filled ; and they
took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets
21 full. And those who ate were about five thousand men,
beside women and children.

22 And straightway he made the disciples get into the
boat, and go before him to the other side, while he sent
23 away the crowds. And after sending away the crowds,
he went up the mountain apart to pray. And when it

was evening, he was there alone. And the boat was
 now in the midst of the lake, tossed by the waves ; for
 the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the
 night he went towards them, walking on the lake. And
 when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they
 were troubled, saying ; ‘ It is an apparition ; ’ and they
 cried out for fear. And straightway Jesus spake to
 them, saying ; ‘ Be of good cheer, it is I ; be not afraid.’
 And Peter answered him and said ; ‘ Lord, if it be thou,
 ‘ bid me come to thee on the waters.’ And he said ;
 ‘ Come.’ And Peter after coming down from the boat,
 walked on the waters, to come to Jesus. But seeing the
 wind strong, he was afraid ; and beginning to sink, he cried
 out, saying ; ‘ Lord, save me.’ And straightway Jesus
 stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and saith to
 him ; ‘ O thou of little faith, why didst thou doubt ? ’
 And when they were come into the boat, the wind ceased.
 And they that were in the boat came and worshipped
 him, saying ; ‘ Truly thou art a son of God.’

And after crossing over they came into the land of
 Gennesaret. And the men of that place knowing him
 again, sent out into all that neighbourhood, and brought
 to him all that were sick ; and besought him that they
 might only touch the hem of his cloak. And as many
 as touched were healed.

Then came to Jesus the scribes and Pharisees of
 Jerusalem, saying ; ‘ Why do thy disciples transgress the
 ‘ tradition of the elders ? for they wash not their hands
 ‘ when they eat bread.’ But he answered and said to
 them ; ‘ Why do ye also transgress the commandment of
 ‘ God for your tradition’s sake ? For God commanded,
 ‘ saying ; *Honour thy father and thy mother, and, He that*
 ‘ *revileth father or mother, let him die the death.* But
 ‘ ye say, Whoever shall say to father or mother, whatever
 ‘ thou mightest have owing to thee from me, is a gift,
 ‘ then he shall not honour his father or mother ; and ye
 ‘ have made void the commandment of God for your
 ‘ tradition’s sake. Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy
 ‘ of you, saying ; *This people honoureth me with their*
 ‘ *lips, but their heart is far from me. But in vain they*
 ‘ *worship me, teaching as doctrines the commands of men.*’
 And he called the crowd, and said to them ; ‘ Hear and

11 'understand ; not that which goeth into the mouth defileth
12 'the man ; but what cometh out of the mouth, that defileth
13 'the man.' Then came his disciples, and said to him ;
14 'Knowest thou that the Pharisees, when they heard the
15 'word, found a difficulty ?' But he answered and said ;
16 'Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not
17 'planted, will be rooted up. Let them alone ; they are
18 'blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the
19 'blind, both will fall into the ditch.' And Peter answer-
20 ing said to him ; 'Tell to us this parable.' And
21 Jesus said ; 'And are ye yet without understanding ?
22 'Do not ye yet understand that whatever entereth into
23 'the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the
24 'draught ? But those things which go out of the mouth
25 'come from the heart, and these defile the man. For
26 'out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries,
27 'fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These
28 'are what defile the man ; but to eat with unwashed
29 'hands defileth not the man.'

30 Then Jesus going thence departed to the parts about
31 Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan,
32 coming out of that neighbourhood, cried out to him,
33 saying ; 'Have pity on me, O Lord, son of David ; my
34 'daughter is grievously demoniacal.' But he answered
35 her not a word. And his disciples coming besought
36 him, saying ; 'Send her away ; for she crieth after us.'
37 But he answered and said ; 'I am only sent to the lost
38 'sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and
39 worshipped him, saying ; 'Lord help me.' But he
40 answered and said ; 'It is not right to take the children's
41 'bread, and to cast it to the dogs.' And she said ; 'Yea,
42 'Lord ; for the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from
43 'their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered and said
44 to her ; 'O woman, great is thy faith ; be it done unto
45 'thee as thou wishest.' And her daughter was healed
46 from that very hour.

47 And Jesus departing thence came by the side of the
48 lake of Galilee ; and went up the mountain, and sat down
49 there. And great crowds came to him, having with
50 them the lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others,
51 and cast them at the feet of Jesus ; and he healed them ;
52 so that the crowds wondered when they saw the dumb

speaking, the maimed healed, the lame walking, and the blind seeing ; and they glorified the God of Israel.

And Jesus calling his disciples, said ; ‘ I have pity on
 ‘ the crowd, because they have continued with me now
 ‘ three days, and have nothing to eat ; and I do not
 ‘ wish to send them away fasting, lest they faint on the
 ‘ road.’ And his disciples say to him ; ‘ Whence can
 ‘ we have so many loaves in a desert place, as to fill so
 ‘ great a crowd ?’ And Jesus saith to them ; ‘ How
 ‘ many loaves have ye ?’ And they said ; ‘ Seven, and
 ‘ a few little fishes.’ And he commanded the crowds to
 lie down on the ground. And taking the seven loaves
 and the fishes, he gave thanks and brake them, and gave
 to his disciples, and the disciples gave to the crowd. And
 they all ate and were filled ; and they took up of the
 fragments that remained seven baskets full. And those
 who ate were four thousand men, besides women and
 children. And after sending away the crowds he went
 into the boat and came to the neighbourhood of Magdala.

And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and trying
 him asked him to show them a sign from heaven. And
 he answered and said to them ; ‘ When it is evening, ye say ;
 ‘ It will be fair weather, for the sky is red. And in the
 ‘ morning ; It will be foul weather to day, for the sky is
 ‘ red and lowering. Ye hypocrites, ye know how to judge
 ‘ the face of the sky, and can ye not judge the signs of the
 ‘ times ? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh a
 ‘ sign ; and no sign shall be given to it, but the sign of
 ‘ Jonah the prophet.’ And leaving them he went away.

And his disciples on coming to the other side, had
 forgotten to bring any loaves. And Jesus said to them ;
 ‘ Look, and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and
 ‘ Sadducees.’ And they reasoned among themselves say-
 ing ; ‘ Because we have brought no loaves.’ And Jesus
 understanding, said ; ‘ Why reason ye among yourselves,
 ‘ ye of little faith, because ye have brought no loaves ?
 ‘ Do ye not yet understand, nor remember the five loaves
 ‘ of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took
 ‘ up ? nor the seven loaves of the four thousand, and
 ‘ how many baskets ye took up ? How is it that ye do
 ‘ not understand, that it was not about bread I told you
 ‘ to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees ?’

12 Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

13 And Jesus on coming into the parts about Cæsarea Philippi, asked his disciples, saying; 'Who do men say
14 'that I the Son of man am?' And they said; 'Some
'say, John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and others,
15 'Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.' He saith to them;
16 'And who do ye say that I am?' And Simon Peter
answered and said; 'Thou art the Christ, the son of the
17 'living God.' And Jesus answered and said to him;
'Blessed art thou Simon Bar-jona; for flesh and blood
'hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father who is
18 'in heaven. And I say to thee, that thou art Peter
'[or a rock], and on this rock I will build my church,
19 'and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And
'I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven;
'and whatever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound
20 'in heaven; and whatever thou shalt loose on earth, shall
'be loosed in heaven.' Then he charged his disciples
that they should tell no one that he was the Christ.

21 From that time Jesus began to show to his disciples,
that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from
the elders and high priests and scribes, and be killed, and
22 be raised again on the third day. And Peter taking him
began to blame him, saying; 'May it be well with thee,
23 'Lord; this shall not be unto thee.' But he turning
said to Peter; 'Get thee behind me, Satan; thou art
'a stumbling-block to me; for thou thinkest not of the
24 'things of God, but of those of men.' Then Jesus said
to his disciples; 'If any one wisheth to come after me,
'let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow
25 'me. For whoever shall wish to save his life, will lose
'it; and whoever shall lose his life for my sake, will find
26 'it.' For what is a man profited if he gain the whole
world and lose his soul? Or what shall a man give in
27 exchange for his soul? 'For the Son of man is to come
'in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he
28 'will reward each man according to his work. Verily I
'say to you, there are some of those standing here,
'who will not taste of death till they see the Son of man
— 'coming in his kingdom.'

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up a high mountain apart. And he was changed before them ; and his face shone as the sun, and his raiment became white as the light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter answered and said to Jesus ; ‘ Lord, it is good for us to be here ; if ‘ thou wilt, let us make here three tents, one for thee, and ‘ one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he yet spake, behold, a cloud of light overshadowed them ; and behold a voice out of the cloud, saying ; ‘ This is my beloved son, ‘ in whom I am well pleased ; hear ye him.’ And when the disciples heard, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came, and touched them, and said ; ‘ Arise, and be not afraid.’ And on lifting up their eyes they saw no one save Jesus alone. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying ; ‘ Tell the vision to no one, until the Son of man be risen ‘ from the dead.’ And his disciples asked him, saying ; ‘ Why then say the Scribes that Elijah must first come ?’ And Jesus answered and said to them ; ‘ Elijah truly ‘ cometh first, and will restore all things ; but I say to ‘ you, that Elijah came just now, and they knew him not, ‘ but did to him whatever they wished. So also is the Son ‘ of man to suffer from them.’ Then the disciples understood that he spake to them of John the Baptist.

And when they were come to the crowd, a man came to him, kneeling to him, and saying ; ‘ Lord, have pity ‘ on my son, for he is a lunatic, and suffereth sadly ; for ‘ oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water ; ‘ and I brought him to thy disciples, and they were not ‘ able to heal him.’ And Jesus answered and said ; ‘ O ‘ unbelieving and misguided generation, how long shall I ‘ be with you ? How long shall I bear with you ! Bring ‘ him hither to me.’ And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon went out of him, and the boy was cured from that hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus apart, and said ; ‘ Why were not we able to cast it out ?’ And Jesus said to them ; ‘ Because of your want of faith ; for verily I say to ‘ you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard, ye will say ‘ to this mountain ; Remove there from here, and it will ‘ be removed ; and nothing will be impossible to you.

21 'But this kind goeth not out but in prayer and fasting.'

22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said to them ;
23 'The Son of man is about to be betrayed into the hands
'of men ; and they will kill him, and on the third day
'he will be raised.' And they were very sorrowful.

24 And when they came to Capernaum, those who re-
ceived the Didrachms [or tribute money], came to Peter
and said ; 'Doth not your teacher pay the Didrachms ?'
25 He saith ; 'Yes.' And when he came into the house,
Jesus spake first to him, saying ; 'What thinkest thou,
'Simon ; of whom do the kings of the earth take tax
'or Census ? from their own children or from strangers ?'
26 Peter saith to him ; 'From strangers.' Jesus saith to
27 him ; 'Then the children are free. But that we may
'not wrong these men, go thou to the lake, and cast a
'hook, and take the first fish that cometh up ; and on
'opening its mouth thou wilt find a Stater [or double di-
— 'drachm], take that and give to them for me and thee.'

1 In that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying ;
2 'Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven ?' And
Jesus calling for a child, set him in the midst of them,
3 and said ; 'Verily I say to you, unless ye change, and
'become as children, ye will not enter into the kingdom
4 'of heaven. Whoever therefore shall humble himself as
'this child, he is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
5 'And whoso shall receive one such child in my name,
6 'receiveth me. But whoso shall wrong one of these little
'ones that believe in me, it were better for him that an
'upper millstone were hanged about his neck, and it were
7 'sunk in the depth of the sea. Alas for the world be-
'cause of sins ; for it must needs be that sins come, but
8 'alas for that man through whom the sin cometh. And
'if thy hand or thy foot leadeth thee to sin, cut them off
'and cast them from thee ; it is better for thee to enter
'into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands
9 'or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if
'thine eye leadeth thee to sin, pluck it out and cast it
'from thee ; it is better for thee to enter into life with
10 'one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the
'Gehenna of fire. Look that ye despise not one of these
'little ones ; for I say to you, that their angels in
'heaven do always behold the face of my Father who is

‘ in heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that
‘ which is lost. How think ye? If a man have a hundred
‘ sheep, and one of them be gone astray ; doth he not leave
‘ the ninety and nine on the mountains, and go and seek
‘ the stray one? And if so be that he find it, verily I
‘ say to you, he rejoiceth for it more than for the ninety
‘ and nine which went not astray. Thus it is not the will
‘ of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little
‘ ones should be lost. And if thy brother should sin
‘ against thee, go thy way, tell him his fault between thee
‘ and him alone ; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained
‘ thy brother. And if he shall not hear thee, take with
‘ thee one or two more, so that *in the mouth of two or*
‘ *three witnesses every word may be established.* And if he
‘ will not hear them, tell it to the church ; and if he will
‘ not hear the church, let him be to thee as a heathen and
‘ a tax-gatherer. Verily I say to you, whatever things ye
‘ shall bind on earth, will be bound in heaven ; and
‘ whatever ye shall loose on earth will be loosed in
‘ heaven. Again I say to you, that if two of you shall
‘ agree on earth about any thing that they shall ask, it
‘ will be done to them from my Father who is in heaven.
‘ For where two or three are gathered together in my
‘ name, there am I in the midst of them.’

Then Peter coming up to him said ; ‘ Lord, how often
‘ shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?
‘ till seven times?’ Jesus saith to him ; ‘ I say not to
‘ thee, until seven times, but until seventy times seven.
‘ Therefore the kingdom of heaven hath been likened to a
‘ certain king, who wished to settle an account with his
‘ slaves. And when he had begun to settle, one was
‘ brought to him who owed ten thousand Talents [or two
‘ million pounds]. And as he had not to pay, his lord
‘ ordered that he should be sold, and his wife and children,
‘ and all that he had, and payment to be made. The
‘ slave therefore falling down worshipped him, saying ;
‘ Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
‘ And the lord of that slave had pity, and loosed him,
‘ and forgave him the debt. And the same slave going
‘ out found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a
‘ hundred Denarii [or eight hundred pence] ; and seizing
‘ him he took him by the throat, saying ; If thou owest

29 ' any thing pay me. His fellow slave therefore falling
30 ' down besought him, saying ; Have patience with me,
31 ' and I will pay thee all. And he would not ; but going
32 ' out, cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
33 ' And his fellow slaves seeing what was done were very
34 ' sorry, and came, and told their lord all that was done.
35 ' Then his lord having called for him, said to him ; ' Thou
— ' wicked slave, all that debt I forgave to thee when thou
33 ' askedst me ; oughtest not thou also to have had pity
34 ' on thy fellow slave, even as I had pity on thee ? And
35 ' his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the gaolers,
— ' till he should pay all that was owing to him. So
— ' likewise will my heavenly Father do to you, unless ye
— ' from your hearts each forgive his brother.'

1 And it came to pass, that when Jesus ended these
2 words, he departed from Galilee, and came into the neigh-
3 bourhood of Judea, beyond the Jordan. And great crowds
4 followed him, and he healed them there. And the Phari-
5 sees came to him, trying him, and saying to him ; ' Is it
6 ' lawful for a man to put away his wife for any cause ?
7 And he answered and said to them ; ' Have ye not
8 ' read, that He that made them, made them from the
9 ' beginning male and female ? and said ; *For this a man*
10 ' *shall leave father and mother and cleave to his wife ;*
11 ' *and they two shall become one flesh ?* Therefore they
12 ' are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God
13 ' hath joined together let not man put asunder.' They
14 say to him ; ' Why then did Moses command to give a
15 writing of divorcement, and to put her away ?' He
16 saith to them ; ' Moses, because of the hardness of your
17 ' hearts, suffered you to put away your wives ; but it was
18 ' not so from the beginning. And I say to you, who-
19 ' ever shall put away his wife, save for fornication,
20 ' and shall marry another, committeth adultery ; and he
21 ' that marrieth her that is put away committeth adultery.'
22 His disciples say to him ; ' If the case of the man with
23 ' his wife be thus, it is not good to marry.' And he said
24 to them ; ' All men cannot receive this word, but those
25 ' to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs who
26 ' were born so from their mother's womb ; and there are
27 ' some eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men ; and
28 ' there are some eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs

‘for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He that is able
‘to receive it, let him receive it.’

Then some children were brought to him, that he might
lay his hands on them and pray; and the disciples
rebuked them. And Jesus said; ‘Suffer the children, and
‘forbid them not to come to me; for unto such belongeth
‘the kingdom of heaven.’ And after laying his hands
on them, he departed thence.

And behold, one came and said to him; ‘Good teacher,
‘what good shall I do that I may have everlasting life?’
And he said to him; ‘Why askest thou me about what
‘is good? There is One only that is good. And if thou
‘wishest to enter into life, keep the commandments.’ He
saith to him; ‘Which?’ And Jesus said; ‘*Thou shalt*
‘*do no murder; Thou shalt not commit adultery; Thou*
‘*shalt not steal; Thou shalt not bear false witness;*
‘*Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Thou shalt*
‘*love thy neighbour as thyself.*’ The young man saith to
him; ‘All these have I kept from my youth; What lack
‘I yet?’ Jesus said to him; ‘If thou wishest to be
‘perfect, go thy way, sell what thou hast, and give to
‘the poor, and thou wilt have treasure in heaven; and
‘come and follow me.’ And the young man when he heard
that saying, went away sorrowful; for he had great pos-
sessions. And Jesus said to his disciples; ‘Verily I say
‘to you, a rich man will not easily enter into the king-
‘dom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier
‘for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle, than
‘for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.’ And
when the disciples heard, they were greatly amazed,
saying; ‘Who then can be saved?’ And Jesus looking
at them, said to them; ‘With men this is impossible,
‘but with God all things are possible.’ Then Peter
answered and said to him; ‘Behold, we have forsaken
‘all things and have followed thee; what therefore
‘shall we have?’ And Jesus said to them; ‘Verily I
‘say to you, that ye who have followed me, in the
‘second birth when the Son of man shall sit on the
‘throne of his glory, ye also will sit on twelve thrones,
‘judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one
‘that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or
‘father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my

‘name’s sake, will receive a hundred fold, and will inherit eternal life. And many that are first will be last, — and the last will be first.

1 ‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who
2 ‘went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his
3 ‘vineyard. And after agreeing with the labourers for
4 ‘a Denarius [or eight pence] the day, he sent them into
5 ‘his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour,
6 ‘and saw others standing idle in the market place; and
7 ‘said to them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and
8 ‘whatever is right I will give you. And they went.
9 ‘Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour,
10 ‘and did the same. And about the eleventh hour he
11 ‘went out, and found others standing, and saith to
12 ‘them; Why have ye stood here all the day idle? They
13 ‘say to him; Because no one hath hired us. He saith
14 ‘to them; Go ye also into the vineyard; and what-
15 ‘ever is right, ye shall receive. And when evening was
16 ‘come, the lord of the vineyard saith to his steward;
17 ‘Call the labourers, and give them the hire, beginning
18 ‘from the last unto the first. And when those of the
19 ‘eleventh hour came, they received each a Denarius.
20 ‘And when the first came, they thought that they would
21 ‘have received more; and they also received each a De-
22 ‘narius. And when they had received it, they murmured
23 ‘against the householder, saying; These last have worked
24 ‘one hour, and thou hast made them equal to us who
25 ‘have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he
26 ‘answered and said to one of them; Friend, I do thee
27 ‘no wrong; didst not thou agree with me for a Denarius?
28 ‘Take thine own, and go thy way; I wish to give to
29 ‘this last even as to thee. Is it not lawful for me to
30 ‘do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because
31 ‘I am good? So the last will be first, and the first last;
32 ‘for many are called, but few chosen.’

17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve dis-
18 ciples apart on the way, and said to them; ‘Behold,
19 ‘we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man will
20 ‘be betrayed to the high priests and scribes, and they
21 ‘will condemn him to death, and will deliver him up to
22 ‘the Gentiles, to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify;
23 ‘and on the third day he will rise again.’

Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children, 20
 with her sons, worshipping and asking a certain thing of
 him. And he said to her ; 'What dost thou wish?' 21
 She saith to him ; 'Say that these my two sons may
 'sit, one on thy right hand and one on thy left, in thy
 'kingdom.' And Jesus answered and said ; 'Ye know 22
 'not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that
 'I must drink?' They say to him ; 'We are able.'
 And he saith to them ; 'Ye will indeed drink of my 23
 'cup ; but to sit on my right hand and on my left, is not
 'mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared
 'by my Father.' And when the ten heard, they were 24
 angry with the two brethren. But Jesus called them 25
 and said ; 'Ye know that the chiefs of the Gentiles
 'lord it over them, and the great exercise power over
 'them ; it will not be so among you ; but whoever should 26
 'wish to be great among you, let him be your servant ;
 'and whoever should wish to be first among you, let him 27
 'be your slave ; as the Son of man came not to be served, 28
 'but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

And as they departed from Jericho, a great crowd 29
 followed him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the 30
 way side, when they heard that Jesus was passing by,
 cried out, saying ; 'Have pity on us, O Lord, son of
 'David.' And the crowd charged them that they should 31
 hold their peace. But they cried the more, saying ; 'Have
 'pity on us, O Lord, son of David.' And Jesus stood and 32
 called to them, and said ; 'What do ye wish that I should
 'do to you?' They say to him ; 'Lord, that our eyes 33
 'should be opened.' So Jesus pitied them and touched 34
 their eyes ; and straightway their eyes received sight,
 and they followed him.

And when they drew near to Jerusalem, and came to 1
 Bethphage, towards the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent
 two disciples, saying to them ; 'Go into the village be- 2
 'fore you, and straightway ye will find an ass tied, and a
 'colt with her ; loose them and bring them to me. And 3
 'if any one say aught to you, say, The Lord hath need
 'of them ; and straightway he will send them.' And all 4
 this was done, that it might be fulfilled that was spoken
 through the prophet, saying ; *Say ye to the daughter of 5*
Sion, Behold, thy king cometh to thee, meek, and sitting

6 upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disci-
7 ples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought
the ass and the colt, and put their cloaks on them; and he
8 sat on them. And the greater part of the crowd spread
their cloaks in the way; and others cut down branches from
9 the trees, and strewed them in the way. And the crowds
that went before, and that followed, cried out, saying;
‘Hosanna to the son of David; *Blessed is he that cometh*
‘*in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.*’
10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was
11 moved, saying; ‘Who is this?’ And the crowds said;
‘This is Jesus the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.’
12 And Jesus went into the temple-yard of God, and cast out
all the sellers and buyers in the temple-yard, and overthrew
the tables of the bankers, and the seats of those who sold
13 the doves, and saith to them; ‘It is written; *My house*
‘*shall be called a house of prayer; but ye have made it a*
14 ‘*den of thieves.*’ And the blind and the lame came to
15 him in the temple-yard, and he healed them. And when
the high priests and scribes saw the wonders that he did,
and the young men crying out in the temple-yard, and
saying; ‘Hosanna to the son of David,’ they were angry,
16 and said to him; ‘Hearest thou what these are saying?
And Jesus saith to them; ‘Yea; have ye never read;
‘*Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast pre-*
17 ‘*pared praise?*’ And he left them, and went out of the
city into Bethany, and he lodged there.

18 And in the morning as he returned into the city he was
19 hungry. And seeing a fig-tree on the way, he came to
it, and found nothing on it, but leaves only, and he saith
to it; ‘Let there be no fruit from thee henceforth for
20 ‘ever.’ And the fig-tree quickly withered away. And
when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying; ‘How
21 ‘quickly the fig-tree withered away.’ And Jesus answered
and said to them; ‘Verily I say to you, if ye have
‘faith and doubt not, ye will not only do this of the fig-
‘tree, but also if ye say to this mountain; Be thou taken
22 ‘up, and cast into the sea; it will be done. And all things
‘whatever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye will receive.’

23 And when he was come into the temple-yard, the high
priests and the elders of the people came to him as he
was teaching and said; ‘By what authority doest thou

'these things? and who gave thee this authority?' And 24
 Jesus answered and said to them; 'I also will ask you
 'one word, which if ye tell me, I also will tell you by
 'what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, 25
 'whence was it? from heaven or from men?' And they
 reasoned among themselves, saying; 'If we say, From
 'heaven, he will say to us, Why then did ye not believe
 'him? But if we say, From men, we fear the crowd; for 26
 'all men hold John as a prophet.' And they answered 27
 Jesus and said; 'We do not know.' And he said to
 them; 'Neither do I tell you by what authority I do
 'these things. But what think ye? A man had two 28
 'sons; and he came to the first, and said; Son, go and
 'work to-day in my vineyard. And he answered and 29
 'said; I will not; but afterwards he repented and went.
 'And he came to the other and said the same. And he 30
 'answered and said; I will, lord; and he went not.
 'Which of the two did the will of his father?' They say to 31
 him; 'The first.' Jesus saith to them; 'Verily I say
 'to you, that the tax-gatherers and the harlots go into the
 'kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in 32
 'the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not, but the
 'tax-gatherers and the harlots believed him; and ye, when
 'ye had seen, repented not afterwards, so as to believe him.
 'Hear another parable; There was a certain house- 33
 'holder, that planted a vineyard, and put a hedge
 'round it, and digged a wine-vat in it, and built a
 'tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and left the country.
 'And when the time of the fruits drew near, he sent his 34
 'slaves to the husbandmen, to receive the fruits of it.
 'And the husbandmen took his slaves, and beat one, and 35
 'killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other 36
 'slaves, more than the first, and they did the same to
 'them. And lastly, he sent his son to them, saying; 37
 'They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen 38
 'saw the son, they said to themselves; This is the heir;
 'come, let us kill him, and seize his inheritance. And 39
 'they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and
 'slew him. When therefore the lord of the vineyard 40
 'cometh, what will he do to those husbandmen?' They 41
 say to him; 'He will miserably destroy those wicked
 'men, and will let out the vineyard to other husbandmen,

‘ who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.’
42 Jesus saith to them ; ‘ Did ye never read in the scrip-
‘ tures ; *A stone which the builders rejected, the same is*
‘ *become the head of the corner ; this was from the Lord,*
43 ‘ *and is wonderful in our eyes ?* Therefore I say to you,
‘ that the kingdom of God will be taken from you, and
44 ‘ given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And
‘ whoever shall fall on this stone, will be broken ; but on
‘ whomsoever it shall fall, it will bruise him to powder.’
45 And when the high priests and Pharisees heard his
parables, they knew that he was speaking about them.
46 But when they sought to seize him, they feared the
— crowds ; because they took him for a prophet.

1 And Jesus answered and again spake to them in
2 parables, saying ; ‘ The kingdom of heaven hath been
‘ likened to a certain king who made a wedding for his
3 ‘ son, and sent forth his slaves to call them that were bidden
4 ‘ to the wedding ; and they would not come. Again he
‘ sent forth other slaves, saying ; Tell them that are bidden ;
‘ Behold, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and fat-
‘ lings are killed, and all things are ready ; come to the
5 ‘ wedding. But they made light of it, and went their
6 ‘ ways, one to his farm and one to his merchandize ; and
‘ the rest seized his slaves, and reviled them, and slew
7 ‘ them. But when the king heard, he was wroth, and
‘ sent his soldiers, and destroyed those murderers, and
8 ‘ burnt up their city. Then saith he to his slaves ; The
‘ marriage indeed is ready, but they that were bidden
9 ‘ were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the crossways,
10 ‘ and as many as ye find, bid to the wedding. So those
‘ slaves went out into the highways, and gathered to-
‘ gether all as many as they found, both bad and good,
11 ‘ and the marriage was filled with guests. And when
‘ the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a
12 ‘ man who had not on a wedding garment ; and he saith
‘ to him ; Friend, how camest thou in here, not having
13 ‘ a wedding garment ? And he was speechless. Then
‘ said the king to the servants ; Bind his feet and hands,
‘ and take him and cast him into the outer darkness ;
‘ there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.
‘ For many are called, but few are chosen.’

15 Then went the Pharisees and took counsel how they

should entangle him in talk. And they send to him their disciples with the Herodians, saying ; 'Teacher, we know that thou art to be trusted, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any one ; for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, what thinkest thou ? Is it lawful to pay Census [or Tribute] to Cæsar or not ?' But Jesus knowing their wickedness, said ; 'Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites ? Show me the money of the Census.' And they brought to him a Denarius [a coin worth eight pence]. And he saith to them ; 'Whose is this image and inscription ?' They say to him ; 'Cæsar's.' Then saith he to them ; 'Render therefore to Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and to God the things which are God's.' And when they heard, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

On the same day came to him Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection ; and they questioned him, saying ; 'Teacher, Moses said ; *If a man die having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.* Now there were with us seven brethren ; and the first, when he had married, died ; and having no issue, left his wife to his brother. In like wise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And at last the woman also died. Therefore in the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven ? For they all had her.' And Jesus answered and said to them ; 'Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels of God in heaven. But about the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read what was spoken to you by God, saying ; *I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob ?* God is not a God of dead men, but of living men.' And the crowds who heard were astonished at his teaching.

And the Pharisees, when they heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, were gathered together for the same purpose. And one of them, a teacher of the law, tempting him, questioned, saying ; 'Teacher, which is the great command in the law ?' And Jesus said to him ; 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind ; this is the

39 'first and great command ; and the second is like unto it ;
 40 ' *Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.* On these two
 ' commands hang all the law and the prophets.'

41 And while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus
 42 questioned them, saying ; ' What think ye of the Christ ?
 43 ' whose son is he ? ' They say to him ; ' David's.' He
 saith to them ; ' How then doth David in spirit call
 44 ' him Lord, saying ; *The Lord said to my lord ; Sit thou on*
 ' *my right hand till I make thine enemies a footstool for*
 45 ' *thy feet ?* If therefore David calleth him Lord, how is he
 46 ' his son ? ' And no one was able to answer him a word ;
 — neither durst any one from that day question him any more.

1 Then Jesus spake to the crowds and to his disciples,
 2 saying ; ' The scribes and the Pharisees sit in the seat of
 3 ' Moses. All things therefore whatever they bid you ob-
 ' serve, observe and do ; but do not after their works ; for
 4 ' they say and do not. For they bind burdens heavy and
 ' grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders ;
 ' but they will not move them with a finger of their own.
 5 ' But all their works they do to be seen by men. They
 ' make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders
 6 ' of their cloaks, and love the upper couch at feasts, and
 7 ' the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the
 ' market places, and to be called by men Rabbi, Rabbi.
 8 ' But be not ye called Rabbi ; for one is your leader, and
 9 ' all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon
 10 ' earth ; for One is your father, who is in heaven. Neither
 ' be ye called leaders ; for one is your leader, even the
 11 ' Christ. But the greatest among you will be your
 12 ' servant. And whoever shall set himself up will be
 ' humbled, and whoever shall humble himself will be set
 13 ' up. And alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, ye hypo-
 ' crites ; for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence
 ' make long prayers ; therefore ye will receive a heavier
 14 ' judgment. Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, ye hypo-
 ' crites ; for ye shut the kingdom of heaven against men ;
 ' for ye neither go in yourselves, nor suffer those that are
 15 ' entering to go in. Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees,
 ' ye hypocrites ; for ye compass sea and land to make one
 ' proselyte ; and when he is made, ye make him twofold
 16 ' more a child of Gehenna than yourselves. Alas for you,
 ' ye blind guides, that say, Whoever shall swear by the

' temple, it is nothing ; but whoever shall swear by the
 ' gold of the temple, he is a debtor. Ye fools and blind ; 17
 ' for which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sancti-
 ' fieth the gold ? And, Whoever shall swear by the altar, 18
 ' it is nothing ; but whoever shall swear by the gift that
 ' is upon it, he is a debtor. Ye fools and blind ; for which 19
 ' is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift ?
 ' Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, 20
 ' and by all things thereon. And whoso shall swear by 21
 ' the temple, sweareth by it, and by Him that dwelleth
 ' therein. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth 22
 ' by God's throne, and by Him that sitteth thereon. Alas 23
 ' for you, scribes and Pharisees, ye hypocrites ; for ye pay
 ' tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have left un-
 ' done the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy,
 ' and faith ; these ye ought to have done, and not to have
 ' left the others undone. Ye blind guides, that strain out 24
 ' the gnat and drink down the camel. Alas for you, scribes 25
 ' and Pharisees, ye hypocrites ; for ye cleanse the outside
 ' of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of
 ' rapine and injustice. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first 26
 ' the inside of the cup and of the platter, that the outside
 ' of them may be clean also. Alas for you, scribes and 27
 ' Pharisees, ye hypocrites ; for ye are like whitened sepul-
 ' chres, which indeed outwardly appear beautiful, but
 ' within are full of dead bones, and of all uncleanness.
 ' Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous to men, 28
 ' but within ye are full of hypocrisy and of iniquity. Alas 29
 ' for you, scribes and Pharisees, ye hypocrites ; because
 ' ye build the sepulchres of the prophets and garnish the
 ' tombs of the righteous, and say, If we had been in the 30
 ' days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers
 ' with them in the blood of the prophets. Thus ye bear 31
 ' witness against yourselves, that ye are sons of them that
 ' killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of 32
 ' your fathers. Ye serpents, ye offspring of vipers, how 23
 ' can ye escape the judgment of the Gehenna ? Therefore 34
 ' behold, I send to you prophets, and wise men, and
 ' scribes ; and some of them ye will kill and crucify ; and
 ' some of them ye will scourge in your synagogues, and
 ' persecute from city to city ; that upon you may come all 35
 ' the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood

36 'of Abel the righteous unto the blood of Zacharias son of
 37 'Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the
 'altar. Verily I say to you, all these things will come
 'upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that
 'killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent to
 'thee; how often have I wished to gather together thy
 28 'children, as a hen gathereth her chickens under her
 29 'wings; and ye would not! Behold, your house is left
 'unto you desolate. For I say to you, ye will not
 'see me henceforth, till ye shall say; *Blessed is he that*
 — '*cometh in the name of the Lord.*'

1 And Jesus being come out was going from the temple-
 yard; and his disciples came to show him the buildings of
 2 the temple-yard. And Jesus said to them; 'Do ye not see
 'all these things? verily I say to you, there will not be left
 'here a stone upon a stone, that will not be thrown down.'

3 And as he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples
 came to him apart, saying; 'Tell us, when will
 'these things be? and what will be the sign of thy
 4 'coming, and of the end of the age?' And Jesus answered
 and said to them; 'Take heed that no one
 5 'deceive you. For many will come in my name, saying;
 6 'I am the Christ; and they will deceive many. And ye
 'will hear of wars, and rumours of wars; see that ye be
 'not troubled; for all things must come to pass, but the
 7 'end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and
 'kingdom against kingdom; and there will be famines,
 8 'and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. And
 9 'all these are the beginning of sorrows. Then will they
 'deliver you up to tribulation, and will kill you; and ye
 'will be hated by all the nations for my name's sake.
 10 'And then will many be made to sin, and they will be-
 11 'tray one another, and will hate one another. And many
 12 'false prophets will arise, and will deceive many. And
 'because iniquity shall abound, the love of the many will
 13 'grow cold. But he that endureth to the end, he will be
 14 'saved. And these the good tidings of the kingdom will
 'be preached in all the world for a witness to all the
 'nations; and then will the end come.

15 'When therefore ye shall see *the abomination of deso-*
 '*lation*, spoken of through Daniel the prophet, *standing*
 '*in the Holy Place,*' (whoso readeth let him understand;)

' then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains ; 16
 ' let not him that is on the housetop come down to take 17
 ' the things out of his house ; neither let him that is in the 18
 ' field turn back to take up his clothes. And alas for 19
 ' them that are with child, and for them that give suck in 20
 ' those days ! But pray ye that your flight be not in the 21
 ' winter, neither on a sabbath ; for then there will be a 22
 ' great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning 23
 ' of the world till now, no, nor shall be. And unless those 24
 ' days be shortened, no flesh would be saved ; but for the 25
 ' sake of the chosen those days will be shortened. Then if 26
 ' any one shall say to you ; Lo, here is the Christ ; or, 27
 ' here ; believe it not. For false Christs and false prophets 28
 ' will arise, and will show great signs and wonders, so as 29
 ' to deceive, if possible, even the chosen. Behold, I have 30
 ' foretold it to you. If therefore they say to you ; 31
 ' Behold, he is in the desert ; go not forth ; Behold, he is 32
 ' in the chambers ; believe it not. For as the lightning 33
 ' cometh out of the east and shineth to the west, so also 34
 ' will the coming of the Son of man be. For wherever 35
 ' the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 36
 ' And immediately after the tribulation of those days *the* 37
 ' *sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her*
 ' *light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers*
 ' *of heaven will be shaken.* And then will appear the
 ' sign of the Son of man in the heavens ; and then will
 ' all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they will see the
 ' Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power
 ' and great glory. And he will send his angels with a
 ' great sound of a trumpet ; and they will gather together
 ' his chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of
 ' heaven to the other.

' Now learn the parable from the fig-tree. When its 38
 ' branch is now tender, and the leaves shoot forth, ye 39
 ' know that summer is nigh ; so also, when ye shall see 40
 ' all these things, know that it is close at the doors. 41
 ' Verily I say to you, this generation will not pass 42
 ' away, till all these things come to pass. Heaven and 43
 ' earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 44
 ' But of that day and hour no one knoweth, not the 45
 ' angels of heaven, but the Father alone. And as the 46
 ' days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son 47

38 'of man be. For as in the days that were before the
'flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and
'giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered
39 'into the ark, and they knew not until the flood came
'and took them all off; so also will the coming of the
40 'Son of man be. Then will two men be in the field;
41 'the one will be taken and the other left. Two women
'grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.
42 'Watch therefore; for ye know not in what hour your
43 'Lord cometh. But ye know this, that if the master of
'the house had known in what watch the thief would
'come, he would have watched, and would not have
44 'suffered his house to be broken open. Therefore be ye
'also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the
45 'Son of man cometh. Who then is the faithful and wise
'slave, whom his lord hath set over his household, to give
46 'them food in due season? Blessed is that slave, whom
47 'his lord when he cometh shall find so doing; verily I
'say to you, that he will set him over all his goods.
48 'But if that wicked slave shall say in his heart; My lord
49 'delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow-
50 'slaves, and shall eat and drink with the drunken; the
'lord of that slave will come in a day when he looketh
51 'not, and in an hour when he knoweth not, and will cut
— 'him off, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites;
— 'there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

1 'Then will the kingdom of heaven be likened to ten
'maidens, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet
2 'the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five
3 'foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and
4 'took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their
5 'vessels with their lamps. And while the bridegroom
6 'tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight
'there arose a cry; Behold, the bridegroom cometh, go
7 'ye out to meet him, Then all those maidens arose, and
8 'trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise;
9 'Give us of your oil, for our lamps are going out. And
'the wise answered, saying; Lest there be not enough
'for us and for you, go ye rather to them that sell, and
10 'buy for yourselves. And while they were gone to buy,
'the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went
'in with him to the wedding, and the door was shut.

‘Afterwards come also the other maidens, saying ; Lord, 11
 ‘lord, open to us. But he answered and said ; Verily I 12
 ‘say to you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for 13
 ‘ye know not the day nor the hour.

‘For as a man leaving the country, called his own 14
 ‘slaves, and delivered to them his goods ; and to one he 15
 ‘gave five Talents [or one thousand pounds], and to another
 ‘two, and to another one, to each according to his several
 ‘ability ; then he straightway left the country. And he 16
 ‘that had received the five Talents, went and traded with
 ‘them, and made five other Talents. And in like wise, he 17
 ‘that had the two, he also gained other two. But he that 18
 ‘had received the one, went and digged in the earth, and
 ‘hid his lord’s money. After a long time the lord of those 19
 ‘slaves cometh, and taketh an account with them. And 20
 ‘he that received the five Talents came and brought
 ‘five other Talents, saying ; Lord, thou deliveredst to
 ‘me five Talents ; behold, I have gained five other Talents
 ‘beside them. His lord said to him ; Well done, good 21
 ‘and faithful slave ; thou hast been faithful over a few
 ‘things, I will set thee over many ; enter thou into the
 ‘joy of thy lord. He also that received the two 22
 ‘Talents came and said ; Lord, thou deliveredst to me
 ‘two Talents ; behold, I have gained two other Talents
 ‘beside them. His lord said to him ; Well done, good 23
 ‘and faithful slave ; thou hast been faithful over a few
 ‘things, I will set thee over many ; enter thou into the
 ‘joy of thy lord. Then he that had received the one 24
 ‘Talent came and said ; Lord, I knew thee, that thou art
 ‘a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and
 ‘gathering where thou hast not strewed ; and I was 25
 ‘afraid, and I went and hid thy Talent in the earth ;
 ‘behold, thou hast thine own. And his lord answered 26
 ‘and said to him ; Wicked and slothful slave, thou
 ‘knewest that I reap where I have not sowed, and
 ‘gather where I have not strewed ; thou oughtest there- 27
 ‘fore to have put my money to the bankers, and at my
 ‘coming I should have received my own with usury.
 ‘Take therefore the Talent from him, and give it to him 28
 ‘that hath the ten Talents. For to every one that 29
 ‘hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance ; but
 ‘from him that hath not shall be taken away even that

30 'which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable slave into
'the outer darkness ; there shall be the weeping and the
'gnashing of teeth.

31 'And when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and
'all the angels with him, then will he sit upon the throne of
'his glory ; and before him will be gathered all the nations ;
'and he will separate them one from another, as the shep-
'herd separateth the sheep from the goats ; and he will place
'the sheep on his right hand, and the goats on his left.
34 'Then will the king say to those on his right hand ; Come
'ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for
35 'you from the foundation of the world ; for I was hungry,
'and ye gave me to eat ; I was thirsty, and ye gave me
36 'drink ; I was a stranger, and ye took me in ; naked, and
'ye clothed me ; I was sick, and ye visited me ; I was
37 'in prison and ye came to me. Then will the righteous
'answer him, saying ; Lord, when did we see thee an
'hungred, and fed thee ? or thirsty, and gave thee drink ?
38 'And when did we see thee a stranger, and took thee in ?
39 'or naked, and clothed thee ? And when did we see
40 'thee sick, or in prison, and came to thee ? And the king
'will answer and say to them ; Verily I say to you, inas-
'much as ye did it to one of these the least of my breth-
41 'ren, ye did it to me. Then will he say also to those
'on the left hand ; Depart from me, ye cursed, into the
'everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels ;
42 'for I was hungry and ye gave me not to eat ; I was
43 'thirsty, and ye gave me no drink ; I was a stranger,
'and ye took me not in ; naked, and ye clothed me not ;
44 'sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then will
'they also answer, saying ; Lord, when saw we thee hun-
'gry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in
45 'prison, and did not minister to thee ? Then will he an-
'swer them, saying ; Verily I say to you, inasmuch as
'ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to
46 'me. And these shall go away into everlasting punish-
1 'ment, and the righteous into everlasting life.' And it
came to pass when Jesus had finished all these sayings,
2 he said to his disciples ; 'Ye know that after two days is
'the Passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be cru-
'cified.'

3 Then assembled together the high priests, and the

scribes, and the elders of the people, into the court [or palace] of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and consulted that they might take Jesus by craft, and kill him. But they said ; ‘ Not during the feast, lest there ‘ be an uproar among the people.’

Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, there came to him a woman having an alabaster jar of very precious ointment, and she poured on his head as he lay at meat. But when his disciples saw it they were angry, saying ; ‘ Wherefore is this waste ? ‘ For this might have been sold for much, and given to ‘ the poor.’ But when Jesus understood it, he said to them ; ‘ Why trouble ye the woman ? for she hath wrought ‘ a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always ‘ with you, but me ye have not always. For in pouring ‘ this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. ‘ Verily I say to you, wherever these Good Tidings are ‘ preached in the whole world, what she hath done will ‘ also be spoken of as a memorial of her.’

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the high priests, and said ; ‘ What will ye give me, ‘ and I will deliver him up to you ? ’ And they counted to him thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought a fit season to betray him.

Now on the first day of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to him ; ‘ Where wilt thou ‘ that we make ready for thee to eat the Passover ? ’ And he said ; ‘ Go into the city to such a man, and say to him, ‘ The teacher saith ; My time is at hand ; I will keep the ‘ Passover at thy house with my disciples.’ And the disciples did as Jesus ordered them, and made ready the Passover.

Now when it was evening he lay down to meat with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said ; ‘ Verily I ‘ say to you, that one of you will betray me.’ And they were very sorry, and began each of them to say to him ; ‘ Lord, is it I ? ’ And he answered and said ; ‘ He that ‘ dipped his hand with me in the dish, he will betray me. ‘ The Son of man indeed goeth his way as is written of ‘ him, but alas for that man by whom the Son of man is ‘ betrayed ! It had been good for that man if he had not ‘ been born.’ Then Judas, who betrayed him, answered and said ; ‘ Rabbi, is it I ? ’ He saith to him ; ‘ Thou hast

26 'said.' And as they were eating, Jesus took the bread, and
gave praise, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and
27 said; 'Take, eat; this is my body.' And he took the cup,
and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying; 'Drink all
28 'of you out of it; for this is my blood, that of the new cove-
29 'nant, which is shed for many for forgiveness of sins. But
'I say to you, I shall not drink henceforth of this fruit of
'the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you
'in my Father's kingdom.'

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to
31 the Mount of Olives. Then saith Jesus to them; 'Ye will
'all stumble because of me this night; for it is written;
'*I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall*
32 '*be scattered.* But after I am risen, I will go before you
33 'into Galilee.' And Peter answered and said to him;
'If all shall stumble because of thee, yet will I never
34 'stumble.' Jesus said to him; 'Verily I say to thee,
'that this night, before the cock crow, thou wilt deny
25 'me thrice.' Peter saith to him; 'Though I must die
'with thee, I will not deny thee.' And in like wise said
all the disciples.

36 Then cometh Jesus with them into a place called Geth-
semane, and saith to the disciples; 'Sit ye here, while I
37 'go and pray yonder.' And he took with him Peter and
the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful, and
38 very heavy. Then saith he to them; 'My soul is very
'sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here and watch
39 'with me.' And he went a little further, and fell on his
face, and prayed, saying; 'My Father, if it be possible,
'let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will,
40 'but as thou wilt.' And he cometh to the disciples, and
findeth them asleep, and saith to Peter; 'What, had ye
41 'not strength to watch with me one hour? Watch and
'pray, that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit in-
42 'deed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again, he went
away a second time, and prayed, saying; 'My Father, if
'this cup cannot pass away from me, unless I drink it,
43 'may thy will be done.' And he came and found them
44 asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. And he left
them, and went away again, and prayed a third time, say-
45 ing the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples,
and saith to them; 'Do ye sleep on to the end, and
'take your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the

'Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Arise, 43
'let us be going; behold, he that betrayeth me is at
'hand.'

And while he was speaking, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, 47
came, and with him a great crowd with swords and staves,
from the high priests and elders of the people. And he 48
that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying; 'Whom-
'soever I shall kiss, the same is he; seize him.' And 49
forthwith he came to Jesus, and said; 'Hail, Rabbi,'
and kissed him. And Jesus said to him; 'Friend, why 50
'art thou come?' Then they came and laid hands on
Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those that 51
were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his
sword, and struck the high priest's slave, and smote off
his ear. Then saith Jesus to him; 'Put back thy sword 52
'into its place; for all that take the sword will perish by
'the sword. Or thinkest thou that I cannot now pray 53
'to my Father, and he will give me more than twelve le-
'gions of angels? How then would the scriptures be ful- 54
'filled, that thus it must be?' In that hour Jesus said
to the crowds; 'Are you come out as against a thief with 55
'swords and staves to take me? I sat daily with you teach-
'ing in the temple-yard, and ye seized me not. And all 56
'this hath been done that the writings of the prophets
'might be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples left him and fled.

And they that seized Jesus led him away to Caiaphas 57
the high priest, where the scribes and elders were assem-
bled. And Peter followed him afar off, to the high 58
priest's court [or palace], and went in, and sat with the
servants to see the end. And the high priests and elders, 59
and the whole high council, sought false witnesses against
Jesus, that they might get him put to death; and 60
found none, though many false witnesses came. But at
last came two false witnesses, and said; 'This man 61
'said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to
'build it in three days.' And the high priest arose, and 62
said to him; 'Answerest thou nothing? what do
'these men witness against thee?' And Jesus held his 63
peace. And the high priest answered and said to him;
'I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whe- 64
'ther thou be the Christ, the Son of God.' Jesus saith
to him; 'Thou hast said; moreover I say to you,

‘hereafter ye will see the Son of man sitting on the right
‘hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.’
65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying; ‘He hath
‘spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of wit-
‘nesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.
66 ‘What think ye?’ And they answered and said; ‘He
67 ‘is deserving of death.’ Then they spit in his face,
68 and buffeted him; and others struck him saying; ‘Pro-
‘phesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?’
69 And Peter was sitting without in the courtyard; and
a damsel came to him, saying; ‘Thou also wast with
70 ‘Jesus the Galilean.’ And he denied before them all,
71 saying; ‘I know not what thou sayest.’ And when he
went out into the porch, another damsel saw him, and
saith to those that were there; ‘This man also was
72 ‘with Jesus the Nazarite.’ And again he denied with
73 an oath; ‘I do not know the man.’ And after a while
those that stood by came up, and said to Peter;
‘Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech maketh
74 ‘thee known.’ Then he began to curse and swear; ‘I
‘do not know the man.’ And straightway a cock crew.
75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, who said
to him, Before the cock crew, thou wilt deny me thrice.
— And he went out, and wept bitterly.

1 And when it was morning all the high priests and
elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to get
2 him put to death. And when they had bound him, they
led him away, and delivered him up to Pontius Pilate the
3 [Roman] governor. Then Judas, who betrayed him, when
he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and
brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the high priests
4 and elders, saying; ‘I have sinned in betraying innocent
‘blood.’ And they said; ‘What is that to us? see thou
5 ‘to that.’ And he cast down the pieces of silver in the
temple, and departed; and went and hanged himself.
6 And the high priests took the pieces of silver, and said;
‘It is not lawful to put them into the Corbanan [or
7 ‘treasury], because it is the price of blood.’ And they
took counsel, and bought with them the potter’s field, as
8 a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field hath
9 been called the Field of Blood, unto this day. Then was
fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet,

saying; *And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom some of the children of Israel valued, and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.* 10

And Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor questioned him, saying; 'Art thou the king of the Jews?' And Jesus said to him; 'Thou sayest.' And when he was accused by the high priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then Pilate saith to him; 'Hearest thou 'not what things they witness against thee?' And he answered him not to any thing that was said; so that the governor marvelled greatly. And at every feast the governor was wont to release to the crowd one prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a well known prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them; 'Which will ye 'that I release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is 'called Christ?' For he knew that they had delivered him up through envy. And as he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying; 'Have 'nothing to do with that righteous man; for I have 'suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.' But the high priests and elders persuaded the crowds that they should ask for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. And the governor answered and said to them; 'Which of the 'two will ye that I release to you?' And they said; 'Barabbas.' Pilate saith to them; 'What then shall I 'do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all say to him; 'Let him be crucified.' And the governor said; 'Why, what evil hath he done?' And they cried out the more, saying; 'Let him be crucified.' And Pilate seeing that he did no good, but that rather a tumult was made, took water, and washed his hands before the crowd, saying; 'I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man; 'see ye to it.' And all the people answered and said; 'His blood be on us, and on our children.' Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him up to be crucified. 27

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Prætorium [or Roman castle], and gathered round him the whole troop. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet soldier's-cloak. And when they had platted 28 29

a crown of thorns, they put it on his head, and a reed in his right hand; and kneeling before him they mocked him, saying; 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spit on him, and took the reed, and smote his head. And when they had mocked him, they took the soldier's-cloak off him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; him they forced into their service that he might bear his cross. And when they were come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a Place of a Skull, they gave him vinegar to drink, mingled with gall; and when he had tasted it he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots. And sitting down they watched him there. And they set over his head his accusation, written; THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then there were two robbers crucified with him, one on the right hand, and one on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, and saying; 'Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be 'a son of God, come down from the cross.' And in like wise the high priests mocking, with the scribes and elders, said; 'He saved others, cannot he save himself? If he 'be king of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe on him. *He trusted in God; let Him deliver him now, if he wish for him*; for he said, 'I am a son of God.' The robbers also, who were crucified with him, reproached him with the same.

And from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land till the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying; '*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*' that is, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* And some of them that stood there, when they heard, said; 'This man calleth for Elijah.' And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. And the rest said; 'Let him be; let us see 'whether Elijah will come and save him.' And Jesus, when he had again cried with a loud voice, yielded up his breath. And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from top to bottom, and the earth quaked,

and the rocks were rent, and the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints that were at rest arose, and came out of the tombs, and, after his resurrection, went into the holy city, and appeared to many. And when the centurion, and they that were with him watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and the things that were done, they feared greatly, saying ; ‘ Truly this man was ‘ a son of God.’ And many women were there looking from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him ; among whom was Mary the Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee’s children.

When it was evening there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus’s disciple. He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered the body to be given up. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock ; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. And Mary the Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting over against the tomb.

And on the morrow, which is after the Preparation, the high priests and Pharisees came together to Pilate, saying ; ‘ Lord, we remember that that deceiver said while he was alive, After three days I am to be raised again. ‘ Command therefore that the tomb be made sure until ‘ the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him away, ‘ and say to the people, He hath been raised from the ‘ dead ; so the last deceit will be worse than the first.’ Pilate said to them ; ‘ Take a guard ; go, make it sure, ‘ as ye know how.’ So they went, and made the tomb sure by sealing the stone, and by the guard.

At the end of the sabbath, as it was dawning to the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake ; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow ; and for fear of him the keepers shook, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said to the women ; ‘ Be not ye

‘ afraid ; for I know that ye seek Jesus, who was crucified.
6 ‘ He is not here ; for he hath been raised, as he said.
7 ‘ Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly,
‘ and tell his disciples that he hath been raised from the
‘ dead ; and behold, he goeth before you to Galilee ; there
8 ‘ ye will see him ; lo, I have told you.’ And coming out
quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran
9 to tell his disciples. And as they were going to tell his
disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying ; ‘ Hail.’ And
10 they came and held his feet, and worshipped him. Then
Jesus saith to them ; ‘ Be not afraid ; go, tell my brethren
‘ to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.’

11 And as they were going, behold, some of the guard
came into the city, and told to the high priests all that
12 had happened. And when they were assembled with the
elders, and had taken counsel, they gave a good many
13 pieces of silver to the soldiers, saying ; ‘ Say ye, His disci-
‘ ples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.
14 ‘ And if this be heard by the governor, we will persuade
15 ‘ him, and keep you secure.’ So they took the pieces of
silver, and did as they were taught ; and this saying is
reported among the Jews until this day.

16 And the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the moun-
17 tain where Jesus had ordered them. And when they
18 saw him they worshipped him ; but some doubted. And
Jesus came and spake to them, saying ; ‘ All authority is
19 ‘ given to me in heaven and upon earth. Go ye, and make
‘ disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name
‘ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy spirit ;
20 ‘ teaching them to keep all things which I have com-
‘ manded you ; and lo, I am with you always until the
— ‘ end of the age.’

THE GOOD TIDINGS ACCORDING TO MARK.

1 **T**HE BEGINNING of the Good Tidings of Jesus Christ,
2 the son of God ; as it is written in Isaiah, the prophet ;
Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who will
3 *prepare thy way ;—A voice of one crying in the desert ;*
Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
4 John was baptizing in the desert, and preaching a baptism
5 of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went

out to him all the land of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a leathern girdle about his loins; and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying; 'There cometh one mightier than I after me, for whom I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose the latchet of his shoes. I indeed have baptized you in water; but he will baptize you in holy spirit.'

And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the spirit like a dove descending on him. And there came a voice from heaven, saying; 'Thou art my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.'

And straightway the spirit sendeth him forth into the desert. And he was in the desert forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

And after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Good Tidings of the kingdom of God, and saying; 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the Good Tidings.'

And as he was walking by the lake of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the lake; for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them; 'Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.' And straightway they left their nets and followed him. And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. And straightway he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him.

And they go into Capernaum. And straightway on the sabbath he entered into the synagogue, and taught. And they were astonished at his teaching; for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, saying; 'Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the holy one of God.' And Jesus rebuked it, saying; 'Hold thy peace,

23 'and come out of him.' And when the unclean spirit
had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, it came out of
27 him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned
among themselves, saying; 'What is this? what new teach-
'ing is this, that with authority he commandeth even the
28 'unclean spirits, and they obey him?' And straightway his
fame spread through the whole neighbourhood of Galilee.

29 And forthwith, when they came out of the synagogue,
they went into the house of Simon and Andrew, with
30 James and John. And Simon's wife's mother lay sick of
31 a fever; and anon they tell him of her. And he came
and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and straight-
way the fever left her, and she ministered to them. And
32 'n the evening, when the sun set, they brought to him all
33 them that were diseased, and the demoniacs. And the
34 whole city was gathered round the door. And he healed
many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many
demons; and suffered not the demons to speak, because
35 they knew him. And in the morning, rising up very
early, he went out and departed into a desert place, and
36 there prayed. And Simon and they that were with him
37 followed him. And when they found him they say to
38 him; 'All men seek for thee.' And he saith to them;
'Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there
39 'also; for therefore came I forth.' And he continued
preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and
casting out the demons.

40 And there cometh a leper to him, beseeching him, and
kneeling to him, and saying to him; 'If thou wilt, thou
41 'canst make me clean.' And Jesus, being moved with
pity, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith to
42 him; 'I will, be thou clean.' And as he spoke, the
43 leprosy immediately left him, and he was cleansed. And
44 he forthwith sent him away, charging him; and saith to-
him; 'See thou say nothing to anybody; but go, shew
'thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing what
45 'Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.' But he
went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze
abroad the matter; so that he could no more enter a city
— to him from every quarter.

1 And in a few days he again entered into Capernaum;

and it was noised that he was in a house. And straightway many were gathered together, so that there was no room for them, not even at the door; and he preached the word to them. And there come to him men bringing one sick of the palsy, borne along by four. And when they could not come near him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was; and when they had broken through, they let down the bed whereon the palsied man lay. And Jesus seeing their faith, saith to the palsied man; 'Son, thy sins are forgiven.' But there were some of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts; 'Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only?' And straightway Jesus, knowing in his spirit that they were thus reasoning among themselves, said to them; 'Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Which is easier; to say to the palsied man, Thy sins are forgiven; or to say, Arise, take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins,' he saith to the palsied man; 'I say to thee, arise, take up thy bed, and go thy way into thy house.' And he arose immediately, and took up the bed, and went forth before them all; so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying; 'We never thus saw it.'

And he went forth again by the side of the lake; and all the crowd came to him, and he taught them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi, the son of Alphæus, sitting at the tax-office, and said to him; 'Follow me.' And he arose and followed him. And it came pass that as he lay at meat in his house, many tax-gatherers and sinners lay with Jesus and his disciples; for there were many, and they followed him. And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eating with the tax-gatherers and sinners, they said to his disciples; 'How is it that he eateth and drinketh with the tax-gatherers and sinners?' And when Jesus heard, he saith to them; 'They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.'

And John's disciples and the Pharisees, were fasting; and they come and say to him, 'Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?' And Jesus said to them; 'Can the

‘ children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom
‘ is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom
20 ‘ with them, they cannot fast. But days will come, when
‘ the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then
21 ‘ will they fast in that day. No one seweth a patch of
‘ new cloth on an old cloak; else the new taketh its whole-
22 ‘ ness from the old, and the rent becometh worse. And
‘ no one putteth new wine into old skins; else the new
‘ wine bursteth the skins, and the wine is spilled, and the
‘ skins are marred; but new wine should be put into new
‘ skins.’

23 And it came to pass that he went through the corn
fields on the sabbath; and his disciples began, as they
24 walked, to pluck the ears of corn. And the Pharisees said
to him; ‘ Behold, why do they on the sabbath that
25 ‘ which is not lawful? ’ And he said to them; ‘ Have
‘ ye never read what David did, when he had need, and
26 ‘ was hungry, he and they that were with him? how
‘ he went into the House of God in the days of Abiathar
‘ the high priest, and ate the bread of the offering, which is
‘ not lawful to eat but for the priests; and gave also to
27 ‘ those that were with him? ’ And he said to them; ‘ The
‘ sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath;
28 ‘ so the Son of man is lord also of the sabbath.’

1 And he entered again into the synagogue; and there
2 was a man there who had his hand withered. And they
watched him whether he would heal him on the sabbath;
3 that they might accuse him. And he saith to the man
that had his hand withered; ‘ Stand forth in the middle.’
4 And he saith to them; ‘ Is it lawful on the sabbath to
‘ do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? ’ But they
5 held their peace. And after looking round on them with
anger, grieving for the hardness of their hearts, he saith
to the man; ‘ Stretch out thy hand.’ And he stretched
6 it out; and his hand was restored. And the Pharisees
went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians
against him, how they might destroy him.

7 And Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the
lake; and a great multitude from Galilee followed him,
8 and from Judea, and from Jerusalem, and from Idumæa,
and from beyond the Jordan; and they about Tyre and
Sidon, a great multitude, hearing what things he did,

came to him. And he spake to his disciples, that a small boat should wait on him because of the crowd, lest they should throng him. For he had healed many; so that as many as had plagues pressed upon him to touch him. And the unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell before him, and cried, saying; 'Thou art the son of God.' And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

And he goeth up the mountain, and calleth those whom he would; and they went out to him. And he appointed twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons. And Simon he surnamed Peter; and James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and them he surnamed Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder; and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphæus, and Thaddæus, and Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

And they went into a house. And the crowd again cometh together, so that they could not even eat bread. And when his friends heard, they went out to lay hold on him; for they said; 'He is beside himself.' And the scribes that came down from Jerusalem, said; 'He hath 'Beelzebub,' and, 'By the prince of the demons he 'casteth out the demons.' And he called them, and said to them in parables; 'How can Satan cast out Satan? 'And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against 'itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan rise up 'against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but 'hath an end. No one can enter into the Strong One's 'house and plunder his goods, unless he first bind the 'Strong One; and then he will plunder his house. Verily 'I say to you, that all sins will be forgiven to the sons 'of men, and the blasphemies wherewith soever they shall 'blaspheme; but he that shall blaspheme against the Holy 'Spirit, hath no forgiveness till the end of the world, but 'is deserving of everlasting judgment.' Because they said; 'He hath an unclean spirit.'

His mother and his brethren then came, and standing without, sent to him, calling him. And a crowd sat

round him; and they said to him; 'Behold, thy
33 'mother and thy brethren seek for thee without.' And
he answered them, saying; 'Who is my mother, or my
34 'brethren?' And looking round on those who sat about
him, he saith; 'Behold my mother and my brethren;
35 'for whoever shall do the will of God, the same is my
— 'brother, and my sister, and mother.'

1 And he began again to teach by the lake's side; and
a great crowd was gathered to him, so that he entered
into the boat, and sat on the lake; and the whole
2 crowd was by the lake on the land. And he taught them
many things by parables and said to them in his teaching;
3 4 'Hearken; Behold, the sower went out to sow; and
'it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the road side,
5 'and the fowls came and ate it up. And some fell on
'stony places, where it had not much earth; and it
'sprang up immediately, because it had no depth of earth;
6 'but when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because
7 'it had no root, it withered away. And some fell among
'thorns; and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it
8 'yielded no fruit. And others fell on good ground, and
'yielded fruit that sprang up and increased; and bore,
9 'one thirty, and one sixty, and one a hundred.' And
he said; 'He that hath ears to hear let him hear.'

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him,
11 with the twelve, asked of him the parable. And he said
to them; 'To you it is given to know the mystery of
'the kingdom of God; but to them that are without, all
12 'things are done in parables; so that *seeing they may see*
'*and not perceive; and hearing they may hear and not*
'*understand; lest they should turn, and their sins*
13 '*should be forgiven them.*' And he saith to them;
'Know ye not this parable? And how will ye know
14 'all the parables? The sower soweth the word.
15 'And these are they by the road side; where the word
'is sown, and when they hear, immediately Satan cometh,
'and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.
16 'And these are in like wise those sown on the stony
'places; who, when they hear the word, receive it immediately
17 'with gladness; and have no root in themselves,
'but are short lived; afterwards, when tribulation or
'persecution cometh because of the word, immediately

‘they stumble. And others are those sown among the
 ‘thorns ; these are they that hear the word ; and the cares
 ‘of the age, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts
 ‘after other things, entering in, choke the word, and it
 ‘becometh unfruitful. And these are those sown on the
 ‘good ground ; such as hear the word, and receive it, and
 ‘bear fruit, one thirty, one sixty, and one a hundred.’

And he said to them ; ‘Is the lamp brought to be put
 ‘under the bushel, or under the bed, and not to be set on
 ‘the lamp-stand ? For there is nothing hidden which will
 ‘not be shown ; nor was there any thing kept secret, but
 ‘that it should come into sight. If any one hath ears to
 ‘hear, let him hear.’ And he said to them ; ‘Take
 ‘heed what ye hear ; with what measure ye mete, it will
 ‘be measured to you.’ For he that hath, to him will be
 ‘given ; and he that hath not, from him will be taken even
 ‘what he hath.’ And he said ; ‘So is the kingdom of God,
 ‘as if a man should cast seed upon the ground ; and should
 ‘sleep and rise, night and day, and the seed spring and
 ‘grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth beareth
 ‘fruit of itself ; first the blade, then the ear, then the full
 ‘grain in the ear. And when the fruit is ripe, immedi-
 ‘ately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.’

And he said ; ‘Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom
 ‘of God ? or with what parable, [or comparison] shall we
 ‘compare it ? It is like a grain of mustard, which when
 ‘it is sown on the earth, is less than all the seeds that are
 ‘on the earth ; and when it is sown, it cometh up,
 ‘and becometh greater than all herbs, and maketh great
 ‘branches, so that the fowls of the air may lodge under
 ‘its shade.’ And with many such parables spake he the
 word to them, according as they were able to hear it.
 And without a parable spake he not to them ; and he
 explained all things to his disciples apart.

And on the same day, when it was evening, he saith
 to them ; ‘Let us pass over to the other side.’ And
 when they had sent away the crowd they took him as he
 was in the boat. And there were also with him other
 boats. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the
 waves beat into the boat, so that it was now filling. And
 he was in the stern, asleep on the pillow ; and they rouse
 him, and say to him ; ‘Teacher, carest thou not that we

59 'perish?' And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said
to the sea; 'Peace, be still.' And the wind ceased, and
40 there was a great calm. And he said to them; 'Why
'are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?'
41 And they feared with a great fear, and said one to ano-
ther; 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea
— 'obey him?'

1 And they came to the other side of the lake, into the
2 country of the Gadarenes. And as he came out of the
boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man
3 with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling in the tombs;
4 and no one could bind him even with chains; because he
had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the
chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters
5 broken; and no one had strength to tame him. And he
was always, night and day, in the tombs and on the
mountains, crying out and cutting himself with stones.
6 And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshipped
7 him; and cried with a loud voice, and said; 'What have
'I to do with thee, Jesus, thou son of the most high
'God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me
8 'not.' (For he said to him; 'Come out of the man,
9 'thou unclean spirit.') And he asked him; 'What is
'thy name?' And he saith to him; 'My name is Le-
10 'gion, for we are many.' And he besought him much
11 that he would not send them out of the country. Now
there was there by the mountain a great herd of swine
12 feeding; and the demons besought him, saying; 'Send
13 'us into the swine, that we may enter into them.' And
forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean
spirits went out, and entered into the swine; and the
herd rushed down the cliff into the lake; and they were
about two thousand, and they were drowned in the lake.
14 And they that fed them fled, and told it in the city and
in the country. And they went out to see what was
15 done. And they come to Jesus, and see the demoniac,
that had the legion, sitting and clothed, and in his right
16 mind; and they were afraid. And they that had seen it
told them how it befel to the demoniac, and about the
17 swine. And they began to pray him to depart from
18 their neighbourhood. And when he was come into the
boat, he that had been a demoniac prayed him that he

might be with him. And he suffered him not, but saith to him; 'Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had pity on thee.' And he departed, and began to publish in the Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him; and all men marvelled.

And when Jesus had again passed over in the boat to the other side, a great crowd was gathered to him; and he was by the lake's side. And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue cometh, Jairus by name; and when he saw him he fell at his feet, and besought him greatly, saying; 'My little daughter is at the point of death; come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she will live.' And he went with him; and a great crowd followed him and thronged him. And a certain woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent her all, and was nothing bettered, but had rather got worse, having heard about Jesus, came in the crowd behind, and touched his cloak. For she said; 'If I may but touch his clothes I shall be healed.' And straightway her flow of blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And straightway Jesus, knowing in himself that power had gone out of him, turned round in the crowd, and said; 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him; 'Thou seest the crowd thronging thee, and sayest thou; Who touched me?' And he looked round to see her that had done this. And the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell before him, and told him all the truth. And he said to her; 'Daughter, thy faith hath healed thee; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.' While he was yet speaking, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house some who said; 'Thy daughter is dead; why troublest thou the Teacher any further?' And as soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith to the ruler of the synagogue; 'Be not afraid, only believe.' And he suffered no one to follow him, but Peter and James, and John the brother of James. And he cometh into the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth a tumult, and persons weeping and wailing greatly. And when he was come in, he saith to them; 'Why make ye this ado, and weep?

40 'The child is not dead, but sleepeth.' And they laughed
at him. But when he had put them all out, he taketh
the father and the mother of the child, and those that
were with him, and entereth in where the child was.
41 And he taketh the child by the hand, and saith to her ;
'Talitha cumi ;' which is, when interpreted, Little girl,
42 I say to thee, arise. And straightway the little girl
stood up and walked ; for she was twelve years old. And
43 they were astonished with a great astonishment. And
he charged them much that no one should know it ; and
— commanded that something should be given her to eat.

1 And he went out from thence, and went into his own
2 country ; and his disciples follow him. And when the
sabbath was come, he began to teach in the synagogue.
And many who heard were astonished, saying ; ' Whence
'hath this man these things ? and what wisdom is this
'which is given to him ?' and, ' Such mighty works are
3 'wrought by his hands. Is not this the carpenter, the
'son of Mary, and brother of James, and Joses, and
'Judas, and Simon ? and are not his sisters here with
4 'us ?' And they found a difficulty in him. But Jesus
said to them ; ' A prophet is not without honour, but
'in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his
5 'own house.' And he could not there do any mighty
work, save that he laid his hands on a few sick folk, and
6 healed them. And he marvelled because of their un-
belief. And he went round about the villages teaching.

7 And he called the twelve, and began to send them
forth two by two ; and gave them power over the unclean
8 spirits ; and commanded them to take nothing for the
journey, save a staff only ; no scrip, no bread, no copper
9 in their purse ; ' but be shod with sandals, and put not on
10 'two under-coats.' And he said to them ; ' Wherever ye
'enter into a house, there abide till ye depart from that
11 'place. And whoever will not receive you, nor hear
'you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust that
12 'is under your feet as a testimony against them.' And
they went out and preached that men should repent ;
13 and they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil
many that were sick, and healed them.

14 And king Herod heard, (for his name was spread
abroad,) and he said ; ' John the Baptist hath been raised

‘from the dead, and therefore the mighty powers work in
‘him.’ Others said; ‘He is Elijah;’ and others said; ‘He
‘is a prophet, as one of the prophets.’ But when Herod
heard, he said; ‘John, whom I beheaded, hath been raised
‘from the dead.’ For Herod himself had sent and seized
John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias,
his brother Philip’s wife; for he had married her.
For John said to Herod; ‘It is not lawful for thee to
‘have thy brother’s wife.’ And Herodias hated him, and
wished to kill him, and could not; for Herod feared
John, knowing that he was a just man and holy; and
protected him; and when he heard him he did many
things, and heard him gladly. And on a fitting day, when
Herod on his birthday made a supper for his lords and
the captains and the chief men of Galilee; and when the
daughter of this Herodias came in, and danced, and
pleased Herod and the guests, the king said to the little
girl; ‘Ask of me whatever thou wilt, and I will give it
‘to thee.’ And he sware to her; ‘Whatever thou shalt
‘ask of me, I will give to thee, unto the half of my king-
‘dom.’ And she went out, and said to her mother;
‘What shall I ask?’ And she said; ‘The head of John
‘the Baptist.’ And she came in straightway with haste
to the king, and asked, saying; ‘I will that thou give
‘me at once the head of John the Baptist on a dish.’
And the king was very sorry, yet for the sake of his oaths
and the guests he would not refuse her. And the king
immediately sent out an executioner, and ordered his
head to be brought in. And he went out and beheaded
him in the prison, and brought in his head on a dish, and
gave it to the little girl; and the little girl gave it to
her mother. And when his disciples heard, they came
and took up his body, and laid it in a tomb.

And the apostles gathered themselves together unto
Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done,
and what they had taught. And he said to them;
‘Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest
‘awhile;’ for there were many coming and going, and
they had no leisure even to eat. And they departed into
a desert place by boat privately. And the people saw
them departing, and many knew them, and ran with
them thither afoot out of all the cities.

34 And when he came out he saw a great crowd, and pitied
them, because they were as sheep having no shepherd; and
35 he began to teach them many things. And as the hour
was now late, his disciples came to him, saying; 'This is
36 ' a desert place, and the hour is now late; send them away,
' that they may go into the country round about, and
' into the villages, and buy themselves loaves; for they
37 ' have nothing to eat.' And he answered and said to
them; 'Give ye unto them to eat.' And they say to him;
'Should we go and buy loaves for two hundred Denarii
' [or sixteen hundred pence], and give them to eat?'
38 And he saith to them; 'How many loaves have ye? go
' and see.' And when they knew, they say; 'Five, and
39 ' two fishes.' And he commanded them to make all lie
40 down, company by company, on the green grass. And
they lay down, rank by rank, in hundreds and in fifties.
41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two
fishes, and looked up to heaven, he gave praise, and
brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set
before them; and the two fishes he divided among all.
42 43 And they all ate, and were filled. And they took up
twelve baskets full of the fragments and of the fishes.
44 And they that ate of the loaves were five thousand men.
45 And straightway he made his disciples get into the
boat, and go on before to the other side towards Beth-
46 saida, while he sent away the crowd. And when he had
sent them away, he departed to the mountain to pray.
47 And when evening was come, the boat was in the midst
48 of the lake, and he alone on the land. And he saw them
toiling in rowing, for the wind was against them. And
about the fourth watch of the night he cometh towards
them, walking on the lake, and wished to pass by them.
49 But when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought
50 it was an apparition, and cried out; for they all saw him
and were troubled. And immediately he talked with
them, and saith to them; 'Be of good cheer; it is I;
51 ' be not afraid.' And he went up to them into the
boat; and the wind ceased; and they were sore amazed
52 in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. For they
thought not of the loaves, for their heart was hardened.
53 And when they had passed over, they came to the land
of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore.

And when they were come out of the boat, straightway 54
 they that knew him ran throughout that whole neighbour- 55
 hood, and began to carry about on their beds those that
 were sick, wherever they heard that he was. And 56
 wherever he entered into villages, or cities, or country
 places, they laid the sick in the market-places, and be-
 sought him that they might touch if it were but the hem
 of his cloak ; and as many as touched him were healed. —

Then came together to him the Pharisees, and some 1
 of the scribes, who came from Jerusalem. And when 2
 they saw some of his disciples eating bread with common,
 that is with unwashen, hands ; (for the Pharisees and all 3
 the Jews, unless they wash their hands thoroughly, eat not,
 holding the tradition of the elders ; and when they come 4
 from the market, except they wash, they eat not ; and
 many other things there be, which they have received to
 hold ; the washing of cups, and of platters, and of brasen 5
 vessels, and of couches ;) then the Pharisees and scribes 5
 ask him ; ‘ Why walk not thy disciples after the tradition
 ‘ of the elders, but eat bread with common hands ?’ And 6
 he answered and said to them ; ‘ Well hath Isaiah
 ‘ prophesied about you hypocrites, as it is written ; *This*
 ‘ *people honoureth me with the lips, but their heart is far*
 ‘ *from me ; and in vain they worship me, teaching for* 7
 ‘ *doctrines the commands of men.* For laying aside the
 ‘ command of God, ye hold the tradition of men ; washing
 ‘ of platters and cups ; and many other such like things
 ‘ do ye.’ And he said to them ; ‘ Full well ye reject 8
 ‘ the command of God, that ye may keep your own
 ‘ tradition. For Moses said ; *Honour thy father and thy* 10
 ‘ *mother ; and Whoso curseth father or mother, let him*
 ‘ *die the death.* But ye say ; If a man say to his father 11
 ‘ or mother, It is Corban, that is, a gift, whatever thou
 ‘ mightest have owing to thee from me ; then ye let him 12
 ‘ do no more for his father or his mother, making void the 13
 ‘ word of God by your tradition, which ye have delivered ;
 ‘ and many such like things do ye.’ And calling all the 14
 crowd, he said to them ; ‘ Hear me all of you, and 15
 ‘ understand. There is nothing from without the man,
 ‘ entering into him, that can make him common ; but the
 ‘ things which come out of him, those are what make the
 ‘ man common. If any one have ears to hear, let him 16

17 'hear.' And when he went into a house from the crowd,
18 his disciples asked him about the parable. And he saith
to them ; 'And are ye so without understanding? Do
'ye not perceive that nothing from without that entereth
19 'into the man can make him common? Because it
'entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth
20 'out into the draught, making pure all the meats.' And he
said ; 'That which cometh out of the man, that maketh
21 'the man common. For from within, out of the heart of
'men, come evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, mur-
22 'ders, thefts, lasciviousness, wickedness, deceit, unclean-
23 'ness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness ; all these
'evil things come from within and make the man common.'

24 And he arose from thence, and went into the neigh-
bourhood of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into the house,
and would have no one know it ; but he could not keep
25 hid. For a woman, whose young daughter had an unclean
spirit, heard about him, and came and fell at his feet.
26 The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth ;
and she besought him that he would cast the demon out
27 of her daughter. And Jesus said to her ; 'Let the
'children first be filled ; for it is not right to take the
28 'children's bread, and cast it to the dogs.' And she
answered and said to him ; 'Yes, Lord ; for the dogs
29 'under the table eat of the children's crumbs.' And he
said to her ; 'For this saying, go thy way ; the demon
30 'is gone out of thy daughter.' And when she went into
her house, she found the demon gone out, and her
daughter laid on the bed.

31 And again departing out of the neighbourhood of Tyre
and Sidon, he came to the lake of Galilee, through the
32 midst of the neighbourhood of Decapolis. And they
bring to him a deaf man who stammered, and they beg
33 him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside
from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears ; and he
34 spit and touched his tongue ; and looking up to heaven,
he sighed, and saith to him ; 'Ephphatha,' that is, be
35 opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the
string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.
36 And he charged them to tell no one ; but the more he
charged them, the more a great deal they published it.
37 And they were beyond measure astonished, saying ; 'He

‘hath done all things well ; he maketh both the deaf to
‘hear, and the dumb to speak.’

In those days the crowd being very great, and having
nothing to eat, he called his disciples, and saith to
them ; ‘I have pity on the crowd, because they continue
‘with me now three days, and have nothing to eat ; and
‘if I send them away fasting to their homes, they will
‘faint on the road ; for some of them are come from afar.’
And his disciples answered him ; ‘Whence can any one
‘satisfy these men with loaves here in a desert place?’
And he asked them ; ‘How many loaves have ye?’ And
they said ; ‘Seven.’ And he commanded the crowd to
lie down on the ground ; and taking the seven loaves, he
gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples to
set before them ; and they set them before the crowd.
And they had a few small fishes ; and he gave praise, and
commanded to set them also before them. And they ate
and were filled ; and they took up of the fragments that
were left, seven baskets. And those that ate were about
four thousand ; and he sent them away.

And straightway he entered into the boat with his dis-
ciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha. And the
Pharisees came forth, and began to question him, seeking
of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. And he
sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith ; ‘Why doth this
‘generation seek after a sign ? verily I say to you, no
‘sign shall be given to this generation.’ And he left
them, and again entering into the boat, departed to the
other side.

Now they had forgotten to take loaves, and had only
one loaf with them in the boat. And he charged them,
saying ; ‘Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees,
‘and of the leaven of Herod.’ And they reasoned among
themselves, saying ; ‘It is because we have no loaves.’
And Jesus understanding it, saith to them ; ‘Why reason
‘ye, because ye have no loaves ? perceive ye not yet,
‘neither understand ye ; have ye your heart yet hardened ?
‘Having eyes, see ye not ? and having ears, hear ye not ?
‘and do ye not remember ? When I brake the five loaves
‘among the five thousand, how many baskets full of frag-
‘ments took ye up ?’ They say to him ; ‘Twelve.’
‘And when the seven among the four thousand, how

21 'many baskets full of fragments took ye up?' And they said; 'Seven.' And he said to them; 'How is it that 'ye do not understand?'

22 And he cometh into Bethsaida; and they bring a blind
23 man to him, and beg him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the village; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands on
24 him, he asked him if he saw any thing. And he looked
25 up, and said; 'I see men as trees walking.' Then he again put his hands on his eyes, and made him look up; and he was restored, and saw all men clearly. And he
26 sent him away to his house, saying; 'Neither go into the 'village, nor tell it to any one in the village.'

27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the villages of Cæsarea Philippi; and by the way he asked his disciples, saying to them; 'Whom do men say that I am?'
28 And they answered; 'John the Baptist; and others;
29 'Elijah; and others; One of the prophets.' And he saith to them; 'And whom do ye say that I am?' And Peter answereth and saith to him; 'Thou art the Christ.'
30 And he charged them that they should speak to no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of
31 man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, and the high priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke
32 him. And turning round and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying; 'Get thee behind me, Satan; for
33 'thou art not thinking of the things of God, but of those
34 'of men.' And calling the crowd with his disciples, he said to them; 'Whoever wisheth to follow after me, 'let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow
35 'me. And whoever shall wish to save his life, will lose 'it; and whoever shall lose his life for the sake of me and
36 'of the Good Tidings, will save it.' For what will it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?
37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
38 'For whoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words
— 'in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also will
1 'the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in
the glory of his Father with the holy angels.' And he said to them; 'Verily I say to you, that there are

‘some of those that stand here, that will not taste of death till they see the kingdom of God come with power.’

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter and James and John, and leadeth them alone up into a high mountain apart; and he was changed before them. And his clothes became shining, very white as snow, as no fuller on earth can whiten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and said to Jesus; ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tents, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ For he knew not what to say; for they were sore afraid. And there came a cloud overshadowing them; and a voice came out of the cloud; ‘This is my beloved son, hear him.’ And looking round suddenly they saw no one any more, save Jesus alone with themselves. And as they came down from the mountain he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, till the Son of man had arisen from the dead. And they kept that saying to themselves, questioning together, what is the rising from the dead. And they asked him, saying; ‘Why say the scribes that Elijah must first come?’ And he answered and said to them; ‘Elijah indeed cometh first, and restoreth all things;’ and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought. ‘But I say to you, that Elijah indeed is come, and they have done to him whatever they wished, as it was written of him.’

And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great crowd about them, and scribes questioning with them. And straightway all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed, and running to him, saluted him. And he asked them; ‘What question ye with them?’ And one of the crowd answered and said; ‘Teacher, I have brought to thee my son, who hath a dumb spirit; and wherever it findeth him, it teareth him; and he foameth and gnasheth his teeth, and pineth away; and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast it out, and they could not.’ And he answereth them, and saith; ‘O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him to me.’ And they

brought him to him ; and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him ; and he fell on the ground, and rolled, foaming. And he asked his father ; 'How long is it ago since this came to him ?' And he said ; 'From a child. And it often cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him ; but if thou canst do any thing, pity us and help us.' And Jesus said to him ; 'If thou canst believe ; all things are possible to him that believeth.' And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears ; 'I do believe ; help thou my unbelief.' And when Jesus saw that the crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it ; 'Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee ; come out of him, and enter no more into him.' And it cried and tare greatly, and came out ; and he became as one dead ; so that many said that he was dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him ; and he stood up. And when he was come into a house, his disciples asked him privately ; 'Why could not we cast it out ?' And he said to them ; 'This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting.'

And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee ; and he did not wish any one to know it. For he taught his disciples, and said to them ; 'The Son of man is being delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him ; and after he is killed he will rise on the third day.' But they understood not the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

And he came to Capernaum ; and being in the house, he asked them ; 'What did ye dispute among yourselves by the way ?' But they held their peace ; for by the way they had disputed among themselves who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve, and saith to them ; 'If any one wish to be first, he will be the last of all, and servant of all.' And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them ; and taking him in his arms, he said to them ; 'Whoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me ; and whoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but Him that sent me.' And John answered him, saying ; 'Teacher, we saw one casting out demons in thy name ; and we forbade him, because he followeth not us.' But Jesus

said ; ‘ Forbid him not ; for there is no one who shall do
 ‘ a mighty work in my name, and can soon speak ill of
 ‘ me. For he that is not against you is for you. For ⁴⁰ 41
 ‘ whoever shall give you a cup of water, in name because
 ‘ ye are of Christ, verily I say to you, he will not lose
 ‘ his reward. And whoever shall make one of these little ⁴²
 ‘ ones, that believe in me, to sin, it is better for him that
 ‘ a millstone were hanged about his neck, and it were
 ‘ cast into the sea. And if thy hand make thee to sin, cut ⁴³
 ‘ it off ; it is better for thee to enter into life maimed,
 ‘ than having thy two hands to go into the Gehenna, into
 ‘ the fire unquenchable ; where *their worm dieth not, and* ⁴⁴
 ‘ *the fire is not quenched.* And if thy foot make thee to sin, ⁴⁵
 ‘ cut it off ; it is better for thee to enter lame into life,
 ‘ than having thy two feet to be cast into the Gehenna,
 ‘ into the fire unquenchable ; where *their worm dieth not,* ⁴⁶
 ‘ *and the fire is not quenched.* And if thine eye make ⁴⁷
 ‘ thee to sin, pluck it out ; it is better for thee to enter into
 ‘ the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes
 ‘ to be cast into the Gehenna of fire ; where *their worm* ⁴⁸
 ‘ *dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.* For every one ⁴⁹
 ‘ shall be salted with fire, and *every sacrifice shall be salted*
 ‘ *with salt.* Salt is good ; but if the salt-stone have lost its ⁵⁰
 ‘ saltness, wherewith will ye season it ? Have salt in
 ‘ yourselves, and be at peace one with another.’

And arising from thence he cometh into the neigh- ¹
 bourhood of Judea, by the further side of the Jordan ;
 and again crowds come round him ; and, as he was wont,
 he again taught them. And Pharisees came to him, and ²
 asked him ; ‘ Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife ?’
 tempting him. And he answered and said to them ; ³
 ‘ What did Moses command you ?’ And they said ; ⁴
 ‘ Moses suffered to write a bill of divorce, and to put her
 ‘ away.’ And Jesus answered and said to them ; ‘ For ⁵
 ‘ the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this command.
 ‘ But from the beginning of creation God made them ⁶
 ‘ male and female. *For this shall a man leave his father* ⁷
 ‘ *and mother and cleave to his wife ; and they two shall* ⁸
 ‘ *become one flesh.* So they are no more two, but one
 ‘ flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let ⁹
 ‘ not man put asunder.’ And in the house his disciples ¹⁰
 asked him again about the same. And he saith to ¹¹

them ; 'Whoever shall put away his wife, and marry
12 'another, committeth adultery with her ; and if a woman
'shall put away her husband, and be married to another,
'she committeth adultery.'

23 And they brought some little children to him, that he
should touch them ; and his disciples rebuked those that
14 brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much dis-
pleased, and said to them ; 'Suffer the little children to
'come to me, forbid them not ; for unto such belongeth
15 'the kingdom of God. Verily I say to you, whoever shall
'not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he will
16 'not enter therein,' And taking them in his arms, and
putting his hands on them, he blessed them.

17 And as he was going forth on the way, one running up
and kneeling to him, asked him ; 'Good Teacher, what
18 'shall I do that I may inherit eternal life ?' And Jesus
said to him ; 'Why callest thou me good ? there is
19 'none good but one, God. Thou knowest the command-
'ments, *Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not*
'*steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honour*
20 '*thy father and thy mother.*' And he answered and said
to him ; 'Teacher, all these things have I kept from
21 'my youth.' And Jesus looking at him, loved him, and
said to him ; 'One thing thou lackest ; go, sell what-
'ever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou wilt have
'treasure in heaven ; and come, take up the cross, and
22 'follow me.' And he was sad at that saying, and went
23 away grieving, for he had great possessions. And Jesus
looking round, saith to his disciples ; 'How hardly
'shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of
24 'God !' And the disciples were astonished at his words.
But Jesus answereth again, and saith to them ; 'Chil-
'dren, how hard it is for them that trust in riches to
25 'enter into the kingdom of God ! It is easier for a camel
'to go through the eye of the needle than for a rich man
26 'to enter into the kingdom of God.' And they were
astonished beyond measure, saying among themselves ;
27 'Who then can be saved ?' And Jesus looking on them,
saith ; 'With men it is impossible, but not with God ;
28 'for with God all things are possible.' Peter began to
say to him ; 'Lo, we have left all, and have followed
29 'thee.' Jesus answered and said ; 'Verily I say to

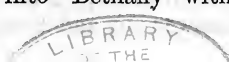
‘you, there is no one that hath left house, or brethren, or
 ‘sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or
 ‘lands, for the sake of me and for the sake of the Good
 ‘Tidings, but he shall receive a hundred fold now at this
 ‘time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and
 ‘children, and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to
 ‘come, life everlasting. And many who are first will be
 ‘last, and the last first.’

And they were on the way going up to Jerusalem ; and
 Jesus was going before them. And they were amazed ;
 and as they followed, they were afraid. And again taking
 the twelve, he began to tell them what things were to
 happen to him. ‘Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem,
 ‘and the Son of man will be delivered up to the
 ‘high priests and scribes ; and they will condemn him to
 ‘death, and will deliver him up to the Gentiles ; and they
 ‘will mock him, and scourge him, and spit on him, and
 ‘kill him ; and on the third day he will rise again.’

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come to
 him, saying ; ‘Teacher, we wish that thou wouldest do
 ‘for us whatever we ask.’ And he said to them ; ‘What
 ‘do ye wish me to do for you ?’ And they said to
 him ; ‘Grant to us that we may sit, one on thy right
 ‘hand, and one on thy left, in thy glory.’ But Jesus
 said to them ; ‘Ye know not what ye ask. Can ye
 ‘drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the
 ‘baptism that I am being baptized with ?’ And they
 said to him ; ‘We can.’ And Jesus said to them ;
 ‘Ye will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and ye will
 ‘be baptized with the baptism that I am being baptized
 ‘with ; but to sit on my right hand and on my left, is
 ‘not mine to give ; but is for them for whom it is
 ‘prepared.’ And when the ten heard, they began to be
 angry with James and John. But Jesus called them,
 and saith to them ; ‘Ye know that they who think
 ‘to rule over the Gentiles, lord it over them, and their
 ‘great men exercise power over them. But it will
 ‘not be thus among you ; but whoever should wish to
 ‘be great among you, he will be your servant ; and
 ‘whoever of you should wish to be first, will be slave of
 ‘all. For the Son of man came not to be served, but to
 ‘serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

46 And they come to Jericho; and as he was going out
of Jericho, with his disciples and a rather large crowd,
47 blind Bartimæus, the son of Timæus, sat by the road side
begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus the
48 Nazarite, he began to cry out, and to say; 'Jesus, thou
'son of David, have pity on me.' And many charged
49 him to hold his peace; but he cried out the more a
great deal; 'Thou son of David have pity on me.' And
Jesus stood still, and ordered him to be called. And
they call the blind man, saying to him; 'Be of good
50 'cheer, arise; he calleth thee.' And casting off his
51 cloak, he stood up and came to Jesus. And Jesus
answered and said to him; 'What wilt thou that I
'should do for thee?' And the blind man said to
52 him; 'Rabboni, that I receive my sight.' And Jesus
said to him; 'Go thy way, thy faith hath healed thee.'
And he received his sight immediately, and he followed
— him on the road.

1 And as they come nigh to Jerusalem, to Bethphage
and Bethany, towards the Mount of Olives, he sendeth
2 forth two of his disciples, and saith to them; 'Go your
'way into the village before you; and as soon as ye enter
'into it, ye will find a colt tied, whereon no man hath
3 'sat; loose it and bring it. And if any one say to
'you; Why do ye this? say; The Lord hath need of
4 'it; and straightway he will send it hither.' And they
went, and found a colt tied by the door without, at the
5 cross roads; and they loose it. And some of them that
stood there said to them; 'What do ye, loosing the
6 'colt?' And they said unto them as Jesus had com-
7 manded. And they suffered them. And they brought
the colt to Jesus, and cast their clothes on it; and he
8 sat on it. And many spread their clothes in the road;
and others cut branches off the trees, and strewed them
9 in the road. And they that went before, and they that
followed, cried, saying; 'Hosanna; *Blessed is he that*
10 '*cometh in the name of the Lord.* Blessed is the coming
'kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest.'
11 And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple-
yard; and when he had looked round on all things, as it was
now evening, he went out into Bethany with the
twelve.



And on the morrow, when they were come out from Bethany, he was hungry. And seeing a fig-tree afar having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon; and when he came to it he found nothing but leaves; for it was not the season of figs. And he answered and said to it; 'Let no one eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever.' And his disciples heard. And they come into Jerusalem. And entering into the temple-yard he began to cast out those who sold and bought in the temple-yard; and he overthrew the tables of the bankers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not suffer any one to carry a vessel through the temple-yard. And he taught, saying to them; 'Is it not written, *My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations?* but ye have made it a den of thieves.' And the scribes and high priests heard, and sought how they might destroy him; for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. And when it was evening he went out of the city.

And in the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig-tree withered away from the roots. And Peter remembering, saith to him; 'Rabbi, behold, the fig-tree which thou cursedst is withered away.' And Jesus answering, saith to them; 'Have faith in God. For verily I say to you, that whoever shall say to this mountain, Be thou taken up, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith do come to pass, he will have whatever he saith. Therefore I say to you, whatever things ye ask for when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye will have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any one, that your Father that is in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father that is in heaven forgive your trespasses.'

And they come again into Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple-yard, the high priests, and scribes, and elders, come to him, and say to him; 'By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?' And Jesus answered and said to them; 'I will also ask of you one question; and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority

30 'I do these things. The baptism of John, was it from
31 'heaven, or from men? answer me.' And they reasoned
with themselves, saying; 'If we shall say, From heaven;
32 'he will say; Why then did ye not believe him? But if
'we shall say, From men;' they feared the people; for all
33 men counted John that he was a prophet indeed. And
they answered and said to Jesus; 'We do not know.'
— And Jesus answered and said to them; 'Neither do I
'tell you by what authority I do these things.'

1 And he began to speak to them in parables. 'A
'man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and
'dugged a wine-vat, and built a tower, and let it out to
2 'husbandmen, and left the country. And in the season
'he sent to the husbandmen a slave, that he might receive
3 'from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. And
'they took him and beat him, and sent him away empty.
4 'And again he sent to them another slave; and him
'they stoned, and wounded in the head, and sent away
5 'shamefully handled. And he sent another; and him
'they killed; and many others, beating some, and killing
6 'some. Therefore, having yet one son, his beloved, he
'sent him also last to them, saying; They will reverence
7 'my son. But those husbandmen said to themselves;
'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inherit-
8 'ance will be ours. And they took him, and killed him,
9 'and cast him out of the vineyard. What therefore will
'the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy
'the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard to others.
10 'And have ye not read this scripture? *A stone which*
'*the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the*
11 '*corner; it was from the Lord, and is wonderful in*
12 '*our eyes.*' And they sought to seize him, and feared
the crowd; for they knew that he had spoken the parable
against them. And they left him, and went away.

13 And they send to him some of the Pharisees, and of
14 the Herodians, to catch him in his words. And when
they were come, they say to him; 'Teacher, we know
'that thou art to be trusted, and carest for no one,
'neither regardest the person of men, but teachest the
'way of God in truth; is it lawful to give Census [or
15 'Tribute] to Cæsar or not? Shall we give, or shall we
'not give?' But he knowing their hypocrisy, said to

them ; 'Why tempt ye me ? bring me a Denarius, [a coin
 'worth eight pence] that I may see.' And they brought 16
 one. And he saith to them ; 'Whose is this image,
 'and inscription ?' And they said to him, 'Cæsar's.'
 And Jesus answering said to them ; 'Render to Cæsar 17
 'the things which are Cæsar's, and to God the things
 'which are God's.' And they marvelled at him.

Then come to him Sadducees, who say there is no 18
 resurrection ; and they questioned him, saying ; 'Teacher, 19
 'Moses wrote to us ; *If a man's brother die, and leave*
 '*behind a wife, and leave no children, his brother should*
 '*take his wife, and raise up seed to his brother.* There 20
 'were seven brethren ; and the first took a wife, and
 'dying left no seed. And the second took her and died, 21
 'neither left he seed. And the third in like wise. And 22
 'the seven took her, and left no seed. Last of all the
 'woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, when 23
 'they shall arise, whose wife will she be of them ? For the
 'seven had her as wife.' And Jesus answering said to 24
 them ; 'Do ye not therefore err, not knowing the scrip- 25
 'tures nor the power of God ? For when they shall arise 26
 'from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in
 'marriage, but are as angels in heaven. And about the 27
 'dead, that they are raised, have ye not read in the book
 'of Moses, at the Bush, how God spake to him, saying ;
 '*I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and*
 '*the God of Jacob ?* He is not the God of dead men, 27
 'but of living men. Ye therefore do greatly err.'

And one of the scribes coming up, and hearing them 28
 reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered
 them well, asked him ; 'Which is the first commandment
 'of all ?' And Jesus answered him ; 'The first command- 29
 'ment of all is ; *Hear, O Israel ; the Lord our God is one*
 '*Lord ; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all* 30
 '*thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,*
 '*and with all thy strength ;* this is the first commandment.
 'And this the second is like ; *Thou shalt love thy* 31
 '*neighbour as thyself.* There is no other commandment
 'greater than these.' And the scribe said to him ; 32
 'Right, Teacher, thou hast said truly, that He is one, and
 'there is none other but he ; and to love him with all the 33
 'heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the

‘soul, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbour as one’s self, is more than all whole burnt offerings
34 ‘and sacrifices.’ And Jesus, seeing him, that he answered wisely, said to him; ‘Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.’ And no one after that durst question him.

35 And Jesus answered and said, while teaching in the temple-yard; ‘How say the scribes that the Christ is the son
36 ‘of David? For David himself in holy spirit, said; *The Lord saith to my lord; Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies a footstool for thy feet.* David
37 ‘therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he his son?’ And the great crowd heard him gladly.

38 And he said to them in his teaching; ‘Beware of the scribes, who love to walk about in long robes, and
39 ‘love greetings in the market-places, and the first seats in the synagogues, and the first couches at feasts, who
40 ‘devour widows’ houses, and for a pretence make long prayers; these will receive a heavier judgment.’

41 And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the crowd cast copper money into the treasury; and
42 many rich men cast in much. And a certain poor widow came and threw in two Lepta, that is, a Quodrantes [or
43 farthing]. And he called to his disciples, and said to them; ‘Verily I say to you, that this poor widow hath cast in
44 ‘more than all they that have cast into the treasury; for out of their abundance they all cast, but she out of her
— ‘want cast in all that she had, all her living.’

1 And as he went out of the temple-yard, one of his disciples saith to him; ‘Teacher, see; what stones! and
2 ‘what buildings!’ And Jesus answering said to him; ‘Seest thou these great buildings? there will not be left
‘a stone upon a stone that will not be thrown down.’

3 And as he sat on the Mount of Olives, over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked
4 him privately; ‘Tell us, when will these things be? and what will be the sign when all these things are to be
5 ‘fulfilled?’ And Jesus answering them, began to say; ‘Take heed lest any one deceive you; for many will come
6 ‘in my name saying; I am he; and will deceive many.
7 ‘And when ye hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled; for these things must be; but the end is
8 ‘not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom

'against kingdom ; and there will be earthquakes in divers
 'places, and there will be famines and troubles ; these are
 'the beginnings of sorrows. But take heed to yourselves ;
 'for they will deliver you up to high councils ; and
 'ye will be beaten in synagogues, and will be brought
 'before governors and kings for my sake, in testimony to
 'them. And the Good Tidings must first be preached
 'among all nations. But when they lead you and deliver
 'you up, be not over careful beforehand what ye shall
 'say, neither care ; but whatever shall be given you in
 'that hour, that speak ; for it is not ye that speak, but
 'the holy spirit. And brother will deliver up brother to
 'death, and father his child ; and children will rise up
 'against parents, and cause them to be put to death.
 'And ye will be hated by all men for my name's sake ;
 'but he that endureth to the end, he will be saved.

'And when ye see the *abomination of desolation*
 '*standing* where it ought not,' whoso readeth let him
 understand, 'then let them that be in Judea flee to the
 'mountains ; and let not him that is on the housetop
 'come down into the house, neither enter to take any
 'thing out of his house ; neither let him that is in the
 'field return back to take up his cloak. And alas for
 'them that are with child, and for them that give suck in
 'those days ! And pray ye that your flight be not by
 'winter. For those days will be tribulation, such as hath
 'not been from the beginning of the creation, which God
 'created, till now, neither will be. And unless the Lord
 'shortened the days, no flesh had been saved ; but for
 'the sake of the chosen, whom he hath chosen, he hath
 'shortened the days. And then if any one shall say to
 'you ; Lo, here is the Christ ; or ; Lo, there ; believe
 'not ; for false Christs and false prophets will arise,
 'and will show signs and wonders, to deceive, if possible,
 'even the chosen. But take ye heed ; behold I have
 'foretold you all things. But in those days, after that
 'tribulation, *the sun will be darkened, and the moon will*
 '*not give her light, and the stars of heaven will be falling,*
 '*and the powers in heaven will be shaken.* And then they
 'will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great
 'power and glory. And then he will send his angels,
 'and will gather together his chosen from the four winds,

‘from the uttermost part of earth to the uttermost part
‘of heaven.

23 ‘Now learn the parable from the fig-tree. When its
‘branch is yet tender and the leaves shoot forth, ye
29 ‘know that summer is nigh. So also, when ye shall
‘see these things coming to pass, know ye that it is close
20 ‘at the doors. Verily I say to you, that this genera-
‘tion will not pass away, till all these things come to
31 ‘pass. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words
32 ‘will not pass away. But of that day or hour no one
‘knoweth, neither the angels that are in heaven, nor the
33 ‘Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray ;
34 ‘for ye know not when the time is. As a man
‘taking a journey, left his house, and gave the autho-
‘rity to his slaves, and to each his work, then he com-
35 ‘manded the door-keeper to watch ; watch ye therefore ;
‘for ye know not when the lord of the house cometh ;
‘in the evening, or at midnight, or at the cock-
36 ‘crowing, or in the morning ; lest coming suddenly
37 ‘he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say
‘to all ; watch.’

1 Now the Passover, and the Unleavened Bread, were
to be after two days ; and the high priests and scribes
sought how they might take him by craft, and put him
2 to death. But they said ; ‘Not during the feast, lest
‘there be an uproar of the people.’

3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the
leper, as he lay at meat, there came a woman having an
alabaster jar of ointment, of very precious spikenard ;
and she brake the alabaster, and poured it on his head.
4 And there were some who were angry within themselves,
and said ; ‘Why was this waste of the ointment made ?
5 ‘For this ointment might have been sold for more than
‘three hundred Denarii [or twenty-four hundred pence],
‘and have been given to the poor.’ And they murmured
6 against her. And Jesus said ; ‘Let her alone ; why
‘trouble ye her ? She hath wrought a good work on
7 ‘me. For ye have the poor always with you ; and when-
‘ever ye will, ye can do them good ; but me ye have not
8 ‘always. She hath done what she could ; she undertook
9 ‘beforehand to anoint my body for the burial. Verily I
‘say to you, wherever these Good Tidings are preached

‘in the whole world, what she hath done will also be spoken of as a memorial of her.’

And Judas the Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the high priests, to betray him to them. And when they heard it they were glad, and promised to give him silver money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover, his disciples say to him ; ‘Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the Passover?’ And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith to them ; ‘Go ye into the city, and there will meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water ; follow him. And wherever he shall enter, say ye to the master of the house ; The teacher saith ; Where is the guestchamber where I may eat the Passover with my disciples? And he will show you a large upper room furnished ready ; there prepare for us.’ And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said to them ; and they made ready the Passover.

And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they lay and ate, Jesus said ; ‘Verily I say to you, that one of you, who is eating with me, will betray me.’ And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to him one by one ; ‘Is it I?’ And another ; ‘Is it I?’ And he answered and said to them ; ‘It is one of the twelve, he who is dipping with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth away, as it is written of him ; but alas for that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed ! It had been good for that man if he had not been born.’ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and gave praise, and brake it and gave to them, and said ; ‘Take ; this is my body.’ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them ; and they all drank of it. And he said to them ; ‘This is my blood, that of the new covenant, which is shed for many. Verily I say to you, I shall not drink henceforth of the fruit of the vine, until that day, when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.’

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus saith to them : ‘All ye will stumble because of me this night ; for it is written ; *I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.* But after I am risen I will go before you into

29 'Galilee.' And Peter said to him ; 'And if all men
30 'shall stumble, yet will not I.' And Jesus saith to him ;
31 'Verily I say to thee, that thou to day in this night,
32 'before the cock crow twice, wilt deny me thrice.' But
33 he said the more strongly ; 'If I must die with thee, I
34 'will not deny thee.' And in like wise said they all.

35 And they come to a place named Gethsemane ; and he
36 saith to his disciples ; 'Sit ye here while I pray.' And
37 he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began
38 to be afraid and to be very heavy. And he saith
39 to them ; 'My soul is very sorrowful even unto death ;
40 'tarry ye here and watch.' And he went a little further,
41 and fell on the ground ; and prayed, that if it were possible
42 the hour might pass from him. And he said ; 'Abba,
43 'Father, all things are possible unto thee ; take this cup
44 'from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou
45 'wilt.' And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping ; and
46 saith to Peter ; 'Simon, sleepest thou? hadst thou not
47 'strength to watch one hour? Watch ye, and pray that
48 'ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is
49 'willing, but the flesh is weak.' And again he went away
50 and prayed, saying the same words. And when he
51 returned, he found them asleep again ; for their eyes
52 were heavy ; and they knew not what to answer him.
53 And he cometh the third time, and saith to them ;
54 'Do ye sleep on to the end, and take your rest? It is
55 'enough, the hour is come ; behold, the Son of man is
56 'betrayed into the hands of sinners. Arise, let us be
57 'going ; behold, he that betrayeth me is at hand.'

58 And immediately while he was yet speaking, Judas,
59 one of the twelve, cometh, and with him a great crowd
60 with swords and staves, from the high priests and scribes
61 and elders. And he that betrayed him had given them
62 a signal, saying ; 'Whomsoever I shall kiss, the same is
63 'he ; seize him, and lead him away safely.' And when
64 he came, he goeth straightway to him, and saith ; 'Rabbi,
65 'Rabbi ;' and kissed him. And they laid their hands on
66 him and seized him. And one of the by-standers, draw-
67 ing his sword, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off
68 his ear. And Jesus answered and said to them ; 'Are
69 'ye come out as against a thief, with swords and staves
70 'to take me? I was daily with you in the temple-yard

'teaching, and ye seized me not. But it is that the scriptures may be fulfilled.' And they all left him and fled. 50
 And there followed him a certain young man having a 51
 linen cloth thrown about his naked body ; and the young 52
 men seized him ; and he left the linen cloth and fled
 from them naked.

And they led Jesus away to the high priest. And 53
 with him were assembled all the high priests and elders 54
 and scribes. And Peter followed him from afar into the 55
 court [or palace] of the high priest ; and he was sitting 56
 with the servants and warming himself at the fire. And 57
 the high priests and all the high council sought for wit- 58
 ness against Jesus to get him put to death ; and found 59
 none. For many bare false witness against him ; but 60
 their witness was not enough. And there arose certain 61
 men who bare false witness against him, saying ; ' We 62
 'heard him say ; I will destroy this temple made with 63
 'hands, and within three days I will build another not made 64
 'with hands.' But neither so was their witness enough. 65
 And the high priest standing up in the midst, asked 66
 Jesus, saying ; ' Answerest thou nothing ? What is it 67
 'that these men witness against thee ?' But he held his 68
 peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest 69
 asked him, and saith to him ; ' Art thou the Christ, 70
 'the son of the Blessed One ?' And Jesus said ; ' I am ;
 'and ye will see the Son of man sitting on the right hand
 'of power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.' And
 the high priest rent his clothes, and saith ; ' What further
 'need have we of witnesses ? Ye have heard the
 'blasphemy ; what think ye ?' And they all condemned
 him to be deserving of death. And some began to spit
 at him ; and to cover his face, and buffet him, and
 say unto him ; ' Prophecy.' And the officers struck him
 with the palms of their hands.

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, there cometh 66
 one of the maids of the high priest ; and seeing Peter 67
 warming himself, she looked at him, and said ; ' And 68
 'thou wast with Jesus the Nazarene.' But he denied, 69
 saying ; ' I know not, neither understand I what thou 70
 'sayest.' And he went out into the porch ; and a cock
 crew. And the maid seeing him again, began to say to
 the by-standers ; ' This is one of them.' And he again

denied. And again a little afterwards the by-standers said to Peter; 'Truly thou art one of them; for thou
71 'art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto.' But he began to curse and swear; 'I know not this man of whom
72 'ye speak.' And a second time a cock crew. And Peter was reminded of the word that Jesus said to him; 'Before the cock crow twice thou wilt deny me thrice.'
— And as he thought thereon he wept.

1 And straightway in the morning the high priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes. And the whole high council bound Jesus, and carried him away, and
2 delivered him up to Pilate. And Pilate asked him; 'Art thou the king of the Jews?' And he answering said to
3 him; 'Thou sayest.' And the high priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him, saying;
4 'Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they
5 'witness against thee.' But Jesus no more answered any
6 thing; so that Pilate marvelled. Now at every feast he used to release one prisoner to them, whomsoever they
7 asked for. And there was one named Barabbas, bound with his fellow rebels, who had committed murder in the
8 rebellion. And the crowd crying aloud began to ask him to do as he always did to them. And Pilate answered
9 them, saying; 'Will ye that I release to you the king
10 'of the Jews?' For he knew that the high priests had delivered him up through envy. But the high priests
11 stirred up the crowd, that he should rather release to them Barabbas. And Pilate answering again said to
12 them; 'What then will ye that I should do to him whom
13 'ye call king of the Jews?' And again they cried out;
14 'Crucify him.' And Pilate said to them; 'Why, what evil
'hath he done?' And they cried out loudly; 'Crucify
15 'him.' And Pilate wishing to content the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and delivered up Jesus, when
he had scourged him, to be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led him away into the courtyard, which is the Prætorium [or Roman castle]; and they
17 call together the whole band. And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it
18 on him, and began to salute him; 'Hail, king of the
19 'Jews!' And they smote his head with a reed, and spit
20 at him, and bowing their knees worshipped him. And

when they had mocked him, they took off the purple, and put his own clothes on him.

And they lead him out to crucify him. And they force into their service one Simon a Cyrenæan, who was passing by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, that he may bear his cross. And they bring him to Golgotha, a place which when interpreted is a Place of a Skull. And they offered him to drink wine mingled with myrrh; but he received it not. And when they crucified him, they part his clothes, casting lots for them, what each should take. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. And the inscription of his accusation was written over; **THE KING OF THE JEWS.** And with him they crucify two robbers, one on his right hand, and one on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith; *And he was numbered with law-breakers.* And they that passed by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying; 'Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself, and come down from the cross.' And in like wise the high priests, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said; 'He saved others, cannot he save himself? Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.' And they that were crucified with him, reviled him.

And when it was the sixth hour a darkness came over the whole land till the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying; '*Eloi, Eloi, lamma sabachthani?*' which is when interpreted, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* And some of the bystanders, when they heard it, said; 'Behold, he calleth 'Elijah.' And one ran and filled a sponge with vinegar, and putting it on a reed, gave him to drink, saying; 'Let him alone; let us see if Elijah cometh to take him down.' And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and breathed his last. And the veil of the temple was rent in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion who stood over against him saw that he so cried out, and breathed his last, he said; 'Truly this man was a son of God.' There were also women looking on from afar; among whom also was Mary the Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Josès, and Salome; who also when he was in

Galilee followed him, and ministered to him ; and many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

42 And now in the evening, when it was the Preparation,
43 that is an [evening] before a sabbath, Joseph of Arima-
44 thæa, an honourable counsellor, who was himself also
45 waiting for the kingdom of God, came and went in boldly
46 to Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate mar-
velled if he were yet dead ; and calling the centurion, he
47 asked him if he had been long dead. And when he knew
— of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And
he bought a linen cloth, and taking him down, he wrapped
him in the linen, and laid him in a tomb which was
hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone to the door of the
47 tomb. And Mary the Magdalene and Mary [the mother]

1 of Joses saw where he was laid.
2 And when the sabbath was passed, Mary the Magdalene,
and Mary the [mother] of James, and Salome, bought
3 spices that they might come and anoint him. And very
early on the first day of the week they came to the tomb
4 as the sun rose. And they said to themselves ; ‘ Who
‘ will roll away the stone for us from the door of the
5 ‘ tomb ? ’ And when they looked up, they saw that the
stone had been rolled away ; for it was very great. And
entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on
6 the right side, clothed in a white robe ; and they were
affrighted. And he saith to them ; ‘ Be not affrighted ;
‘ ye seek Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified ; he hath
‘ been raised, he is not here ; behold the place where they
7 ‘ laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter,
‘ that he goeth before you into Galilee ; there ye will see
8 ‘ him, as he told you.’ And they went out, and fled from
the tomb ; and trembling and amazement seized them, and
they said nothing to any one ; for they were afraid.

9 AND HAVING ARISEN EARLY on the first day of the week,
he appeared first to Mary the Magdalene, out of whom
10 he had cast seven demons. And she went and told those
who had been with him, as they were mourning and
11 weeping. And when they heard that he was alive and
12 had been seen by her, they did not believe. After this
he appeared in another form to two of them as they
13 were walking and going into the country. And they

went and told the rest ; and they did not believe them. Afterwards he appeared to the eleven themselves as they lay at meat ; and he upbraided their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them that had seen him after he had risen. And he said to them ; ‘ Go ye into all the world, and preach the Good Tidings to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized will be saved ; and he that believeth not will be condemned. And these signs will follow the believers ; in my name they will cast out demons ; they will speak with new tongues ; they will take up serpents ; and if they should drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them ; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.’ So then the Lord, after speaking to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God ; and they went forth and preached every where ; the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs that followed.

THE GOOD TIDINGS ACCORDING TO LUKE.

WHEREAS many have taken in hand to draw up an account of the things which are believed among us, even as they, who from the beginning were eye-witnesses, and ministers of the word, delivered them to us ; it seemed good to me also, who have had perfect understanding of all from the first, to write to thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, that thou mightest know the certainty of those words wherein thou hast been taught.

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia ; and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commands and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because Elisabeth was barren, and they were both well stricken in their days. And it came to pass while he waited as priest before God in the order of his course, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the hour of the incense-burning. And there appeared to him

an angel of the Lord, standing on the right side of the altar of the incense. And when Zacharias saw, he was troubled; and fear fell on him. But the angel said to him; 'Be not afraid, Zacharias; because thy prayer hath been heard. And thy wife Elisabeth will bear thee a son; and thou shalt call his name John. And thou wilt have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and will drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he will be filled with holy spirit, even from his mother's womb. And many of the sons of Israel will he turn to the Lord their God. And he will come first into his sight in the spirit and power of Elijah, *to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children*; and the disobedient, by the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' And Zacharias said to the angel; 'Whereby shall I know this? for I am old, and my wife is well stricken in her days.' And the angel answering said to him; 'I am Gabriel, that stand in the sight of God; and I am sent to speak to thee, and show thee these Good Tidings. And behold, thou shalt be dumb, and unable to speak, until the day that these things come to pass; because thou believedst not my words, which will be fulfilled in their season.' And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and marvelled at his tarrying in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they understood that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he was making signs to them, and remained speechless. And it came to pass, when the days of his service were ended, he departed to his own house. And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself for five months, saying; 'Thus hath the Lord done to me in days, when he looked to take away my reproach among men.'

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a maiden espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the maiden's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her and said; 'Hail, highly favoured; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.' And she was troubled at his saying, and doubted what this salutation might be. And the angel said to her; 'Be

'not afraid, Mary ; for thou hast found favour with God.
 'and behold, thou wilt conceive in thy womb, and wilt
 'bear a son, and call his name Jesus. He will be great,
 'and will be called a son of the Highest ; and the Lord
 'God will give to him his father David's throne. And
 'he will reign over the house of Jacob for ages ; and of
 'his kingdom there will be no end.' And Mary said to
 the angel ; 'How will this be, since I know not a man ?'
 And the angel answered and said to her ; 'Holy spirit
 'will come upon thee, and the power of the Highest will
 'overshadow thee ; and therefore the holy offspring will
 'be called a son of God. And behold, thy cousin
 'Elisabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age ;
 'and this is the sixth month with her that was called
 'barren. For with God nothing is impossible.' And
 Mary said ; 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord ;
 'be it done to me according to thy saying.' And the
 angel departed from her.

And Mary arose in those days, and went to the hill
 country with haste, to a city of Judah ; and entered into
 the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it
 came to pass as Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary,
 the babe leaped in her womb ; and Elisabeth was filled
 with holy spirit. And she spake out with a loud voice
 and said ;

'Blessed art thou among women,
 'and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

'And whence is this to me,
 'that the mother of my lord should come to me ?

'For lo, as the voice of thy salutation was in mine ears,
 'the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

'And blessed is she that believed,
 'that there will be a performance of the things told her from the Lord.'

And Mary said ;

'My soul doth magnify the Lord,
 'and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my saviour ;
 'For he regarded the low estate of his handmaiden,
 'for lo, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

'For the Mighty one did great things unto me,
 'and holy is his name.

'And his mercy is on them that fear him,
 'to generations of generations.

'He showed strength with his arm ;
 'he scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

'He put down the mighty from thrones,
 'and raised up the lowly.

'He filled the hungry with good things ;
 'and the rich he sent away empty.

54 'He helped his servant Israel,
 'in remembrance of his mercy,
 55 '(as he spake unto our fathers,)
 'to Abraham and his seed to the end of the world.'

56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

57 And Elisabeth's full time came that she should be
 58 delivered ; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard that the Lord was showing
 59 his great mercy on her ; and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day, they came to
 60 circumcise the child, and were calling him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and
 61 said ; ' No, but he shall be called John.' And they said to her ; ' There is no one in thy family that is called
 62 'by this name.' And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a tablet,
 63 and wrote, saying ; ' His name is John.' And they all marvelled. And his mouth was opened immediately, and
 64 his tongue ; and he spake praising God. And fear came on all their neighbours ; and all these sayings were spoken
 65 of through all the hill country of Judea. And all that heard laid them up in their hearts, saying ; ' What then
 66 'will this child be?' And the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with holy spirit,
 67 and prophesied, saying ;

68 'Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel ;
 'for he hath visited and given a ransom for his people.
 69 'And he hath raised up a horn of salvation for us,
 'in the house of his servant David ;
 70 '(as he spake by the mouth of the holy ones,
 'his prophets from the beginning of the world ;)
 71 'a salvation from our enemies,
 'and from the hand of all that hate us ;
 72 'to perform the mercy with our fathers,
 'and to remember his holy covenant ;
 73 'the oath which he sware to Abraham, our father, to grant unto us ;
 74 'that, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies,
 'we might serve him without fear,
 75 'in holiness and righteousness in his sight, through all our days.
 76 'And thou, child, wilt be called a prophet of the Highest,
 'for thou wilt go first before the face of the Lord, to prepare his ways ;
 77 'to give knowledge of salvation to his people
 'by the forgiveness of their sins,
 78 'through the tender mercy of our God,
 'whereby a dayspring from on high hath visited us,
 79 'to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death ;
 'to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit; and was in the deserts till the day of his showing himself to Israel. 89

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went forth from Cæsar Augustus that all the world should be registered. (This was the first registry made when Cyrenius was Governor of Syria.) And they all went to be registered, each into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to David's city, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David,) to be registered, with Mary his espoused wife, who was great with child. And it happened while they were there, the days of her delivery were accomplished. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in the manger, because there was no room for them in the guestchamber. And there were shepherds lying in the fields in that country, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And lo, an angel of the Lord came to them, and a glory of the Lord shone round them; and they were afraid with great fear. And the angel said to them; 'Fear not; for lo, I bring you good tidings, a great joy, which will be upon all the people. For unto you is born this day a saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in David's city. And this will be the sign unto you; ye will find a babe in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying;

'Glory be to God in the highest!

'and on earth peace, good will among men.'

And it came to pass as the angels went away from them into the heavens, then the men, the shepherds, said one to another; 'Let us go to Bethlehem, and let us see this saying which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.' And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they saw it, they made known about the saying which was spoken to them about this child. And all that heard wondered about the things which were told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these sayings, turning them over in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, as it was told to them. 15 16 17 18 19 20

1 And when eight days were accomplished for circum-
 2 cising him, then his name was called Jesus, as it was
 3 called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of their purification were accom-
 23 plished, according to the law of Moses, they brought him
 24 up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ; as it is
 25 written in the law of the Lord, that *every male that*
 26 *openeth the womb* [or is the first-born] *shall be called holy*
 27 *to the Lord* ; and to offer a sacrifice according to what is
 28 said in the law of the Lord, *a pair of turtle-doves, or two*
 29 *young pigeons*. And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem,
 30 whose name was Simeon ; and this man was righteous and
 31 devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel ; and the holy
 32 spirit was on him. And it was revealed to him by the holy
 33 spirit, that he would not see death before he had seen the
 34 Christ [or Anointed] of the Lord. And he came by the
 35 spirit into the temple-yard. And when the parents brought
 in the child Jesus to do for him after the custom of the law,
 then he took him in his arms and blessed God, and said :

29 ' Now let thy servant depart, O sovereign,
 ' According to thy word, in peace.

30 ' For mine eyes have seen thy work of salvation,
 31 ' which thou preparedst before the face of all the peoples,

32 ' *a light to enlighten the Gentiles,*
 ' *and a glory for thy people Israel.*'

33 And his father and mother were wondering at the things
 34 spoken about him. And Simeon blessed them, and said
 to Mary his mother ;

' Behold he is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel,
 ' and for a sign which will be spoken against ;

35 ' (and a sword will pierce through thine own soul also,)
 ' that the doubts of many hearts may be removed.'

26 And there was Anna a prophetess, the daughter of
 27 Phaniel, of the tribe of Aser ; she was well stricken in
 28 her days, having lived seven years with a husband from
 29 her maidenhood, and being a widow of about eighty-four
 30 years ; who departed not from the temple-yard, but served
 31 night and day with fastings and prayers. And she,
 32 coming up in that very hour, acknowledged the Lord, and
 33 spake of him to all those who were waiting for redemp-
 34 tion in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all
 35 things according to the law of the Lord, they returned
 to Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him. And his parents went yearly to Jerusalem to the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, when they had been up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast, and had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the youth Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass that after three days they found him in the temple-yard sitting in the midst of the teachers, both hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him they were amazed; and his mother said to him; 'Child, why hast thou dealt thus with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.' And he said to them; 'How is it that ye sought me? Knew ye not that I must be at my father's house?' And they understood not the saying which he spake to them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them. And his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.

NOW IN THE FIFTEENTH YEAR of the government of Tiberius Cæsar, [A.D. 27, 28.] when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod [Antipas] was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of Ituræa, and of the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, and Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came on John the son of Zacharias in the desert. And he came into all the neighbourhood of the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying; *A voice of one crying in the desert; Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see God's work of*

7 *salvation.* Then he said to the crowds that came forth to be baptized by him; 'O offspring of vipers, who warned
 8 'you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth there-
 'fore fruits worthy of repentance; and begin not to say
 'to yourselves; We have Abraham for our father; for I
 'say to you, that God is able out of these stones to raise up
 9 'children unto Abraham. And already the axe is laid at
 'the root of the trees; therefore every tree that beareth
 10 'not good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.' And
 the crowds asked him, saying; 'What then shall we do?'
 11 And he answereth, and saith to them; 'He that hath
 'two coats, let him give to him that hath none; and he
 'that hath meat, let him do the same.' There came also
 tax-gatherers to be baptized, and they said to him;
 12 'Teacher, what shall we do?' And he said to them;
 13 'Exact no more than what is appointed to you.' And
 some soldiers also asked him, saying; 'And what shall we
 'do?' And he said to them; 'Do violence to no one,
 'neither accuse falsely; and be content with your wages.'
 14 And as the people were waiting, and all were reasoning
 in their hearts about John, whether he were the Christ;
 15 John answered them all, saying; 'I indeed baptize you in
 'water; but he that is mightier than I cometh, for whom I
 'am not worthy to unloose the latchet of his shoes; he will
 16 'baptize you in holy spirit and fire. His fan is in his hand,
 'and he will cleanse his floor, and gather the wheat into
 'his granary, but will burn up the chaff in fire unquench-
 17 'able.' And exhorting many other things he preached
 Good Tidings to the people. And Herod the tetrarch being
 18 reproved by him about Herodias the wife of his brother,
 19 and about all the wickedness which Herod had done,
 20 added also this above all, and shut up John in prison.

21 Now while all the people were being baptized, and when
 Jesus had been baptized and was praying, it came to pass
 22 that the heavens were opened, and the holy spirit came down
 in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and there came a
 voice from heaven, saying; 'Thou art my beloved son,
 'in thee I am well pleased.' And he, Jesus, when he
 23 began, was about thirty years of age, being, as was
 allowed,

the son of Joseph,
 the son of Heli,

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the son of Matthat,
 the son of Levi,

the son of Melchi,		the son of Nathan,	
the son of Janna,		the son of David,	
the son of Joseph,		the son of Jesse,	32
the son of Mattathias,	25	the son of Obed,	
the son of Amos,		the son of Booz,	
the son of Naum,		the son of Salmon,	
the son of Esli,		the son of Naasson,	
the son of Nagge,		the son of Aminadab,	33
the son of Maath,	26	the son of Aram,	
the son of Mattathias,		the son of Esrom,	
the son of Semei,		the son of Phares,	
the son of Joseph,		the son of Judah,	
the son of Juda,		the son of Jacob,	34
the son of Joanna,	27	the son of Isaac,	
the son of Rhesa,		the son of Abraham,	
the son of Zorobabel,		the son of Thara,	
the son of Salathiel,		the son of Nachor,	
the son of Neri,		the son of Seruch,	35
the son of Melchi,	28	the son of Ragau,	
the son of Addi,		the son of Phalec,	
the son of Cosam,		the son of Heber,	
the son of Elmodam,		the son of Sala,	
the son of Er,		the son of Cainan,	36
the son of Jose,	29	the son of Arphaxad,	
the son of Eliezer,		the son of Sem,	
the son of Jorim,		the son of Noah,	
the son of Matthat,		the son of Lamech,	
the son of Levi,		the son of Mathusala,	37
the son of Simeon,	30	the son of Enoch,	
the son of Juda,		the son of Jared,	
the son of Joseph,		the son of Maleleel,	
the son of Jonan,		the son of Cainan,	
the son of Eliakim,		the son of Enos,	38
the son of Melea,	31	the son of Seth,	
the son of Menan,		the son of Adam,	
the son of Mattatha,		the son of God.	—

And Jesus being full of holy spirit returned from the Jordan; and he was led by the spirit into the desert, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days he ate nothing; and when they were ended, he was at last hungry. And the devil said to him; 'If thou be a son of God, command this stone that it be made

4 'bread.' And Jesus answered him, saying ; ' It is written ;
5 ' *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of*
6 ' *God.*' And the devil taking him up a high mountain,
7 showed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment
8 of time. And the devil said to him ; ' All this power
9 ' will I give thee, and the glory of them ; for it was
10 ' delivered to me, and I give it to whomsoever I will. If
11 ' therefore thou wilt worship before me, all shall be thine.'
12 And Jesus answered and said to him ; ' It is written ;
13 ' *Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt*
14 ' *thou serve.*' And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set
15 him on the battlement of the temple-yard, and said to him ;
16 ' If thou be a son of God, cast thyself down from hence ;
17 ' for it is written ; *He will give his angels charge of thee, to*
18 ' *guard thee ; and ; On their hands will they bear thee, lest*
19 ' *thou strike thy foot against a stone.*' And Jesus answering
20 said to him ; ' It is said ; *Thou shalt not try the Lord*
21 ' *thy God.*' And when the devil had ended every tempta-
22 tion, he departed from him for a season.

23 And Jesus returned in the power of the spirit into
24 Galilee ; and fame of him went out through all the
25 neighbourhood. And he taught in their synagogues,
26 glorified by all. And he went to Nazareth where he had
27 been brought up ; and as his custom was, he went into the
28 synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read.
29 And there was delivered to him the book of the prophet
30 Isaiah ; and when he had opened the book, he found the
31 place where it was written ; *The spirit of the Lord is upon*
32 *me ; because he hath ANOINTED me to preach Good Tidings*
33 *to the poor ; he hath sent me to preach liberty to the captives,*
34 *and recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty*
35 *them that are bruised, to preach the year of acceptance by the*
36 *Lord.* And he closed the book, and gave it back to the
37 servant, and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in
38 the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to
39 say to them ; ' To day is this scripture fulfilled in your
40 ' ears.' And all bare witness to him, and wondered at the
41 words of grace which came out of his mouth ; and they
42 said ; ' Is not this Joseph's son ?' And he said to
43 them ; ' Ye will surely say to me this proverb ; *Physician,*
44 ' *heal thyself ;* whatever we have heard was done in Caper-
45 ' naum, do thou also here in thine own country.' And he

said ; ‘ Verily I say to you, no prophet is received in his
‘ own country. But I tell you of a truth, many widows
‘ were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens
‘ were shut up for three years and six months, so that there
‘ came a great famine over all the land ; but to none of
‘ them was Elijah sent, but into Sarepta of Sidon, to a
‘ widow woman. And many lepers were in Israel in the
‘ days of Elisha the prophet ; and none of them was
‘ cleansed, but Naaman the Syrian.’ And all they in the
synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with
wrath, and rose up and thrust him out of the city ; and
led him to the brow of the hill whereon their city was
built, that they might cast him down. But passing
through the midst of them he went his way.

And he came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee,
and taught them on the sabbath. And they were asto-
nished at his teaching, for his word was with authority.
And in the synagogue was a man who had a spirit of an
unclean demon. And it cried out with a loud voice,
saying ; ‘ Let us alone ; what have we to do with thee,
‘ Jesus the Nazarene ? Art thou come to destroy us ?
‘ I know thee who thou art, the holy one of God.’ And
Jesus rebuked it, saying ; ‘ Hold thy peace, and come out
‘ of him.’ And when the demon had thrown him in the
midst, it came out of him, and hurt him not. And amaze-
ment came on them all ; and they spake to one another,
saying ; ‘ What is this word, that with authority and
‘ power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they
‘ come out ?’ And fame of him went out into every place
of the neighbourhood.

And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into
Simon’s house. And Simon’s wife’s mother was taken
with a great fever ; and they asked him about her. And
he stood over her, and rebuked the fever ; and it left her ;
and she immediately rose and ministered to them. And
as the sun was setting, all that had any sick with divers
diseases brought them to him ; and he laid his hands
on each of them, and healed them. And demons came
out of many, crying and saying ; ‘ Thou art the son of
‘ God.’ And he rebuking suffered them not to speak ;
for they knew that he was the Christ. And when it was
day, he departed, and went into a desert place ; and the

crowds sought him, and came to him, and stayed him
43 from departing from them. And he said to them ; ' I
' must preach the Good Tidings of the kingdom of God
44 ' to the other cities also ; for thereunto was I sent.' And
— he was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

1 And it came to pass, as the crowd pressed upon him to
hear the word of God, and he was standing by the lake
2 of Gennesaret, he saw two boats standing by the lake's
side ; and the fishermen had come out of them, and were
3 washing their nets. And he went into one of the boats,
which was Simon's, and asked him to thrust out a little
from the land. And he sat down and taught the crowds
4 from the boat. And as he left off speaking, he said to
Simon ; ' Thrust out into the deep, and let down your
5 ' nets for a draught.' And Simon answering said to
him ; ' Master, we have toiled through the whole night,
' and have taken nothing ; but at thy word I will let
6 ' down the net.' And when they had done this, they
gathered in a great multitude of fishes ; and their net
7 was breaking. And they beckoned to their partners,
who were in the other boat, to come and help them.
And they came, and filled both the boats, so that they
8 began to sink. And Simon Peter seeing it, fell at
Jesus's knees, saying ; ' Depart from me, for I am a
9 ' sinful man, O Lord.' For amazement seized him and
all who were with him, at the draught of fishes which
10 they had taken, and also James and John, the sons of
Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus
said to Simon ; ' Fear not ; from henceforth thou shalt
11 ' catch men.' And when they had drawn their boats on
to the land, they left all and followed him.

12 And it came to pass when he was in one of the cities,
behold, there was a man full of leprosy, and he, seeing
Jesus, fell on his face, and besought him, saying ; ' Lord,
13 ' if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.' And he put
forth his hand and touched him, saying ; ' I will ; be
' thou clean.' And immediately the leprosy departed
14 from him. And he charged him to tell no one ; ' but go,
' and show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleans-
15 ' ing as Moses commanded for a witness to them.' But
the fame of him went abroad the more ; and many
crowds came together to hear, and to be healed by him

of their sicknesses. And he was withdrawn in the desert, and praying. 16

And it came to pass on one of the days, as he was teaching, there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting, who had come from every village of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem; and there was a mighty work of the Lord in healing them. And behold, there were men carrying on a bed a palsied man; and they sought to bring him in, and to lay him before him. And not finding how they could bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the house-top, and let him down with his couch along the tiling into the midst before Jesus. And seeing their faith he said; 'Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.' And the scribes and Pharisees began to reason, saying; 'Who is this that speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?' But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, answered and said to them; 'What reason ye in your hearts? Which is easier to say; Thy sins are forgiven thee; or to say; Arise and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins,' he said to the palsied man; 'I say to thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go to thy house.' And immediately he stood up before them, and taking up that whereon he lay, departed to his own house, glorifying God. And amazement seized them all; and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying; 'We have seen wonderful things to day'. 17
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And after this he went forth, and saw a tax-gatherer, named Levi, sitting at the tax-office, and he said to him; 'Follow me.' And leaving all things, he rose up and followed him. And Levi made a great feast for him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax-gatherers, and of others who were lying at meat with them. But their scribes and the Pharisees murmured at his disciples, saying; 'Why do ye eat and drink with the tax-gatherers and sinners?' And Jesus answering said to them; 'They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick; I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.' 27
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And they said to him; 'Why do John's disciples fast often, and make prayers, and in like wise the Pharisees' disciples; but thine eat and drink?' And he said to 33
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them ; ' Can ye make the sons of the bride-chamber fast,
35 ' while the bridegroom is with them ? But days will come,
' and when the bridegroom is taken away from them,
36 ' then will they fast in those days.' And he spake also
a parable to them ; ' No one putteth a patch of new
' cloth on old cloth ; else the new maketh a rent, and the
37 ' patch of new agreeth not with the old. And no one
' putteth new wine into old skins ; else the new wine
' will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins
38 ' will perish. But new wine must be put into new skins,
39 ' and both are saved. And no one after drinking old
' wine straightway wisheth for new ; for he saith, the old
— ' is better.'

1 And it came to pass on a sabbath called second-first,
that he went through the corn-fields ; and his disciples
plucked the ears of corn, and ate, rubbing them in their
2 hands. And some of the Pharisees said to them ;
' Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the
3 ' sabbath ?' And Jesus answering them said ; ' Have
' ye not read what David did, when he was hungry, and
4 ' they that were with him ; how he went into the house of
' God, and took and ate the bread of the offering, and gave
' also to those that were with him ; which it is not lawful
5 ' to eat, but to the priests alone ?' And he said to them ;
' The Son of man is lord also of the sabbath.'

6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he
entered into the synagogue and taught. And there was
7 a man there whose right hand was withered. And the
scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would
heal on the sabbath, that they might find an accusation
8 against him. But he knew their thoughts, and said to
the man that had the withered hand ; ' Rise up, and
9 ' stand in the midst.' And he arose and stood. Then
Jesus said to them ; ' I will ask you ; which is lawful
' on the sabbath, to do good or to do evil ? to save life,
10 ' or to kill ?' And looking round on them all, he said
to him ; ' Stretch forth thy hand.' And he did ;
11 and his hand was restored as the other. And they
were filled with madness ; and they communed one
with another, what they should do with Jesus.

12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out
to the mountain to pray, and passed the night in the

house of prayer to God. And when it was day, he called 13
 his disciples, and of them he chose twelve, whom he 14
 named apostles; Simon, whom he also named Peter, and 14
 Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bar- 15
 tholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Al- 16
 phæus, and Simon called Zelotes, Judas the brother of 16
 James, and Judas Iscariot, who also became the traitor. 17
 And he came down with them, and stood on a level 17
 place. And there was a crowd of his disciples, and a 18
 great multitude of the people from all Judea, and Jeru- 18
 salem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, who 19
 came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; and 19
 they that were vexed with unclean spirits; and they 20
 were healed. And all the crowd sought to touch him; 20
 for power went out of him and healed all. And he 21
 lifted up his eyes on his disciples and said; 'Blessed are 21
 'ye poor, for your's is the kingdom of God. Blessed are 21
 'ye that hunger now, for ye will be filled. Blessed are 22
 'ye that weep now, for ye will laugh. Blessed are ye 22
 'when men shall hate you, and when they shall avoid 23
 'you, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as 23
 'evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that 23
 'day, and leap for joy; for behold, your reward is great 24
 'in heaven; for thus their fathers did to the pro- 24
 'phets. But alas for you that are rich, for ye have 25
 'your consolation. Alas for you that are filled, for ye 25
 'will be hungry. Alas for you that laugh now, for ye 26
 'will mourn and weep. Alas when men speak well of 26
 'you, for thus did their fathers to the false prophets. 27
 'But I say to you that hear, love your enemies, do 27
 'good to them that hate you, bless them that curse you, 28
 'pray for them that reproach you. To him that smiteth 29
 'thee on the cheek offer also the other; and from him 29
 'that taketh away thy cloak forbid not thy under-coat also. 30
 'Give to every one that asketh of thee, and of him that 30
 'taketh away thy goods ask not again. And as ye would 31
 'that men should do to you, do ye also in like wise 32
 'to them. For if ye love them that love you, what 32
 'thanks should ye have? for sinners also love those that 33
 'love them. And if ye do good to those that do good 33
 'to you, what thanks should ye have? for sinners also 34
 'do the same. And if ye lend to those from whom ye hope 34

‘to receive back, what thanks should ye have? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive back what is fitting.
35 ‘But love your enemies, and do good, and lend hoping to gain nothing; and your reward will be great, and ye
31 ‘will be sons of the Highest; for he is kind to the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as
27 ‘your Father also is merciful. And judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be
33 ‘condemned; forgive, and ye shall be forgiven; give, and it shall be given to you; good measure, pressed
‘down, and shaken together, and running over, will they give into your bosom. For with the same measure with
‘which ye measure will it be measured back to you.’

39 And he spake a parable to them; ‘Can the blind lead
40 ‘the blind? will not both fall into a ditch? The disciple is not above his teacher; but every one when made perfect
41 ‘will be as his teacher. And why seest thou the chaff that is in thy brother’s eye, but perceivest not the splinter
42 ‘that is in thine own eye? Or how canst thou say to thy brother; Brother, let me pull out the chaff that is
‘in thine eye; whilst thou seest not the splinter that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first pull the splinter
‘out of thine own eye, and then thou wilt see clearly to
43 ‘pull out the chaff that is in thy brother’s eye. For that is not a good tree which bringeth forth corrupt
‘fruit; nor that a corrupt tree which bringeth forth good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit.
44 ‘For men do not gather figs off thorns, nor do they gather grapes off a bramble bush. A good man out of
45 ‘the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good, and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth
‘forth evil; for out of the overflow of the heart his mouth
46 ‘speaketh. And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Every one that cometh to
47 ‘me, and heareth my words, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like. He is like a man building
48 ‘a house, who dug, and sunk, and laid a foundation on the rock; and when the tide arose, the stream
‘beat upon that house, but could not shake it; for it
49 ‘was founded on the rock. And he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man building a house on the earth
‘without a foundation; and the stream beat upon it,

‘and it immediately fell, and the ruin of that house
‘was great.’

Now when he had ended all his sayings in the ears of
the people, he entered into Capernaum. And a certain
centurion’s slave, who was valuable to him, was sick and
ready to die. And when he heard of Jesus, he sent elders
of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his
slave. And when they came to Jesus, they besought him
earnestly, saying; ‘He is worthy that thou shouldest do
‘this for him, for he loveth our nation, and he built us the
‘synagogue.’ And Jesus went with them. And when he
was already not far from the house, the centurion sent
friends to him, saying to him; ‘Lord, trouble not thy-
‘self; for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under
‘my roof; therefore neither thought I myself worthy to
‘come to thee; but command by a word, and my servant
‘will be healed. For I am a man set under authority,
‘having soldiers under me; and I say to this one; Go,
‘and he goeth; and to another; Come, and he cometh;
‘and to my slave; Do this, and he doeth it.’ And Jesus
hearing this, marvelled at him; and turning, said to the
crowd that followed him; ‘I say to you, I have not found
‘so great faith in Israel.’ And they that were sent, return-
ing to the house, found the slave whole that had been sick.

And it came to pass on the day after, that he was going
into a city called Nain; and there went with him a good
many of his disciples, and a great crowd. And as he
came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was
carried out, an only son of his mother, and she was a
widow; and with her was a rather great crowd of the city.
And when the Lord saw her, he had pity on her, and said
to her; ‘Weep not.’ And he came and touched the
bier; and the bearers stood still. And he said; ‘Young
‘man, I say to thee, arise.’ And the dead man sat up,
and began to speak; and he gave him to his mother.
And fear came on all; and they glorified God,
saying; ‘A great prophet is risen up among us;’ and,
‘God hath visited his people.’ And this saying about him
went forth through all Judea, and through all the neigh-
bourhood.

And John’s disciples told him of all these things. And
John calling two of his disciples, sent them to Jesus,

saying ; ‘ Art thou he that was coming, or look we for
20 ‘ another ?’ And when the men were come to him, they
said ; ‘ John the Baptist hath sent us to thee, saying ;
‘ Art thou he that was coming, or look we for another ?’
21 And in the same hour he cured many of diseases, and
plagues, and evil spirits, and to many blind persons
22 he gave sight. And Jesus answering said to them ;
‘ Go, and tell John what ye have seen and heard ; that
‘ the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are
‘ cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor
23 ‘ good tidings are preached. And blessed is he whoever
24 ‘ shall not stumble at me.’ And when John’s messengers
were gone, he began to say to the crowds about John ;
‘ What went ye out into the desert for to see ? A reed
25 ‘ shaken by the wind ? But what went ye out for to see ?
‘ A man clothed in soft raiment ? Behold, those in gor-
‘ geous raiment, and delicate living, are in kings’ courts.
26 ‘ But what went ye out for to see ? A prophet ? Yea,
27 ‘ I say unto you, and more than a prophet. This is he of
‘ whom it is written ; *Behold, I send my messenger before*
28 ‘ *thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.* For I
‘ say to you, among those who are born of women there
‘ is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist ; but the
29 ‘ least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.’ And all
the people that heard, and the taxgatherers, justified
God, having been baptized with the baptism of John.
30 But the Pharisees and teachers of the law rejected the
counsel of God within themselves, not having been bap-
31 tized by him. ‘ Whereunto then shall I liken the men of
32 ‘ this generation ? and to what are they like ? They are
‘ like children sitting in the market-place, and calling
‘ one to another, and saying ; We have piped to you, and
‘ ye have not danced ; we have mourned to you, and ye
33 ‘ have not wept. For John the Baptist is come neither
‘ eating bread nor drinking wine ; and ye say ; He hath a
34 ‘ demon. The Son of man is come eating and drinking ;
‘ and ye say ; Behold, a gluttonous man, and a wine
35 ‘ bibber, a friend to tax-gatherers and sinners. And Wis-
‘ dom was justified of all her children.’

36 And one of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him.
And he went into the Pharisee’s house, and lay down to
37 meat. And behold, a woman in the city, who was a

sinner, knowing that he was lying at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment; and standing behind by his feet, weeping, she began to wash his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he spake within himself, saying; 'This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what this woman is that toucheth him; for she is a sinner.' And Jesus answering said to him; 'Simon, I have somewhat to say to thee.' And he saith; 'Teacher, say on.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; the one owed five hundred Denarii [or four thousand pence], and the other fifty [or four hundred pence]. And as they had nothing to pay, he forgave them both. Say then, which of them will love him most?' And Simon answering said; 'I suppose he to whom he forgave most.' And he said to him; 'Thou hast judged rightly.' And turning towards the woman, he said to Simon; 'Seest thou this woman? I entered into thy house; thou gavest me no water for my feet; but she washed my feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair. Thou gavest me no kiss; but she, from the time I came in, hath not ceased kissing my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint; but she anointed my feet with ointment. For which, I tell thee, her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, he loveth little.' And he said to her; 'Thy sins are forgiven.' And the guests began to say to themselves; 'Who is this that even forgiveth sins?' And he said to the woman; 'Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.'

And it came to pass afterwards that he went through every city and village, preaching and showing the Good Tidings of the kingdom of God. And with him were the twelve, and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven demons, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many other women who ministered to him out of their substance.

And when a great crowd was coming together, and those of the cities were coming out to him, he said in a parable;

5 'The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed,
6 'some fell by the road side ; and it was trodden down,
7 'and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon
8 'the rock ; and when it sprang up it withered away,
9 'because it lacked moisture. And other fell in the midst
10 'of thorns ; and the thorns sprang up with it and choked
11 'it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and
12 'bare fruit a hundred fold.' And as he said this, he
13 'cried ; 'He that hath ears to hear let him hear.' And
14 'his disciples asked him, saying ; 'What may this parable
15 'be?' And he said ; 'To you it is given to know the
16 'mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the others in
17 'parables ; that *seeing they may not see, and hearing they*
18 '*may not understand.* Now the parable is this. The
19 'seed is the word of God. Those by the road side are
20 'the hearers ; then cometh the devil, and taketh away
21 'the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe
22 'and be saved. And those on the rock are they, who,
23 'when they hear, receive the word with joy ; and these
24 'have no root, they believe for a time, and in a time of
25 'temptation fall away. And that which fell among the
26 'thorns are they, who having heard, on going forth, are
27 'choked by the cares, and riches, and pleasures of life,
28 'and bear no fruit. But that on the good ground are
29 'they, who in an honest and good heart, having heard
30 'the word, keep it and bear fruit with patience. No one,
31 'when he hath lighted a lamp, covereth it with a vessel,
32 'or putteth it under a bed, but setteth it on a lamp-stand,
33 'that those who enter may see the light. For nothing
34 'is hidden, which will not be made manifest ; nor secret,
35 'that will not be known, and come into sight. Take
36 'heed therefore how ye hear ; for whoever hath, to
37 'him will be given ; and whoever hath not, from him
38 'will be taken even what he seemeth to have.'

19 Then his mother and brethren came towards him, but
20 could not come at him for the crowd. And it was told
21 to him by some who said ; 'Thy mother and thy brethren
22 'are standing without, wishing to see thee.' And he
23 answered and said to them ; 'My mother and my
24 'brethren are these, who hear the word of God and do it.'

25 And it came to pass on one of the days, that he went
26 into a boat with his disciples ; and said to them ; 'Let

‘us go over to the other side of the lake.’ And they launched forth. And as they sailed, he fell asleep. And there came a storm of wind on the lake ; and they were filling, and in danger. And they came and awoke him, saying ; ‘Master, Master, we perish.’ Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. And he said to them ; ‘Where is your faith ?’ And being afraid they wondered, saying one to another ; ‘Who then is this ; ‘for he commandeth even the winds and the water, and ‘they obey him ?’

And they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. And as he landed, a certain man out of the city met him, who had demons for a long time, and ware no clothes, nor abode in a house, but in the tombs. And when he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell before him, and with a loud voice said ; ‘What have ‘I to do with thee, Jesus, son of the most high God ? I ‘beseech thee torment me not.’ For he commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him ; and he was guarded, and bound with chains and fetters ; and he brake the bands, and was driven by the demon into the desert. And Jesus asked him, saying ; ‘What is thy name ?’ And he said ; ‘Legion ;’ because many demons went into him. And he besought him not to command them to go out into the bottomless pit. And there was a herd of a good many swine feeding on the mountain ; and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. And the demons going out of the man, entered into the swine ; and the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake, and were drowned. And when they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what was done. And they came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the demons had gone forth, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind ; and they were afraid. And they also who saw it told them how he that had been a demoniac was healed. Then the whole multitude of the neighbourhood of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them ; for they were taken with a great fear. And he went into the boat and returned.

28 And the man out of whom the demons had gone forth
asked to be with him. But Jesus sent him away, saying ;
39 'Return to thy house, and show how great things God
'hath done for thee.' And he went away, publishing
through the whole city how great things Jesus had done
for him.

40 And it came to pass, that, as Jesus returned, the crowd
41 received him ; for they were all looking for him. And
behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a
ruler of the synagogue. And falling at the feet of Jesus,
42 he besought him to come into his house ; for he had an
only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was
dying. And as he went the crowd pressed round him.
43 And there was a woman who had an issue of blood twelve
years, who had spent all her living upon physicians, and
44 could not be healed by any. She came behind, and
touched the hem of his cloak ; and immediately her issue
45 of blood was stopped. And Jesus said ; 'Who touched
'me?' And when all denied, Peter and they that were
with him said ; 'Master, the crowds throng thee and
46 'press ; and sayest thou ; Who touched me?' And Jesus
said ; 'Some one touched me, for I know that virtue went
47 'out of me.' And the woman, seeing that she was not
hid, came trembling, and falling before him, declared to
him before all the people why she touched him, and how
48 she was healed immediately. And he said to her ;
'Daughter, be of good cheer ; thy faith hath healed
49 'thee ; go in peace.' While he yet spake there cometh
one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to
him ; 'Thy daughter is dead ; trouble not the Teacher.'
50 But Jesus hearing it, answered him, saying ; 'Fear not,
51 'only believe, and she will be healed.' And when
he came into the house, he suffered no one to go in, save
Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of
52 the maiden. And all were weeping and bewailing her ;
but he said ; 'Weep not ; she is not dead, but sleepeth.'
53 And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.
54 And he put them all out, and taking her by the hand,
55 spoke aloud, saying ; 'Maid, arise.' And her spirit came
again, and she arose straightway : and he ordered food to
56 be given her. And her parents were astonished ;
— but he charged them to tell no one what was done.

Then he called together the twelve, and gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God; and to heal the sick. And he said to them; 'Take nothing for the road, neither staff, nor scrip, nor bread, nor silver, nor have two under-coats apiece. And whatever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart. And whoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a witness against them.' And they departed, and went through the villages, preaching the Good Tidings, and healing everywhere.

Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him; and he was troubled, because it was said by some, that John had been raised from the dead; and by some, that Elijah had appeared; and by others, that one of the old prophets had arisen again. And Herod said; 'John I have beheaded; but who is this of whom I hear such things?' And he sought to see him.

And the apostles, when they returned, told him what they had done. And he took them, and withdrew privately into a desert place of a city called Bethsaida. And the crowds, when they knew it, followed him. And he received them, and spake to them of the kingdom of God; and healed them that had need of healing. And the day began to set; and the twelve came and said to him; 'Send the crowd away, that they may go into the villages and country around, and lodge, and get victuals; for here we are in a desert place.' But he said to them; 'Give ye them to eat.' And they said; 'We have no more than five loaves and two fishes; unless we go and buy meat for all this people.' For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples; 'Make them lie down in companies of fifty each.' And they did so, and made them all lie down. And taking the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they ate and were all filled; and there were taken up what remained to them, twelve baskets of fragments.

And it came to pass, as he was apart praying, his disciples were with him; and he asked them, saying;

19 • Whom say the crowds that I am? And they answering
said; 'John the Baptist; and some, Elijah; and others,
20 'that one of the old prophets is risen again.' And he
said to them; 'But whom say ye that I am?' And
Peter answering said; 'The Christ [or Anointed One] of
21 'God.' And he charged them, and ordered them to tell
22 it to no one; saying, that the Son of man must suffer
many things, and be rejected by the elders and high
priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised on the
23 third day. And he said to them all; 'If any one wish
'to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his
24 'cross daily, and follow me. For whoever shall wish to
'save his life, will lose it; and whoever shall lose his life
25 'for my sake, he will save it.' For what is a man advan-
taged if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or
26 be cast away? 'For whoever shall be ashamed of me
'and of my words, of him will the Son of man be ashamed,
'when he shall come in his glory, and in the glory of the
27 'Father, and of the holy angels. But I tell you of a truth,
'there be some of those standing here that will not taste
'of death, till they see the kingdom of God.'

28 And it came to pass about eight days after these
sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up
29 the mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the look of his
face was changed, and his raiment was glistening white.
30 And behold, there talked with him two men, who were
31 Moses and Elijah; who appeared in glory, and spake of
his departure, which he was about to fulfil at Jerusalem.
32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with
sleep; and when they awoke they saw his glory, and the
33 two men standing with him. And it came to pass, as
these departed from him, Peter said to Jesus; 'Master,
'it is good for us to be here; and let us make three
'tents, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for
34 'Elijah;' not knowing what he said. And while he thus
spake, there came a cloud and overshadowed them; and
35 they feared as those entered the cloud. And there came
a voice out of the cloud, saying; 'This is my beloved
36 'son, hear him.' And when the voice came, Jesus was
found alone. And they kept it close, and told no one in
those days any of the things which they had seen.

37 And it came to pass on the next day, as they came

down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. And behold, a man of the crowd cried out, saying; 'Teacher, I beseech thee to look on my son, for he is mine only child. And lo, a spirit taketh him, and suddenly crieth out, and teareth him with foam, and bruising him scarcely leaveth him. And I besought thy disciples to cast it out; and they could not.' And Jesus answering said; 'O unbelieving and misguided generation, how long shall I be with you, and bear with you? Bring hither thy son.' And as he was yet coming, the demon threw him down and tore him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the young man, and gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

But while they wondered every one at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples; 'Lay ye these sayings in your ears, for the Son of man is about to be delivered up into the hands of men.' But they understood not this saying; and it was hid from them, so that they should not perceive it. And they feared to ask him about this saying.

Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the doubt of their heart, took a child, and set it by him, and said to them; 'Whoever shall receive this child in my name, receiveth me; and whoever shall receive me, receiveth Him that sent me; for he that is least among you all, he shall be great.' And John answered and said; 'Master, we saw one casting out demons in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us.' And Jesus said to him; 'Forbid him not; for he that is not against you is for you.'

And it came to pass, when the days for his being received up were completed, he set his face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before his face. And they went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they received him not, because his face was going to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said; 'Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and to consume them; even as Elijah did?' But he turned, and rebuked them, and said; 'Ye know not what spirit ye are of.' And they went into another village.

57 And it came to pass, as they went on the way, some
one said to him; 'Lord, I will follow thee wherever
58 'thou goest.' And Jesus said to him; 'The foxes
'have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the
59 'Son of man hath not where to lay his head.' And he
said to another; 'Follow me.' But he said; 'Lord,
60 'suffer me to go and first bury my father.' And Jesus
said to him; 'Leave the dead to bury their own dead;
61 'but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.' And
another said; 'Lord, I will follow the; but first let me
62 'bid farewell to those at home.' And Jesus said to
him; 'No one having put his hand to the plough, and
'looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy others also, and
sent them two by two before his face into every city and
2 place where he was himself coming. Therefore said he
to them; 'The harvest truly is great, but the labourers
'few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he
3 'would send forth labourers to his harvest. Go your
'ways; behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.
4 'Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes, and salute no
5 'one by the way. And whatever house ye enter, first
6 'say; Peace be to this house. And if a son of peace be
'there, your peace will rest upon it; if not, it will return
7 'to you. And remain in the same house, eating and
'drinking what they give; for the labourer is worthy of
8 'his hire. Go not from house to house. And whatever
'city ye enter, and they receive you, eat the things set
9 'before you; and heal the sick therein, and say to
0 'them; The kingdom of God is come nigh upon you.
1 'But whatever city ye enter, and they receive you not,
'go out into its open squares, and say; Even the dust of
'your city, which cleaveth to us, we wipe off against you;
'moreover know this, that the kingdom of God is at
'hand. I say to you, that it will be more tolerable in
'that day for Sodom, than for that city. Alas for thee,
'Chorazin! alas for thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty
'works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have
'been done in you, they had long ago repented, sitting in
'sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more tolerable for
'Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. And
'thou, Capernaum, that hast been raised up to heaven, wilt

'be thrust down to hell. He that heareth you, heareth me ; 16
'and he that despiseth you, despiseth me ; and he that
'despiseth me, despiseth Him that sent me.'

And the seventy returned with joy, saying ; 'Lord, 17
'even the demons obey us in thy name.' And he said 18
to them ; 'I beheld Satan falling as lightning from
'heaven. Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents 19
'and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy ;
'and nothing shall hurt you. But in this rejoice not, 20
'that the spirits obey you ; but rejoice that your names
'are written in heaven.' In that hour Jesus rejoiced in 21
his spirit, and said ; 'I thank thee, Father, Lord of
'heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from
'the wise and prudent, and yet hast revealed them to
'babes ; yea, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight.
'All things are delivered to me by my Father, and no 22
'one knoweth who the Son is, but the Father ; and who
'the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son
'wisheth to reveal him.' And turning to the disciples he 23
said privately ; 'Blessed are the eyes that see what ye
'see ; for I say to you, that many prophets and kings 24
'wished to see what ye see, and did not see ; and to hear
'what ye hear, and did not hear.'

And behold, a certain teacher of the law stood up and 25
tempted him, saying ; 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit 26
'eternal life?' And he said to him ; 'What is written 27
'in the law? how readest thou?' And he answering
said ; '*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy*
'*heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength,*
'*and with all thy mind,—and thy neighbour as thyself.*'
And he said to him ; 'Thou hast answered right ; this 28
'do and thou shalt live.' But he, wishing to justify 29
himself, said to Jesus ; 'And who is my neighbour?'
And Jesus answering said ; 'A certain man went down 30
'from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, who
'stripped him, and wounded him, and departed, leaving
'him half dead. By chance a certain priest came down 31
'that way ; and seeing him he passed by on the other
'side. And in like wise a Levite, when he was at the 32
'place, came and looked, and passed by on the other
'side. But a certain Samaritan journeying came upon 33
'him ; and when he saw him, pitied him. And he went 34

‘to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on him oil
‘and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought
35 ‘him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the
‘morrow when he departed he took out two Denarii, [or
‘sixteen pence,] and gave to the host, and said to him ;
‘Take care of him ; and whatever thou spendest more,
36 ‘I will repay thee on my return. Which now of these
‘three, thinkest thou, was neighbour to him that fell
37 ‘among the robbers?’ And he said ; ‘He that showed
‘mercy on him.’ Then said Jesus to him ; ‘Go, and
‘do thou in like manner.’

38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered a
certain village ; and a certain woman named Martha
39 received him into her house. And she had a sister called
40 Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet, and heard his word. But
Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came and
said ; ‘Lord, dost not thou care that my sister hath left
‘me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help
41 ‘me.’ And Jesus answered and said to her ; ‘Martha,
‘Martha, thou art over careful, and troublest thyself about
42 ‘many things, and one only is needed ; and Mary hath
— ‘chosen the good part which will not be taken from her.’

1 And it came to pass, that, as he was in a certain place
praying, when he ceased, one of his disciples said to
him ; ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his
2 ‘disciples.’ And he said to them ; ‘When ye pray,
‘say ; Father, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ;
3 4 ‘give us day by day our daily bread ; and forgive us our
‘sins, for we forgive every one that is indebted to us ;
5 ‘and lead us not into temptation.’ And he said to
them ; ‘One of you shall have a friend, and shall go to
‘him at midnight, and say to him ; Friend, lend me three
6 ‘loaves ; for a friend of mine is come to me from a
7 ‘journey, and I have nothing to set before him. And he
‘from within shall answer, and say ; Trouble me not,
‘the door is now shut, and my children are with
8 ‘me in bed ; I cannot rise and give to thee. I say to
‘you, even though he will not rise and give to him,
‘because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity
9 ‘he will arise and give him as many as he needeth. And
‘I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you ; seek,
‘and ye will find ; knock, and it will be opened

'to you. For every one that asketh receiveth ; and
 'he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it
 'will be opened. If a son shall ask bread of one of you
 'that is his father, will he give him a stone? Or a fish,
 'will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall
 'ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion? If ye then,
 'being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children,
 † 'how much more will the Father from heaven give holy
 'spirit to them that ask him !'

And he was casting out a demon, and it was dumb ;
 and it came to pass, when the demon was gone out, the
 dumb man spake ; and the crowds wondered. And some
 of them said ; 'He casteth out the demons by Beelzebub
 'the chief of the demons.' And others tempting sought of
 him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts,
 said to them ; 'Every kingdom divided against itself
 'is ruined, and house against house falleth. And if
 'Satan be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom
 'stand? Because ye say that I cast out the demons by
 'Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out the demons,
 'by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they
 'shall be your judges. But if I by the finger of God
 'cast out the demons, then is the kingdom of God come
 'upon you. When the Strong One armed guardeth his
 'palace, his goods are in peace ; but when a stronger
 'than he shall come and overcome him, he taketh away
 'his whole armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his
 'spoils. He that is not with me is against me ; and he
 'that gathereth not with me scattereth. When the unclean
 'spirit is gone out of the man, it walketh through places
 'where there is no water, seeking rest ; and finding none,
 'it saith, I will return into my house whence I came
 'out. And when it cometh, it findeth it swept and gar-
 'nished. Then it goeth and taketh seven other spirits
 'more wicked than itself ; and they enter in, and dwell
 'there ; and the last state of the man is worse than the
 'first.' And it came to pass, as he spake this, a certain
 woman raised her voice out of the crowd, and said to
 him ; 'Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps
 'which thou hast sucked.' But he said ; 'Yea rather,
 'blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.'

And when the crowds were gathered around, he began

to say ; ' This is an evil generation ; it seeketh a sign,
' and no sign shall be given to it, but the sign of Jonah.
30 ' For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will
31 ' the Son of man be to this generation. The queen of the
' south will rise at the judgment with the men of this
' generation, and will condemn them ; for she came from
' the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon,
32 ' and behold, a greater than Solomon is here. The men
' of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this gene-
' ration, and will condemn it ; for they repented at the
' preaching of Jonah, and behold, a greater than Jonah is
33 ' here. No one, when he hath lighted a lamp, putteth it
' into a secret place, nor under the bushel, but on the lamp-
34 ' stand, that those who come in may see the light. The
' lamp of the body is the eye ; therefore when thine
' eye is single, then thy whole body is in the light ; but
35 ' when it is evil, then thy body is in the dark. Take heed
36 ' therefore that the light within thee be not darkness. If
' thy whole body therefore be in the light, having no part
' dark, the whole will be in the light, as when the lamp
' lighteth thee with its shining.'

37 And while he was speaking, a certain Pharisee asked
him to dine with him ; and he went in and lay down to
38 meat. And when the Pharisee saw it he wondered that
39 he had not first washed before the dinner. And the
Lord said to him ; ' Now ye Pharisees cleanse the out-
' side of the cup and of the platter ; but your inside is
40 ' full of ravening and wickedness. Ye fools, did not He
41 ' that made the outside make the inside also ? But give
' ye alms of the inside ; and behold, all things are clean
42 ' to you. But alas for you Pharisees, for ye pay tithe of
' mint and rue and every herb, and pass over the judg-
' ment and the love of God ; these ought ye to do, and not
43 ' to leave the other undone. Alas for you Pharisees, for
' ye love the first seat in the synagogues, and the greetings
44 ' in the markets. Alas for you, for ye are as unseen
' graves ; and the men that walk over them are not
45 ' aware.' Then answered one of the teachers of the law,
and said to him ; ' Teacher, thus saying, thou re-
46 ' proachest us also.' And he said ; ' And alas for you
' teachers of the law, for ye lade men with burdens
' grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the

'burdens with one of your fingers. Alas for you, for ye 47
 'build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed 48
 'them. Truly ye bear witness to and approve of the deeds of 49
 'your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and ye build 50
 'their tombs. (Therefore the Wisdom of God also said; 51
 '*I will send to them prophets and apostles, and some of* 52
 '*them they will slay and persecute; that the blood of* 53
 '*all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation* 54
 '*of the world, may be required of this generation; from* 55
 '*the blood of Abel, to the blood of Zacharias, who pe-*
 '*rished between the altar and the temple. Yea I say*
 'to you, it will be required of this generation.) Alas 56
 'for you teachers of the law, for ye have taken away the 57
 'key of knowledge. Ye entered not yourselves, and ye 58
 'hindered them that were entering.' And as he said this 59
 to them, the scribes and Pharisees began to press him 60
 closely, and to lead him to speak of many things; laying 61
 wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his 62
 mouth, that they might accuse him. — 63

In the mean time, when the crowd was gathered to- 1
 gether by tens of thousands, so as to tread one on another,
 he began to say to his disciples; 'First beware ye of the 2
 'leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. And 3
 'there is nothing covered, that will not be uncovered,
 'and hid, that will not be known. Therefore whatever 4
 'ye have said in the dark, will be heard in the light;
 'and what ye have spoken in the ear in closets, will 5
 'be proclaimed on the housetops. But I say to you 6
 'my friends, be not afraid of those who kill the body,
 'and after that have no more that they can do. But 7
 'I will show you whom ye should fear; fear Him who 8
 'after killing hath power to cast into the Gehenna; yea,
 'I say to you, fear Him. Are not five sparrows sold 9
 'for two Assaria [or Farthings]? and not one of them 10
 'is forgotten before God. But even the hairs of your
 'head are all numbered. Fear not therefore; ye are of
 'more value than many sparrows. Also I say to you,
 'whoever shall acknowledge me before men, him will the
 'Son of man also acknowledge before the angels of God.
 'But he that denieth me before men shall be denied
 'before the angels of God. And whoever shall speak a
 'word against the Son of man, it will be forgiven him;

11 'but to him that blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit, it
'will not be forgiven. And when they bring you before
'the synagogues, and governments and authorities, be
'not over careful how or what defence ye shall speak,
12 'or what ye shall say; for the holy spirit will teach you
'in that hour what ye ought to say.'

13 And one of the crowd said to him; 'Teacher, speak
'to my brother that he divide the inheritance with me.'
14 And he said to him; 'Man, who made me a judge or
15 'divider over you?' And he said to them; 'Take
'heed, and beware of covetousness; for when any man
'hath abundance, his life doth not consist of his posses-
16 'sions.' And he spake a parable to them, saying; 'The
17 'land of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully; and
'he thought to himself, saying; What shall I do, for I have
18 'nowhere to gather in my fruits? And he said; This
'will I do; I will pull down my barns, and build greater;
'and there will I gather in all my fruits and my goods.
19 'And I will say to my soul; Soul, thou hast many goods
'laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and
20 'be merry. But God said to him; Fool, this night
'they will require thy life of thee; then whose will the
21 'things be that thou hast provided? So is he that
22 'hoardeth for himself and is not rich toward God.' And
he said to his disciples; 'Therefore I say to you, be
'not over careful for your life, what ye shall eat; nor for
23 'the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than
24 'meat, and the body than raiment. Consider the ravens;
'for they sow not nor reap; they have neither storehouse,
'nor barn, and yet God feedeth them; how much are ye
25 'better than the fowls? And which of you by care can
26 'add one cubit to his stature? If then ye be not able to
27 'do the least, why are ye over careful for the rest? Con-
'sider the lilies how they grow; they toil not, nor spin;
'and I say to you, not Solomon in all his glory was
28 'arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the
'grass, which is to-day in the field, and to-morrow cast
29 'into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O ye
30 'of little faith! And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or
'what ye shall drink; and be ye not in doubt. For all
31 'these do the nations of the world seek after; and your
'Father knoweth that ye have need of these. But seek

'ye the kingdom of God, and all these will be added
 'unto you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's
 'pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell what ye have,
 'and give alms; make for yourselves bags which wax not
 'old, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief ap-
 'proacheth, nor moth corrupteth. For where your trea-
 'sure is, there will your heart be also.

'Let your loins be girded about, and your lamps burning,
 'and yourselves like men waiting for their lord, when he
 'shall return from the wedding; that when he cometh and
 'knocketh, they may open to him immediately. Blessed
 'are those slaves, whom the lord, when he cometh, shall
 'find watching; verily I say to you, that he will gird
 'himself, and make them lie down to meat, and will go
 'about and serve them. And if he shall come in the second
 'watch, and shall come in the third watch, and find them
 'so, blessed are those slaves. And this know, that if the
 'master of the house had known in what hour the thief
 'cometh, he would have watched, and not suffered his
 'house to be broken open. Then be ye therefore ready;
 'for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think
 'not.' And Peter said to him; 'Lord, speakest thou
 'this parable to us, or even to all?' And the Lord said;
 'Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom the
 'lord will set over his household, to portion out the meat
 'in due season? Blessed is that slave, whom his lord
 'when he cometh shall find so doing. Truly I say to
 'you, that he will set him over all that he hath. But if
 'that slave say in his heart; My lord delayeth his coming;
 'and shall begin to beat the servants and maidens, and to
 'eat and drink and to be drunken; the lord of that slave
 'will come in a day when he looketh not, and in an hour
 'when he is not aware, and will cut him off, and will
 'appoint his portion with the unbelievers. And that
 'slave, who knew his lord's will, and prepared not, nei-
 'ther did according to his will, he will have many stripes;
 'but he that knew not, and did things worthy of stripes,
 'will have few stripes. For to whomsoever much is
 'given, of him much will be required; and to whom
 'they have committed much, of him they will ask the
 'more. I am come to send fire upon earth; and what
 'do I wish for, but that it be already kindled? But I

51 'have a baptism to be baptized with ; and how am I
'straitened till it be fulfilled ! Think ye that I am come
52 'to give peace on earth ? I tell you, No, but rather divi-
'sion. For from henceforth five in one house will be
53 'divided, three against two, and two against three.
'Father will be divided against son, and son against
'father ; mother against daughter, and daughter against
54 'mother ; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law,
'and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.' And
he said also to the crowds ; 'When ye see the cloud
'rising out of the west, straightway ye say ; A shower
55 'is coming ; and so it is. And when ye see the south
'wind blowing, ye say ; There will be a heat ; and it
56 'cometh to pass. Ye hypocrites, ye can understand the
'face of the earth and of the sky ; how understand ye
57 'not this season ? And why even of yourselves judge ye
58 'not what is right ? For as thou goest with thine adver-
'sary to the magistrate, take pains on the road to be freed
'from him ; lest he drag thee to the judge, and the judge
'deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into
59 'prison. I tell thee that thou wilt not come out thence,
— 'till thou hast paid the last Lepton [or half-farthing].'

1 And there were present at that season some who told
him of the Galilæans, whose blood Pilate mingled with
2 their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said to them ;
'Think ye that these Galilæans were sinners above all
3 'the Galilæans, because they suffered such things ? I
'tell you, No ; but unless ye repent, ye all will thus
4 'perish. Or those eighteen, on whom fell the tower in
'the Siloam and slew them, think ye that they deserved
5 'it above all men dwelling in Jerusalem ? I tell you,
'No ; but unless ye repent, ye will all perish in like
6 'manner.' And he spake this parable ; 'A certain man
'had a fig-tree planted in his vineyard ; and he came and
7 'sought fruit on it, and found none. Then said he to his
'vine-dresser ; Behold, these three years have I come
'seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and find none ; cut it down ;
8 'why cumbereth it the ground ? And he answering
'said to him ; Lord, leave it this year also, till I dig
9 'about it, and dung it ; and may be it will bear fruit ;
'but if not, hereafter thou shalt cut it down.'

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the

sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of weakness eighteen years, and was bent down, and could in no wise lift herself up. And when Jesus saw her, he called to her, and said; 'Woman, thou art loosed from thy weakness.' And he laid his hands on her; and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered in anger, because Jesus healed on the sabbath, and he said to the crowd; 'There are six days in which men ought to work; in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.' Then the Lord answered him, and said; 'Thou hypocrite, doth not each of you on the sabbath loose his ox or ass from the manger, and lead it away to watering? And this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, eighteen years, ought she not to be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?' And as he said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed, and the whole crowd rejoiced at all the glorious things done by him.

Then he said; 'What is the kingdom of God like? and to what shall I liken it? It is like a grain of mustard, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and became a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in its branches.' And again he said; 'To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.'

And he was going through cities and villages teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. And one said to him; 'Lord, are they that are being saved few?' And he said to them; 'Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I say to you, will seek to enter, and will not be able. When once the master of the house is risen, and hath shut the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door saying; Lord, Lord, open unto us; then he will answer and say to you; I know you not, whence ye are. Then will ye begin to say; We have eaten and drunk in thy sight, and thou hast taught in our open squares. But he will say; I tell you, I know not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see

‘Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets,
29 ‘in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. And
‘they will come from the east and the west, and from the
‘north and the south, and will lie down in the kingdom
30 ‘of God. And behold, there are some last who will be
‘first; and there are some first who will be last.’

31 On the same day some Pharisees came, saying to
him; ‘Get thee out, and go hence; for Herod wisheth
32 ‘to kill thee.’ And he said to them; ‘Go ye, and tell
‘this fox; Behold, I cast out demons, and I work cures
‘to-day and to-morrow, and on the third day I shall
33 ‘have ended. But I must walk to-day, and to-morrow
‘and the next day; for it cannot be that a prophet perish
34 ‘out of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that
‘killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent
‘to thee; how often have I wished to gather together
‘thy children, as a hen her brood under her wings;
35 ‘and ye would not! Behold, your house is left desolate
‘to you; and I say to you, ye will not see me until
‘the time come when ye shall say; *Blessed is he that*
— ‘*cometh in the name of the Lord.*’

1 And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one
of the chief Pharisees on a sabbath to eat bread, they
2 watched him. And behold, there was a certain man
3 before him who had a dropsy. And Jesus answering
spake to the teachers of the law and Pharisees, saying;
4 ‘Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath?’ And they held
their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and
5 sent him away; and answering them said; ‘Which of
‘you, when his ass or ox shall fall into a pit, will not
6 ‘straightway pull it out on the sabbath day?’ And they
7 could not answer him to these things. And he told a
parable to those that were bidden, remarking how they
8 chose the first couches; saying to them; ‘When thou
‘art bidden by any man to a wedding, lie not down on
‘the first couch; lest a more honourable man than thou
9 ‘be bidden by him; and he that bade thee and him should
‘come and say to thee; Give place to this man; and then
10 ‘thou begin with shame to take the last place. But when
‘thou art bidden, go and lie down in the last place; that
‘when he that bade thee cometh, he may say to thee;
‘Friend, go up higher. Then thou wilt have glory in

'the sight of them that lie at meat with thee. For every 11
'one that exalteth himself will be humbled, and he that
'humbleth himself will be exalted.'

And he said to him that bade him ; 'When thou 12
'makest a dinner or supper, call not thy friends, nor thy
'brethren, nor thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours, lest
'they also bid thee again, and a repayment be made
'thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the 13
'maimed, the lame, the blind ; and thou wilt be blessed, 14
'for they cannot repay thee ; for thou wilt be repaid at
'the resurrection of the righteous.' And when one of 15
the guests heard this, he said to him ; 'Blessed is he 16
'that eateth bread in the kingdom of God.' And he 16
said to him ; 'A certain man made a great supper and
'bade many. And he sent his slave at supper time to 17
'say to them that were bidden ; Come, for all things are
'now ready. And they all with one consent began to 18
'excuse themselves. The first said to him ; I have
'bought a field, and I must go and see it ; I pray thee
'have me excused. And another said ; I have bought 19
'five yoke of oxen, and I am going to prove them. I
'pray thee have me excused. And another said ; I have 20
'married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that 21
'slave came, and told his lord these things. Then the
'master of the house being angry, said to his slave ;
'Go out quickly into the open squares and streets of the
'city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and
'the lame, and the blind. And the slave said ; Lord, it 22
'is done as thou commandedest, and yet there is room.
'And the lord said to the slave ; Go out into the high- 23
'ways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that
'my house may be filled. For I say to you, that none 24
'of those men who were bidden, shall taste of my supper.'

And great crowds were going with him ; and he turned, 25
and said to them ; 'If any one come to me, and hate not 26
'his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and
'brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life, he cannot
'be my disciple. And whoever doth not bear his cross, 27
'and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which 28
'of you wishing to build a tower, sitteth not down first
'to count the cost, whether he have enough to finish it ?
'lest after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able 29

30 'to finish it, all that see it begin to mock him, saying ;
 31 'This man began to build and is not able to finish. Or
 'what king, going to make war against another king,
 'sitteth not down first to consult whether he be able with
 'ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with
 32 'twenty thousand ? And if not, while the other is yet
 33 'afar, he sendeth an embassy, and asketh for peace. So
 'therefore every one of you that forsaketh not all that he
 34 'hath, cannot be my disciple. Salt is good ; but if the salt-
 'stone have lost its taste, wherewith shall it be seasoned ?
 35 'It is neither fit for the land, nor for the dunghill ; they
 — 'will cast it out. He that hath ears to hear let him hear.'

1 Then were drawing near to him all the tax-gatherers and
 2 sinners to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes mur-
 3 mured, saying ; 'This man receiveth sinners and eateth X
 4 'with them.' And he spake this parable to them, saying ;
 'What man of you having a hundred sheep, and losing
 'one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the
 5 'desert, and go after the lost one, till he find it ? And
 'when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders,
 6 'rejoicing. And coming home, he calleth together his
 'friends and neighbours, saying to them ; Rejoice with
 7 'me, for I have found my sheep that was lost. I say
 'to you, that thus there will be joy in heaven for one
 'repenting sinner, more than for ninety and nine righteous
 8 'men who need no repentance. Or what woman having
 'ten Drachms [or pieces of silver], if she lose one
 'Drachm, doth not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and
 9 'seek carefully till she find it ? And on finding it, she
 'calleth together her friends and neighbours, saying ;
 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the Drachm which
 10 'I had lost. Thus, I say to you, there is joy in the sight
 'of the angels of God for one repenting sinner.'

11 12 And he said ; 'A certain man had two sons ; and the
 'younger of them said to his father ; Father, give me
 'the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided
 13 'his living among them. And after not many days the
 'younger son gathered all together, and journeyed into a
 'far country ; and there wasted his substance in riotous
 14 'living. And when he had spent all, there arose a great
 'famine throughout that land : and he began to be in
 15 'want. And he went and joined himself to one of the

' citizens of that country ; and he sent him into his fields
 ' to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly 16
 ' with the husks that the swine ate ; but no one gave to
 ' him. And when he came to himself, he said ; How many 17
 ' of my father's hired servants have bread to spare, and
 ' I perish here with hunger ! I will arise and go to my 18
 ' father, and say to him ; Father, I have sinned against
 ' heaven, and in thy sight ; I am no more worthy to be 19
 ' called thy son ; make me as one of thy hired servants.
 ' And he arose, and came to his father. But while he 20
 ' was yet afar off, his father saw him, and had pity, and
 ' ran and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son 21
 ' said to him ; Father, I have sinned against heaven
 ' and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called 22
 ' thy son. But the father said to his slaves ; Bring forth 23
 ' the best robe and put it on him ; and put a ring on his
 ' hand, and shoes on his feet ; and bring in the fatted calf, 24
 ' and kill it ; and let us eat, and be merry ; for this my
 ' son was dead, and is alive again ; and he was lost, and 25
 ' is found. And they began to be merry. Now his
 ' elder son was in the field ; and as he came and drew 26
 ' nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. And
 ' he called one of the servants, and asked what these 27
 ' things were. And he said to him ; Thy brother is come ;
 ' and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he 28
 ' hath received him safe. And he was angry, and would
 ' not go in ; therefore his father came out, and entreated 29
 ' him. And he answering said to his father ; Lo, these
 ' many years do I slave for thee, and at no time trans- 30
 ' gressed I thy command, and thou never gavest me a kid,
 ' that I might be merry with my friends ; but when this 31
 ' thy son came, who devoured thy living with harlots,
 ' thou killedst for him the fatted calf. And he said to 32
 ' him ; Child, thou art ever with me, and all that I have
 ' is thine. It was meet that we should make merry and
 ' be glad ; for this thy brother was dead, and is alive
 ' again ; and was lost, and is found.'

And he said to his disciples ; ' There was a certain 1
 ' rich man who had a steward ; and the same was accused 2
 ' to him of wasting his goods. And calling him, he
 ' said to him ; What is this that I hear of thee ? give
 ' in the account of thy stewardship ; for thou canst no

3 'longer be steward. And the steward said to himself;
4 'What shall I do; for my master taketh away from me
5 'the stewardship; I am not strong enough to dig, to beg
6 'I am ashamed. I know what to do, that when I am
7 'put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into
8 'their houses. So calling every one of his master's
9 'debtors, he said to the first; How much owest thou to
10 'my master; And he said; A hundred Baths [or seven
11 'hundred gallons] of oil. And he said to him; Take
12 'thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write Fifty. Then
13 'said he to another; And how much owest thou? And
14 'he said; A hundred Cors [or seven thousand gallons]
15 'of wheat. And he saith to him; Take thy bill and
16 'write Eighty. And the master praised the unjust
17 'steward, because he did prudently, for the children
18 'of this age are more prudent in their generation than
19 'the children of light. And I say to you, Make to your-
20 'selves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that
21 'when ye fail, they may receive you into the everlasting
22 'habitations. He that is faithful in the least is faithful
23 'also in much; and he that is unrighteous in the least
24 'is unrighteous also in much. If therefore ye have not
25 'been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will
26 'entrust the true to you? And if ye have not been
27 'faithful in that which is another's, who will give you
28 'your own? No servant can serve two masters; for
29 'either he will hate the one, and love the other; or he
30 'will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot
31 'serve God and Mammon.'

32 And the Pharisees also, who are fond of money, heard
33 all these things, and scoffed at him. And he said to
34 them; 'Ye are they that justify themselves in the sight
35 'of men; but God knoweth your hearts; for what is
36 'valued among men, is an abomination in the sight of
37 'God. The law and the prophets were until John; since
38 'then the kingdom of God is preached, and every one
39 'presseth into it. And it is easier for the heavens and
40 'earth to pass away, than one tittle of the law to fail.
41 'Whoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another,
42 'committeth adultery; and whoever marrieth her that is
43 'put away from a husband, committeth adultery.

44 'Now there was a certain rich man, who wore purple

' and linen, faring sumptuously every day; and there was a 20
 ' certain poor man named Lazarus, who lay at his porch,
 ' full of ulcers, and wishing to be fed with the crumbs which 21
 ' fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came
 ' and licked his ulcers. And it came to pass, that the 22
 ' poor man died, and he was carried by the angels into
 ' Abraham's bosom; the rich man also died, and was
 ' buried. And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in 23
 ' torments; and he seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus
 ' in his bosom. And he cried out, and said; Father 24
 ' Abraham, have pity on me, and send Lazarus, that he
 ' may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my
 ' tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham 25
 ' said; Child, remember that thou in thy life time
 ' receivedst thy good things, and in like wise Lazarus evil
 ' things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
 ' And beside all this, between us and you there is a great 26
 ' gulf fixed; so that they who wish to pass from hence to
 ' you cannot; nor can they from thence pass to us. Then 27
 ' he said; I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest
 ' send him to my father's house; for I have five brethren; 28
 ' that he may bear witness to them, lest they also come
 ' into this place of torment. Abraham saith to him; 29
 ' They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them.
 ' And he said; Nay, father Abraham; but if one went to 30
 ' them from the dead they will repent. And he said to 31
 ' him; If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither
 ' will they be persuaded if one rose from the dead.' —

Then said he to his disciples; 'It is impossible but 1
 ' that sins come; but alas for him through whom they
 ' come. It were better for him that an upper millstone were 2
 ' hanged about his neck, and cast into the sea, than that
 ' he should make one of these little ones to sin. Take heed 3
 ' to yourselves. And if thy brother trespass against thee,
 ' rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he 4
 ' trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven
 ' times in a day turn again, saying, I repent; thou shalt 5
 ' forgive him.' And the apostles said to the Lord; 6
 ' Increase our faith.' And the Lord said; 'If ye had
 ' faith as a grain of mustard, ye might say to this sycam-
 ' mine tree; Be thou rooted out, and be thou planted in 7
 ' the sea; and it would obey you. But which of you,

‘having a slave ploughing or feeding cattle, will say to
‘him as he cometh in from the field ; Go at once, and lie
8 ‘down to meat ? But will he not say to him ; Make
‘ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve
‘me while I eat and drink ; and afterwards thou shalt eat
9 ‘and drink thyself ? Doth he feel thankful to that slave
10 ‘because he did what was commanded ? I think not. So
‘also ye, when ye shall have done all that is commanded
‘you, say ; We are unprofitable slaves, we have done
‘what was our duty to do.’

11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he
12 passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And
as he entered a certain village, there met him ten men
13 that were lepers, who stood afar off. And they raised
14 a cry, saying ; ‘Jesus, Master, have pity on us.’ And
when he saw, he said to them ; ‘Go, show yourselves to
‘the priests.’ And it came to pass, that as they went
15 they were cleansed. And one of them, seeing that he
was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified
16 God ; and he fell on his face at his feet, thanking him ;
17 and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said ;
‘Were not the ten cleansed ? but where are the nine ?
18 ‘Were none found to return and give glory to God, save
19 ‘this foreigner ?’ And he said to him ; ‘Arise, go thy
‘way, thy faith hath healed thee.’

20 Being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of
God was coming, he answered them, and said ; ‘The
21 ‘kingdom of God cometh not with observation ; nor will
‘they say ; Lo, here ; or ; Lo, there ; for behold, the
22 ‘kingdom of God is within you.’ And he said to the
disciples ; ‘Days will come, when ye will desire to see one
‘of the days of the Son of man ; and ye will not see it.
23 ‘And they will say to you ; Lo, here ; or ; Lo, there ;
24 ‘go not out, nor follow them. For as the lightning, that
‘flasheth from one part under heaven, shineth to the
‘other part under heaven, so will the Son of man be in
25 ‘his day. But first he must suffer many things, and be
26 ‘rejected by this generation. And as it was in the days
‘of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of
27 ‘man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were
‘given in marriage, till the day that Noah entered the
28 ‘ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. In

'like manner also as it was in the days of Lot; they ate,
 'they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they
 'buildd; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom, it 29
 'rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed
 'them all. Thus will it be on the day that the Son of 30
 'man is revealed. On that day, he that shall be upon 31
 'the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not
 'come down to take them; and he that is in the field in
 'like manner let him not turn back. Remember Lot's 32
 'wife. Whoever shall seek to save his life, will lose it; 33
 'and whoever shall lose it, will keep it alive. I tell you, 34
 'in that night there will be two men on one bed; one will
 'be taken, and the other will be left. Two women will 35
 'be grinding together; one will be taken, and the other
 'will be left.' And they answer and say to him; 37
 'Where, Lord?' And he said to them; 'Wherever
 'the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together.' —

And he spake a parable to them, how that they ought 1
 always to pray, and not to grow weary; saying; 'There 2
 'was in a certain city a judge, who feared not God, nor
 'regarded man. And there was a widow in that city; 3
 'and she came to him, saying; Avenge me of my adver- 4
 'sary. And he would not for a while; but afterwards 4
 'he said to himself; Though I fear not God, nor regard
 'man; yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge 5
 'her; lest at last by her coming she weary me.' And the 6
 Lord said; 'Hear what the unjust judge saith. And will 7
 'not God avenge his own chosen ones who cry to him
 'day and night, though long bearing with them? I tell 8
 'you that he will avenge them speedily. But when the
 'Son of man cometh will he find faith upon earth?'

And he spake also this parable about some that trusted 9
 in themselves that they were righteous, and despised the
 rest; 'Two men went up into the temple-yard to pray; one 10
 'a Pharisee, and the other a tax-gatherer. The Pharisee 11
 'stood by himself and prayed thus; God, I thank thee
 'that I am not as other men, grasping, unrighteous, adul- 12
 'terers, or even as this tax-gatherer. I fast twice a week, 13
 'I give tithe of all that I get. And the tax-gatherer, stand-
 'ing afar off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven;
 'but smote upon his breast, saying; God, be merciful to
 'me a sinner. I tell you this man went down to his house 14

‘justified rather than the other; for every one that ex-
‘alteth himself will be humbled; and he that humbleth
‘himself will be exalted.’

15 And they brought to him also their infants, that he might
16 touch them; but the disciples seeing rebuked them. But
Jesus called them and said; ‘Suffer the children to come
‘to me, and forbid them not; for unto such belongeth
17 ‘the kingdom of God. Verily I say to you whoever
‘shall not receive the kingdom of God as a child, will
‘not enter therein.’

18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying; ‘Good Teacher,
19 ‘what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said
to him; ‘Why callest thou me good? Nobody is good,
20 ‘save One, that is God. Thou knowest the command-
‘ments; *Do not commit adultery; Do not kill; Do not*
‘*steal; Do not bear false witness; Honour thy father and*
21 ‘*thy mother.*’ And he said; ‘All these have I kept from
22 ‘my youth up.’ And Jesus hearing this, said to him;
‘Yet lackest thou one thing; sell all that thou hast, and
‘give among the poor, and thou wilt have treasure in
23 ‘heaven; and come, follow me.’ And when he heard this,
24 he was very sorrowful; for he was very rich. And Jesus,
seeing that he was very sorrowful, said; ‘How hardly will
‘they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!
25 ‘For it is easier for a camel to enter through a needle’s eye, ^x
‘than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.’

26 And they that heard said; ‘Who then can be saved?’
27 And he said; ‘The things which are impossible with men
28 ‘are possible with God.’ And Peter said; ‘Lo we have
29 ‘left everything, and followed thee.’ And he said to them;
‘Verily I say to you, that there is no one that hath left
‘house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the
30 ‘sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive much
‘more at this time, and in the age to come life everlasting.’

31 Then he took the twelve aside, and said to them;
‘Behold we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that
‘have been written through the prophets concerning the
32 ‘Son of man will be fulfilled. For he will be delivered
‘up to the Gentiles, and will be mocked, and reviled, and
33 ‘spit upon; and they will scourge him, and put him to
34 ‘death; and on the third day he will rise again.’ And
they understood none of these things; and this saying

was hid from them, neither knew they the things that were spoken.

And it came to pass, that as he came nigh to Jericho 35
 a certain blind man was sitting by the way side begging ;
 and hearing a crowd pass by, he asked what it was. And 36 37
 they told him that Jesus the Nazarite was passing by.
 And he cried out, saying ; ‘Jesus, son of David, have 38
 ‘pity on me.’ And they that went before rebuked him, 39
 that he should hold his peace ; but he cried out the more ;
 ‘Son of David, have pity on me.’ And Jesus stood, and 40
 ordered him to be led to him ; and when he was come
 near, he asked him, saying ; ‘What wilt thou that I 41
 ‘shall do to thee ?’ And he said ; ‘Lord, that I may
 ‘receive my sight.’ And Jesus said to him ; ‘Receive 42
 ‘thy sight ; thy faith hath healed thee.’ And immediately 43
 he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God.
 And all the people saw it, and gave praise to God. —

And he entered and was passing through Jericho. 1
 And behold, there was a man named Zacchæus, and he 2
 was a chief tax-gatherer, and he was rich. And he sought 3
 to see Jesus, who he was ; and could not for the crowd,
 for he was little of stature. And he ran before, and 4
 climbed up a sycamore-tree to see him ; for he was to
 pass that way. And as Jesus came to the place, he 5
 looked up, and saw him, and said to him ; ‘Zacchæus,
 ‘make haste, and come down ; for to-day I must abide
 ‘in thy house.’ And he made haste, and came down, 6
 and received him joyfully. And all that saw it mur- 7
 mured, saying ; ‘He is gone to lodge with a sinful man.’
 And Zacchæus stood, and said to the Lord ; ‘Behold, 8
 ‘Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor ; and
 ‘if in aught I have wronged any one, I restore it four- 9
 ‘fold.’ And Jesus said of him ; ‘To-day is salvation
 ‘come unto this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of 10
 ‘Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to 11
 ‘save what is lost.’

And as they heard these things, he added and spake 11
 a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and
 because they thought that the kingdom of God was to
 appear immediately. He said therefore ; ‘A certain 12
 ‘nobleman went into a far country, to receive to himself 13
 ‘a kingdom, and to return. And he called ten of his

‘slaves, and gave to them ten pounds, and said to them ;
14 ‘Trade till I come. But his fellow-citizens hated him ;
‘and sent a message after him, saying ; We will not
15 ‘have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass,
‘that on his return, having received the kingdom, he
‘commanded these slaves, to whom he had given the
‘silver, to be called to him, that he might know what
16 ‘each had gained by trading. And the first came, say-
17 ‘ing ; Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And
‘he said to him ; It is well, thou good slave ; because
‘thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou
18 ‘authority over ten cities. And the second came, say-
19 ‘ing ; Lord, thy pound hath made five pounds. And
‘he said also to him ; Then be thou over five cities.
20 ‘And another came, saying ; Lord, behold, here is thy
21 ‘pound, which I kept laid up in a napkin. For I feared
‘thee, because thou art an austere man ; thou takest up
‘what thou layedst not down, and reapest what thou
22 ‘didst not sow. And he saith to him ; Out of thine
‘own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked slave. Thou
‘knewest that I was an austere man, taking up what I
23 ‘laid not down, and reaping what I did not sow ; why
‘then gavest not thou my silver into the bank, that at
24 ‘my coming I might have received it with usury ? And
‘he said to them that stood by ; Take from him the
25 ‘pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. (And
26 ‘they said to him ; Lord, he hath ten pounds.) For I
‘say to you, that to every one that hath shall be given ;
‘and from him that hath not, even what he hath shall be
27 ‘taken away from him. Moreover those mine enemies,
‘who would not have me to reign over them, bring
28 ‘hither, and slay them before me.’ And when he had
thus spoken, he went on before, going up to Jerusalem.

29 And it came to pass, as he came nigh to Bethphage and
Bethany, towards the mountain called the Mount of Olives,
30 he sent two of his disciples, saying ; ‘Go ye into the village
‘over against you ; in which at your entering ye will find
‘a colt tied, whereon never yet man sat ; loose it, and
31 ‘bring it. And if any one ask you ; Why loose ye it ?
‘thus shall ye say to him ; The Lord hath need of it.’
32 And they that were sent went, and found even as he had
33 said to them. And as they were loosing the colt, the

owners of it said to them ; ‘ Why loose ye the colt ?
 And they said ; ‘ The Lord hath need of it.’ And they ³⁴ ³⁵
 led it to Jesus. And they cast their cloaks upon the colt,
 and set Jesus on it. And as he went, they spread their ³⁶
 cloaks in the road. And as he was now coming nigh to ³⁷
 the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude
 of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud
 voice for all the mighty works that they had seen ; saying ; ³⁸
 ‘ *Blessed be the king that cometh in the name of the Lord ;*
 ‘ peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.’ And ³⁹
 some of the Pharisees said to him from the crowd ;
 ‘ Teacher, rebuke thy disciples.’ And he answered and ⁴⁰
 said to them ; ‘ I tell you, that if these should hold their
 ‘ peace, the stones would cry out.’ And as he came near, ⁴¹
 and saw the city, he wept over it, saying ; ‘ O that thou ⁴²
 ‘ didst but know, even thou, even in this thy day, the
 ‘ things which are for thy peace ! But now they are hid
 ‘ from thine eyes. For days will come upon thee, that ⁴³
 ‘ thine enemies will cast a mound about thee, and compass
 ‘ thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and will level ⁴⁴
 ‘ thee to the ground, and thy children in thee ; and they
 ‘ will not leave a stone upon a stone in thee ; because thou
 ‘ knewest not the time of thy visitation.’

And he went into the temple-yard and began to cast ⁴⁵
 out them that sold therein, and them that bought ; saying ⁴⁶
 to them ; ‘ It is written ; *My house is a house of prayer ;*
 ‘ but ye have made it a den of thieves.’ And he con- ⁴⁷
 tinued teaching daily in the temple-yard. But the high
 priests and the scribes, and the chiefs of the people, sought
 to destroy him, and could not find what they should do ; ⁴⁸
 for all the people hung round him to hear him. —

And it came to pass, on one of those days, as he taught ¹
 the people in the temple-yard, and preached the Good
 Tidings, the high priests and the scribes with the elders came
 up, and spake to him, saying ; ‘ Tell us by what authority ²
 ‘ thou doest these things ; or who gave thee this authority ?’
 And he answered and said to them ; ‘ I also will ask ³
 ‘ you one word ; and tell me ; the baptism of John, was ⁴
 ‘ it from heaven, or from men ?’ And they reasoned with ⁵
 themselves, saying ; ‘ If we shall say, From heaven ; he
 ‘ will say ; Why then believed ye him not ? But if we ⁶
 ‘ say, From men ; all the crowd will stone us ; for they

7 'are persuaded that John was a prophet.' And they answered that they did not know whence it was. And Jesus said to them; 'Neither tell I you by what authority 'I do these things.'

9 And he began to speak to the people this parable; 'A man planted a vineyard, and let it out to husbandmen, 'and went a journey for some time. And at the season 'he sent a slave to the husbandmen, that they should give 'him of the fruit of the vineyard; but the husbandmen 'beat him, and sent him away empty. And he went on 'to send another slave; and him also they beat, and treated 'shamefully and sent away empty. And he went on to 'send a third; and him they wounded and cast out. 'Then said the lord of the vineyard; What shall I do? 'I will send my beloved son; it may be they will reverence him when they see him. But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying; 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. So they cast him out of the vineyard 'and slew him. What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy these husbandmen, and will give the vineyard to others.' And they that heard it, said; 'We hope not!' But he looking at them said; 'What is this then that is written; *A stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?* Whoever shall fall upon that stone 'will be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will 'bruise him into powder.' And the high priests and the scribes in the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people; for they knew that he spake this parable against them.

20 And they watched him, and sent spies, who feigned themselves righteous men, that they might take hold of his words, so as to deliver him up to the power and authority of the [Roman] governor. And they questioned him, saying; 'Teacher, we know that thou sayest 'and teachest rightly, neither regardest thou the person of 'man, but teachest the way of God in truth; is it lawful for 'us to give tribute to Cæsar, or no?' But perceiving their craftiness he said to them; 'Why tempt ye me? Show 'me a Denarius [a coin worth eight pence]. Whose image 'and inscription hath it?' And they answered and said;

‘Cæsar’s.’ And he said to them; ‘Render therefore 25
 ‘to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar’s, and to God the 26
 ‘the things that are God’s.’ And they could not take 26
 hold of his words before the people; and they marvelled
 at his answer, and held their peace.

Then came some of the Sadducees, who deny that there 27
 is a resurrection; and they questioned him, saying; 27
 ‘Teacher, Moses wrote to us; *If any man’s brother die,* 28
 ‘*having a wife, and he die childless, that his brother should* 29
 ‘*take the wife, and raise up seed to his brother.* There were 29
 ‘therefore seven brethren; and the first took a wife, and 30
 ‘died childless. And the second took the wife, and he died 30
 ‘childless. And the third took her. And in like manner 31
 ‘these seven left no children, and died. Last of all the woman 32
 ‘died also. In the resurrection therefore whose wife of 33
 ‘them is she? for the seven had her to wife.’ And Jesus 34
 answering said to them; ‘The children of this world 35
 ‘marry, and are given in marriage; but they that have 35
 ‘been counted worthy to obtain that world and the resur- 36
 ‘rection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in 36
 ‘marriage; for neither can they die any more; for they are 37
 ‘like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resur- 37
 ‘rection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses hath 37
 ‘declared at the Bush, when he calleth the Lord, *the God of* 38
 ‘*Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.* 38
 ‘For he is not a God of dead men, but of living men; for all 39
 ‘live unto him.’ And some of the scribes answering, said; 39
 ‘Teacher, thou hast well said.’ And they durst not question 40
 him any more. And he said to them; ‘How say they that 41
 ‘the Christ is a son of David? And David himself saith in 42
 ‘the Book of Psalms; *The Lord said to my Lord; Sit* 43
 ‘*thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies a foot-* 43
 ‘*stool for thy feet.* David therefore calleth him Lord, 44
 ‘how then is he his son? And while all the people heard, 45
 he said to his disciples; ‘Beware of the scribes, who 46
 ‘like to walk about in long robes, and love greetings in 46
 ‘the market-places, and first seats in the synagogues, and 47
 ‘first couches at feasts; who devour widows’ houses, and 47
 ‘for a pretence make long prayers; they will receive a
 ‘heavier judgment.’

And he looked up, and saw rich men casting their gifts 1
 into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow 2

3 casting in there two Lepta [or half-farthings]. And he
said; 'Of a truth I say to you, that this poor widow
4 'hath cast in more than all; for all these out of their
'abundance have cast into the gifts of God; but she out
'of her want hath cast in all the living that she had.'

5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned
6 with goodly stones, and gifts, he said; 'As for these
'things which ye behold, days will come when there will
'not be left a stone upon a stone, that will not be thrown
7 'down.' And they asked him, saying; 'Teacher, when
'then will these things be? and what will be the sign
8 'when these things are about to happen?' And he said;
'Take heed that ye be not deceived; for many will come
'in my name, saying; I am he, and the time is at hand;
9 'but go ye not after them. And when ye shall hear of
'wars and commotions, be not afraid; for these things
10 'must first be; but the end is not at hand.' Then said
he to them; 'Nation will rise against nation, and
11 'kingdom against kingdom; and great earthquakes will
'be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and
'fearful sights and great signs will there be from heaven.
12 'But before all this, they will lay their hands on you,
'and persecute you, delivering you up to synagogues and
'into prisons, being brought before kings and governors
13 'for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a
14 'testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts not to care
15 'beforehand what ye shall speak in your defence; for I
'will give you a mouth, and wisdom, which all your ad-
16 'versaries will not be able to gainsay or withstand. And
'ye will be betrayed by parents, and brethren, and kins-
'folk, and friends; and some of you will they cause to be
17 'put to death. And ye will be hated by all for my name's
18 19 'sake. But not a hair of your head shall perish. Keep
'ye your souls in patience.

20 'And when ye shall see Jerusalem being encompassed
21 'with armies, then know that its desolation is nigh. Then
'let them that are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let
'them that are in the midst of it depart out; and let not
22 'them that are in the country enter therein. For these
'are days of punishment, that all things that are written
23 'may be fulfilled. But alas for them that are with child,
'and for them that give suck in those days; for there

'will be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this
 'people. And they will fall by the edge of the 24
 'sword, and will be led captive into all nations; and
 'Jerusalem will be trodden down by Gentiles, until the
 'times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there will be 25
 'signs in the sun and moon and stars; and upon earth
 'distress of nations with perplexity at the roar of the sea
 'and waves; men's hearts failing from fear, and from 26
 'waiting for the things that are coming on the world;
 'for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then 27
 'will they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with
 'power and great glory. And when these things begin 28
 'to be, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your
 'redemption draweth nigh.' 29

And he spake to them a parable; 'Behold the fig- 29
 'tree and all the trees. When they now shoot forth, ye 30
 'see and know of yourselves that summer is already nigh.
 'So also when ye see these things come to pass, know ye 31
 'that the kingdom of God is nigh. Verily I say to you, 32
 'that this generation will not pass away till all things
 'come to pass. The heavens and the earth will pass 33
 'away; but my words will not pass away. And take heed 34
 'to yourselves lest your hearts be overcharged with sur-
 'feiting, and drunkenness, and worldly cares, and lest that
 'day come upon you unawares. For as a snare will it 35
 'come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole
 'earth. Watch ye therefore at all times, praying that 36
 'ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things
 'that are to be, and to stand before the Son of man.'

And during the days he was teaching in the temple-yard; 37
 and each night he went out and lodged at the mountain
 called the Mount of Olives. And all the people came to 38
 him in the morning in the temple-yard to hear him. Now 1
 the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called
 the Passover. And the high priests and scribes sought 2
 how they might kill him; for they feared the people.
 And Satan entered into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being 3
 of the number of the twelve. And he went and talked 4
 with the high priests and captains, how he might betray
 him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give 5
 him silver. And he promised, and he sought a fit season 6
 to betray him to them apart from the crowd.

7 Then came the day of unleavened bread, on which the
8 Passover ought to be killed. And he sent Peter and
9 John, saying ; 'Go, and prepare the Passover for us, that
10 'we may eat.' And they said to him ; 'Where wilt
11 'thou that we prepare?' And he said to them ; 'Behold,
12 'when ye are entered into the city, a man will meet
13 'you, bearing a pitcher of water ; follow him into the
14 'house where he entereth. And ye shall say to the master
15 'of the house ; The Teacher saith to thee ; Where is the
16 'guest-chamber, where I may eat the Passover with my
17 'disciples? And he will show you a large upper room fur-
18 'nished ; there make ready.' And they went and found as
19 he had said to them ; and they made ready the Passover.

20 And when the hour was come, he lay down, and the
21 twelve apostles with him. And he said to them ; 'With
22 'desire have I desired to eat this Passover with you
23 'before I suffer ; for I say to you I shall no more eat
24 'thereof until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.'
25 And he took a cup, and gave thanks, and said ; 'Take
26 'this, and divide it among yourselves, for I say to you,
27 'I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the
28 'kingdom of God be come.' And he took bread, and gave
29 thanks, and brake it, and gave to them, saying ; 'This
30 'is my body which is given for you ; this do in remem-
31 'brance of me.' So also the cup after supper, saying ;
32 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is
33 'shed for you. But behold, the hand of him that be-
34 'trayeth me is with me on the table. And truly the Son
35 'of man goeth as determined ; but alas for that man by
36 'whom he is betrayed!' And they began to inquire among
37 themselves, which of them it was that was to do this.

38 And there was also a strife among them, which of them
39 was thought the greatest. And he said to them ; 'The
40 'kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and they that
41 'have authority over them are called [Euergetes, or]
42 'Benefactors. But ye are not so ; but let the greatest
43 'among you be as the younger, and the chief as he that
44 'serveth. For which is greater ; he that lyeth at meat,
45 'or he that serveth? Is not he that lyeth? But I am
46 'among you as he that serveth. Ye are they who have
47 'continued with me through my trials ; and as my Father
48 'appointed unto me a kingdom, I appoint to you, that

'ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom ; and
'ye shall sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

And the Lord said ; 'Simon, Simon, behold, Satan 21
'hath sought you out, to sift you as wheat ; but I have 32
'prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not ; and when thou 33
'hast turned again, strengthen thy brethren.' And he 34
said to him ; 'Lord, I am ready to go with thee even 35
'to prison and to death.' And he said ; 'I tell thee, 36
'Peter, the cock will not crow this day, before thou shalt 37
'thrice deny that thou knowest me.' And he said to 38
them ; 'When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and 39
'shoes, lacked ye anything ?' And they said ; 'Nothing.' 40
Then said he to them ; 'But now, he that hath a purse, 41
'let him take it, and in like manner a scrip, and he that 42
'hath neither, let him sell his cloak ; and let him buy a 43
'sword. For I say to you, this that is written must 44
'yet be accomplished in me ; *And he was numbered with* 45
'*the law-breakers* ; for the things concerning me have an 46
'end.' And they said ; 'Lord, behold, here are two 47
'swords.' And he said to them ; 'It is good.'

And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the 48
Mount of Olives ; and his disciples also followed him. 49
And when he was at the place, he said to them ; 'Pray 50
'that ye enter not into temptation.' And he was with- 51
drawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down 52
and prayed, saying ; 'Father, if thou be willing, remove 53
'this cup from me ; nevertheless not my will, but thine 54
'be done.' And there appeared to him an angel from 55
heaven, strengthening him. And being in distress he 56
prayed more earnestly ; and his sweat was as drops of 57
blood falling to the ground. And when he rose up from 58
prayer, and came to his disciples, he found them sleeping 59
for sorrow ; and he said to them ; 'Why sleep ye ? rise 60
'and pray that ye enter not into temptation.'

And while he yet spake, behold, there was a crowd ; 61
and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went 62
before them, and drew nigh to Jesus to kiss him. And 63
Jesus said to him ; 'Judas, betrayest thou the Son of 64
'man with a kiss ?' And when they that were about him 65
saw what would follow, they said to him ; 'Lord, shall 66
'we smite with the sword ?' And one of them smote the 67
slave of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And 68

Jesus answered and said ; ' Suffer ye thus far.' And he
52 touched his ear, and healed him. Then Jesus said to
the high priests, and captains of the temple, and elders
who came to him ; ' Are ye come out, as against a thief,
53 ' with swords and staves ? When I was daily with you in
' the temple-yard, ye stretched not forth your hands against
' me ; but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.'

54 Then they took him, and led him, and brought him into
55 the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. And
when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the court-yard,
and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.
56 And a certain maiden, seeing him sitting by the light, and
looking earnestly at him, said ; ' This man also was with
57 ' him.' And he denied him, saying ; ' Woman, I know
58 ' him not.' And after a little while another saw him, and
said ; ' Thou art also one of them.' And Peter said ;
59 ' Man, I am not.' And about one hour afterwards,
another said strongly ; ' Of a truth this man also was
60 ' with him ; for he is a Galilæan.' And Peter said ; ' Man,
' I know not what thou sayest.' And immediately, as
61 he yet spake, a cock crew. And the Lord turned, and
looked at Peter ; and Peter remembered the Lord's
word, how he said to him ; ' Before the cock crew, thou
62 ' wilt deny me thrice.' And he went out, and wept
bitterly.

63 And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote
64 him. And when they had blindfolded him, they struck
him on the face, and asked him, saying ; ' Prophecy ; who
65 ' is it that smote thee ?' And many other things spake
they reproachfully against him.

66 And when it was day, the body of elders of the people,
and high priests and scribes, came together ; and they
67 led him into their high council, saying ; ' If thou art the
' Christ, tell us.' And he said to them ; ' If I tell you,
68 ' ye will not believe ; and if I also ask, ye will not answer
69 ' me, nor let me go. From this time the Son of man will
70 ' sit on the right hand of the power of God.' Then they
all said ; ' Art thou then the Son of God ?' And he said
71 to them ; ' Ye say ; I am.' And they said ; ' What
' need we any further witness ? for we ourselves have
— ' heard out of his own mouth.'

1 And the whole multitude of them arose and led him

to Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying ; ‘ We
‘ found this man misleading the nation, and forbidding to
‘ give tribute to Cæsar, saying that he himself is Christ
‘ a king [or an anointed king].’ And Pilate asked him,
saying ; ‘ Art thou the king of the Jews ?’ And he
answered him and said ; ‘ Thou sayest.’ Then Pilate
said to the high priests and the crowds ; ‘ I find no fault
‘ in this man.’ And they were the more fierce, saying ;
‘ He stirreth up the people, teaching through all Judea,
‘ beginning from Galilee to this place.’ When Pilate
heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a
Galilæan. And when he knew that he was of Herod’s
jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, as he also was in
Jerusalem in those days. And when Herod saw Jesus,
he was very glad ; for he had wished to see him for
some time, because he had heard many things about
him ; and he hoped to see some sign done by him. Then
he questioned him in many words ; but he answered him
nothing. And the high priests and scribes stood and
loudly accused him. And Herod with his soldiers set
him at nought, and mocked him, and threw a gorgeous
robe round him, and sent him back to Pilate. (On that
day Pilate and Herod became friends together, for before
they were at enmity one with another.) And Pilate, when
he had called together the high priests, and rulers, and
the people, said to them ; ‘ Ye have brought this man to
‘ me, as one that misleadeth the people ; and behold, hav-
‘ ing examined him before you, I have found in this man
‘ no fault of that whereof ye accuse him ; no, nor Herod,
‘ for I sent you to him ; and lo, nothing worthy of death
‘ hath been done by him. I will therefore scourge him,
‘ and release him.’ For of necessity he must release one
to them at every feast. And they all cried out at once,
saying ; ‘ Away with this man, and release unto us Bar-
‘ abbas.’ He was one who for a certain sedition made
in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison. Pilate
therefore, wishing to release Jesus, spake again to them.
But they cried out, saying ; ‘ Crucify him, crucify him.’
And he said to them a third time ; ‘ Why, what evil
‘ hath he done ? I have found no cause of death in him ;
‘ I will therefore scourge him, and release him.’ And
they pressed with loud voices, requiring that he might be

crucified. And the voices of them and of the high priests prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. And he released the man cast into prison for sedition and murder, whom they desired ; but he delivered up Jesus to their will.

And as they led him away, they laid hold of one Simon, a Cyrenæan, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, to bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women, who also bewailed and lamented him. And Jesus turning to them, said ; ‘ Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For behold, days are coming, in which they will say ; Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps that never gave suck. Then will they begin *to say to the mountains ; Fall on us ; and to the hills ; Cover us.* For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry ? ’ And two others, evildoers, were led with him to be put to death.

And when they came to a place called Kranion [or a Skull], there they crucified him and the evildoers ; one on the right hand, and the other on the left. And Jesus said ; ‘ Father, forgive them ; for they know not what they do.’ And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood looking on. And they and the rulers with them scoffed at him, saying ; ‘ He saved others ; let him save himself, if he be the Christ, the chosen of God.’ And the soldiers also mocked him, coming and offering him vinegar, and saying ; ‘ If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.’ And an inscription also was written over him in Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew letters ; **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.** And one of the evildoers who were hanged railed at him, saying ; ‘ If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us.’ But the other answering rebuked him, saying ; ‘ Dost not thou fear God, for thou art in the same condemnation ? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds ; but this one hath done nothing amiss.’ And he said to Jesus ; ‘ Lord, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom.’ And Jesus said to him ; ‘ Verily I say to thee, to day thou wilt be with me in paradise.’

And it was about the sixth hour, and darkness came

over all the land until the ninth hour. And the sun 45
 was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the 46
 midst. And Jesus cried with a loud voice and said ; 47
 ‘ Father, *into thy hands I commit my spirit ;* ’ and having 48
 thus said, he breathed his last. And when the centu- 49
 rion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying ; ‘ Cer- 50
 ‘ tainly this was a righteous man.’ And all the crowds that 51
 came together to that sight, beholding the things that 52
 were done, smote their breasts and returned. And all 53
 his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from 54
 Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things. 55

And behold, there was a man named Joseph, a coun- 56
 sellor, a good and just man, who had not consented to 57
 their counsel and deed ; he was of Arimathæa, a city of 58
 the Jews, and was himself waiting for the kingdom of 59
 God. This man went to Pilate, and begged the body of 60
 Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, 61
 and laid it in a tomb of hewn stone, wherein no one ever 62
 yet was laid. And that day was the Preparation, and a 63
 sabbath was dawning. And the women, who came with 64
 him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the tomb, 65
 and how his body was laid. And they returned, and 66
 prepared spices and ointments ; and rested on the sab- 67
 bath, according to the commandment. —

Now on the first day of the week, before daybreak, 1
 they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they 2
 had prepared ; and some others were with them. And 3
 they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. And 4
 they entered, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. 5
 And it came to pass as they were perplexed about it, 6
 behold, two men stood by them in shining garments ; and 7
 as they were afraid, and bowed their faces to the earth, 8
 these said to them ; ‘ Why seek ye the living among the 9
 ‘ dead ? He is not here, but hath been raised ; remem- 10
 ‘ ber how he spake to you while he was yet in Galilee, 11
 ‘ saying ; The Son of man must be delivered into the 12
 ‘ hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third 13
 ‘ day arise again.’ And they remembered his words, and 14
 on returning from the tomb told all this to the eleven, 15
 and to all the rest. And it was Mary Magdalene, and 16
 Joanna, and Mary the [mother] of James, and the other 17
 women with them, that told this to the apostles. And their 18

words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not. Then arose Peter and ran to the tomb; and stooping down he saw the linen clothes laid by themselves; and he departed to his home, wondering at what had come to pass.

And behold, two of them were going on that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was about sixty furlongs from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, as they talked and reasoned, that Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were held from knowing him. And he said to them; 'What are these words which ye have with one another as ye walk? and ye are sad.' And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said to him; 'Dost thou alone sojourn in Jerusalem, and knowest not what hath come to pass there in these days?' And he said to them; 'What things?' And they said to him; 'About Jesus the Nazarite, who became a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people; and how our high priests and rulers gave him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we trusted that it was he who was to have redeemed Israel; and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain of our women made us astonished, for they were early at the tomb, and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. And some of those with us went to the tomb, and found it even so as the women said; and they saw him not.' Then he said to them; 'O unwise, and in heart slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Was not the Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?' And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded to them in all the scriptures the things about himself. And they drew nigh to the village whither they went; and he made as though he would have gone further. But they forced him, saying; 'Tarry with us; for it is toward evening, and the day hath set.' And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he lay at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he disappeared from them. And

they said one to another ; ‘ Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures ?’

And they rose up in that same hour, and returned to Jerusalem ; and found the eleven, and those that were with them, gathered together, saying ; ‘ The Lord hath been raised indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.’ And they told what had happened on the way, and how he was known to them on breaking the bread. And as they thus spake, he stood in the midst of them ; and he saith to them ; ‘ Peace be with you.’ But they were terrified and frightened, and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them ; ‘ Why are ye troubled ? and why do doubts arise in your hearts ? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is myself ; handle me, and see ; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.’ And when he had thus spoken he showed them his hands and feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said to them ; ‘ Have ye any meat here ?’ And they gave him a piece of broiled fish, and some honeycomb. And he took it, and ate before them. And he said to them ; ‘ These are the words which I spake to you, while I was yet with you ; that all things must be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms about me.’ Then opened he their mind, that they might understand the scriptures ; and he said to them ; ‘ Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer, and to arise from the dead on the third day ; and for repentance and forgiveness of sins to be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father on you ; but do ye tarry in the city until ye be clothed with power from on high.’ And he led them out to Bethany ; and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into the heavens. And they worshipped him, and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy ; and they were continually in the temple-yard, praising and blessing God.

THE GOOD TIDINGS ACCORDING TO JOHN.

1 **I**N THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with
 2 God, and the Word was God. The same was with God
 3 in the [first] beginning. All things were made through
 4 it, and without it was not any one thing made. What
 5 hath been made by means of it was life, and the life was
 the light of men. And the light shineth in the dark-
 ness; and the darkness perceived it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
 7 He came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that
 8 all men through him might believe. He was not the
 9 light, but was to bear witness of the light. The true
 10 light was that which lighteth every man, on coming into
 11 the world. It was in the world, and the world was
 12 made through it, and the world knew it not. It came
 13 to its own, and its own received it not. But as many
 14 as did receive it, to them it gave power to become children
 of God, on their believing in his name; who were born,
 not of the blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the
 will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh,
 and dwelt among us, (and we beheld its glory, the glory
 as of an only son from a father;) full of grace and
 15 truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying;
 'This was he of whom I said, He that cometh after me
 'hath been preferred before me; for he was my superior.'
 16 For of his fulness we all received, and grace upon grace.
 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth
 18 came through Jesus Christ. No one hath ever seen God;
 the only begotten Son, he who is in the bosom of the
 Father, he hath declared him.

19 And this is the witness of John. When the Jews sent
 20 priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him; 'Who
 'art thou?' then he acknowledged, and denied not; and
 21 acknowledged; 'I am not the Christ.' And they asked
 him; 'What then, art thou Elijah?' And he saith; 'I
 'am not.' 'Art thou the Prophet?' And he answered;
 22 'No.' Then said they to him; 'Who art thou? that
 'we may give an answer to them that sent us; what
 23 'sayest thou of thyself?' He said; 'I am *the voice of*
 'one crying in the desert, *Make straight the way of the*
 24 'Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah.' And they that were

sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him; 'Why then baptizest thou, if thou be not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?' John answered them, saying; 'I baptize in water; but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not, he that is coming after me, for whom I am not worthy to unloose the latchet of his shoe.' These things were done in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day he seeth Jesus coming to him, and saith; 'Behold the lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said; After me cometh a man who hath been preferred before me; for he was my superior. And I knew him not; but that he should be made manifest to Israel, for this I came baptizing in water.' And John bare witness, saying; 'I saw the spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it abode on him. And I knew him not; but He that sent me to baptize in water, he said to me; Upon whom thou shalt see the spirit descending, and abiding on him, the same is he that baptizeth in holy spirit. And I have seen and borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

Again the next day John stood, and two of his disciples; and looking on Jesus as he walked, he saith; 'Behold the lamb of God!' And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned; and seeing them following, he saith to them; 'What seek ye?' And they said to him; 'Rabbi,' which is to say, when interpreted, Teacher, 'where dwellest thou?' He saith to them; 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he dwelt; and they dwelt with him that day. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who on hearing John followed him. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith to him; 'We have found the Messiah;' which is, when interpreted, Christ [or the anointed]. And he led him to Jesus. Jesus looking at him said; 'Thou art Simon, the son of Jona; thou shalt be called Cephas;' which is interpreted, Peter [or a rock]. The next day he wished to go out into Galilee; and he findeth Philip, and saith to him; 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith to him; 'We have found him, of

‘whom Moses in the law, and the prophets wrote, Jesus
43 ‘the son of Joseph, who is from Nazareth.’ And Nathanael
said to him; ‘Can any good come out of Nazareth?’
47 ‘reth?’ Philip saith to him; ‘Come and see.’ Jesus
saw Nathanael coming to him; and he saith of him;
‘Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!’
48 Nathanael saith to him; ‘Whence knowest thou me?’
Jesus answered and said to him; ‘Before that Philip
‘called thee, when thou wast under the fig-tree, I saw
49 ‘thee.’ Nathanael answered and saith to him; ‘Rabbi,
‘thou art the son of God, thou art the king of Israel.’
50 Jesus answered and said to him; ‘Because I said to
‘thee; I saw thee under the fig-tree, believest thou?’
51 ‘thou shalt see greater things than these.’ And he saith
to him; ‘Verily verily I say to you, henceforward
‘ye shall see the heavens open, and the angels of God
— ‘ascending and descending on the Son of man.’

1 And on the third day there was a marriage in Cana
2 of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there. And
3 Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And
when the wine was at an end, the mother of Jesus saith
4 to him; ‘They have no wine.’ Jesus saith to her;
‘Woman, what is that to me and thee? mine hour is not
5 ‘yet come.’ His mother saith to the servants; ‘What-
6 ‘ever he saith to you, do it.’ And six stone waterpots
were there placed, according to the cleansing of the Jews,
7 holding two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith to
them; ‘Fill the waterpots with water.’ And they filled
8 them up to the brim. And he saith to them; ‘Draw
‘out now, and bear to the chief guest.’ And they bare
9 it. And when the chief guest tasted the water that was
made wine, and knew not whence it was, (but the ser-
vants that drew the water knew;) the chief guest calleth
10 the bridegroom, and saith to him; ‘Every man at first
‘setteth forth the good wine; and when they have well
‘drunk, then the worst; thou hast kept the good wine
11 ‘till now.’ This beginning of signs did Jesus in Cana
of Galilee, and showed forth his glory; and his disciples
12 believed on him. After this he went down to Capernaum,
he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples;
and there they abode not many days.

13 And the Jews’ Passover was at hand; and Jesus went

up to Jerusalem, and found in the temple-yard men selling oxen, and sheep, and doves, and the money-changers sitting. And when he had made a scourge of cords, he drovethemalloutofthetemple-yard, and the sheep, and the oxen, and poured out the bankers' money, and overthrew the tables ; and he said to those that sold doves ; ' Take these things hence, make not my Father's house a house of merchandize.' And his disciples remembered that it was written ; *Zeal for thy house eateth me up.* Then answered the Jews and said to him ; ' What sign showest thou to us, why thou doest this ? ' Jesus answered and said to them ; ' Destroy this temple, and *in three days I will raise it up.*' Then said the Jews ; ' Forty and six years hath this temple been in building ; and wilt thou raise it up in three days ? ' But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had spoken.

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, at the feast, many believed in his name, when they saw the signs that he worked. But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all men ; and he needed not that any one should testify about man ; for he knew what was in man. But there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews ; he came to him by night, and said to him ; ' Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God ; for no one can work these signs that thou workest, unless God be with him.' Jesus answered and said to him ; ' Verily verily I say to thee, unless a man be born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' Nicodemus saith to him ; ' How can a man be born when he is old ? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born ? ' Jesus answered ; ' Verily verily I say to thee, unless a man be born of water and spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. What is born of the flesh, is flesh ; and what is born of the spirit, is spirit. Marvel not that I said to thee ; Ye must be born from above. The wind bloweth where it listeth ; and thou hearest the sound thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth ; so is every

9 'one that is born of the spirit.' Nicodemus answered
10 and said to him; 'How can these things be?' Jesus
answered and said to him; 'Thou art the teacher of
11 'Israel; and knowest thou not these things? Verily verily
'I say to thee, what we know we speak; and what we
'have seen we witness; and ye receive not our witness.
12 'If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not,
'how will ye believe, if I tell you heavenly things?'
13 And no one hath gone up to heaven, but he that came
down from heaven, the Son of man, that is in heaven.
14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so
15 must the Son of man be lifted up; so that whoever
believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting
16 life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his
only begotten son, that whoever believeth in him should
17 not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not
his son into the world to condemn the world, but that
18 the world through him might be saved. He that
believeth in him is not condemned; but he that be-
lieveth not is condemned already, because he hath not
believed in the name of the only begotten son of God.
19 And this is the condemnation, that the light is come into
the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the
20 light; because their deeds were evil. For every one
that doeth evil, hateth the light, neither cometh to the
21 light, lest his deeds should be blamed. But he that
doeth the truth, cometh to the light, that his deeds may
be shown that they are wrought in God.

22 After this came Jesus and his disciples into the land
of Judea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.
23 And John was also baptizing in Ænon near to Salim,
because there was much water there; and they came
24 and were baptized. For John was not yet thrown into
prison. Then there arose a question among John's
25 disciples with a Jew, about cleansing. And they came
26 to John, and said to him; 'Rabbi, he that was with
'thee beyond the Jordan, to whom thou barest witness,
27 'behold, he baptizeth, and all men come to him.' John
answered and said; 'A man can receive nothing, unless
'it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me
28 'witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but I am sent
29 'before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom;

'but the friend of the bridegroom, who standeth and
 'heareth him, rejoiceth with joy because of the bride-
 'groom's voice ; this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He 30
 'must increase, but I must decrease. He that cometh 31
 'from above, is above all ; he that is of the earth is earthly,
 'and speaketh from the earth ; he that cometh from
 'heaven is above all, and what he hath seen and heard, that 32
 'he witnesseth ; and no one receiveth his witness.' He that 33
 did receive his witness set his seal that God is to be
 trusted. For he whom God sent, speaketh the words of 34
 God ; for God giveth not the spirit by measure. The 35
 Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his
 hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting 36
 life ; and he that disobeyeth the Son will not see life ;
 but the wrath of God abideth on him. —

When therefore the Lord knew that the Pharisees had 1
 heard how Jesus made and baptized more disciples than 2
 John, though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,
 he left Judea and went again into Galilee. And he must 3 4
 needs go through Samaria. He cometh then to a city 5
 of Samaria, called Sychar, near to the land that Jacob
 gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's spring was there. 6
 Jesus therefore, being wearied with the journey, sat thus
 at the spring ; it was about the sixth hour. There 7
 cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus saith
 to her ; 'Give me to drink.' For his disciples were 8
 gone into the city to buy food. Then saith the Samaritan 9
 woman to him ; 'How dost thou, being a Jew, ask
 'drink from me, that am a Samaritan woman?' For 10
 the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus
 answered and said to her ; 'If thou knewest the gift
 of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to
 'drink ; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would
 'have given thee living water.' The woman saith to 11
 him ; 'Lord, thou hast no bucket, and the well is deep ;
 'whence then hast thou the living water ; Art thou 12
 'greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well,
 'and drank thereof himself, and his sons, and his cattle ?'
 Jesus answered and said to her ; 'Whoever drinketh 13
 'of this water will thirst again ; but whoever drinketh 14
 'of the water that I shall give him, will not thirst till the
 'end of the age. But the water that I shall give him

15 'will become in him a spring of water gushing up into
'everlasting life.' The woman saith to him; 'Lord,
16 'give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither
17 'to draw.' Jesus saith to her; 'Go, call thy husband,
'and come hither.' The woman answered and said; 'I
18 'have no husband.' Jesus saith to her; 'Thou hast
'well said, I have no husband; for thou hast had five
19 'husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy
20 'husband; in that saidst thou truly.' The woman saith
to him; 'Lord, I see that thou art a prophet. Our
'fathers worshipped on this mountain; and ye say that
'in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.'
21 Jesus saith to her; 'Woman, believe me, the hour
'cometh, when neither on this mountain, nor in Jeru-
22 'salem, shall ye worship the Father. Ye worship what
'ye know not; we worship what we know, for salvation
23 'is from the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is,
'when the true worshippers will worship the Father in
'spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to
24 'worship him. God is spirit, and they that worship him
25 'must worship in spirit and in truth.' The woman saith
to him; 'I know that Messiah cometh, who is called
'Christ; when he is come, he will tell us all things.'
26 Jesus saith to her; 'I that speak to thee am he.'
27 And upon this his disciples came, and marvelled that he
talked with a woman; yet no one said; What seekest
thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went into the
29 city, and saith to the men; 'Come, see a man, who told
'me all things that ever I did; is this the Christ?'
30 They went out of the city and came to him.

31 In the meanwhile his disciples prayed him, saying;
32 'Rabbi, eat.' But he said to them; 'I have food to
33 'eat that ye know not of.' Therefore said the disciples
one to another; 'Hath any one brought him aught to
34 'eat?' Jesus saith to them; 'My food is to do the
35 'will of Him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say
'not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh
'the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes,
'and look on the fields; for they are already white for
36 'harvest. The reaper receiveth wages, and gathereth
'fruit unto everlasting life; that both the sower and the

‘reaper may rejoice together. For herein is the true 37
 ‘saying; *One soweth and another reapeth.* I sent you 38
 ‘to reap what ye had not laboured at; others laboured,
 ‘and ye are entered into their labours.’ And many of 39
 the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the
 saying of the woman who bare witness, He told me all
 things that ever I did. So when the Samaritans came 40
 to him, they besought him to abide with them; and
 he abode there two days. And many more believed 41
 because of his own word. And they said to the woman; 42
 ‘We no longer believe because of thy saying; for we
 ‘have heard him ourselves, and we know that he is in-
 ‘deed the saviour of the world, the Christ.’

Now after the two days he departed thence and went 43
 into Galilee. For Jesus himself bare witness, that a 44
 prophet hath no honour in his own country. Then when 45
 he came into Galilee, the Galilæans received him, having
 seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast;
 for they also went to the feast. Then he came again into 46
 Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And
 there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at
 Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come from 47
 Judea into Galilee, he went to him, and besought him
 that he would come down and heal his son; for he was
 at the point of death. Then said Jesus to him; ‘Unless 48
 ‘ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.’ The 49
 nobleman saith to him; ‘Lord, come down ere my
 ‘child die.’ Jesus saith to him; ‘Go; thy son liveth.’ 50
 And the man believed the word that Jesus spake to
 him, and he went. And now as he was going down, 51
 his slaves met him, and told him, saying; ‘Thy boy
 ‘liveth.’ Then inquired he of them the hour when 52
 he got better. And they said to him; ‘Yesterday at
 ‘the seventh hour the fever left him.’ So the father 53
 knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said
 to him, Thy son liveth. And himself believed, and his
 whole house. Again this second sign Jesus wrought 54
 when he came out of Judea into Galilee. —

After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus 1
 went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by 2
 the sheep-gate a pool, called in Hebrew Bethesda, having
 five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick 3

folk, blind, lame, and withered, waiting for the moving
4 of the water. For an angel went down at certain seasons
into the pool, and troubled the water; then the first
that stept in after the troubling of the water was made
5 whole of whatever disease he had. And a certain man
was there, who had a sickness thirty and eight years.
6 Jesus, seeing him lie, and knowing that he had already
been so a long time, saith to him; 'Wilt thou be made
7 'whole?' The sick man answered him; 'Lord, I have
'no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the
'pool; but while I am coming another steppeth down
8 'before me.' Jesus saith to him; 'Arise, take up thy
9 'bed, and walk.' And straightway the man was made
whole, and took up his bed, and walked. And on the
same day was a sabbath.

10 Then said the Jews to him that was cured; 'It is a
'sabbath; it is not lawful for thee to take up thy bed.'
11 He answered them; 'He that made me whole, the same
12 'said to me, Take up thy bed, and walk.' Then asked
they him; 'Who is the man that said to thee, Take up
13 'thy bed, and walk?' And he that was healed knew not
who he was; for Jesus had slipped away, as there was a
14 crowd in the place. Afterwards Jesus findeth him in
the temple-yard; and he said to him; 'Behold, thou art
'made whole; sin no more, lest a worse thing come to
15 'thee.' The man departed, and told the Jews that it was
16 Jesus that made him whole. And for this the Jews per-
secuted Jesus, because he did these things on a sabbath.
17 But Jesus answered them; 'My father worketh hitherto,
18 'and I work.' For this then the Jews sought the more to
kill him, because he not only broke the sabbath, but also
called God his own father, making himself equal to God.
19 Then Jesus answered and said to them; 'Verily verily
'I say to you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but
'what he seeth the Father do; for whatever things He
20 'doeth, these also doeth the Son in like manner. For
'the Father loveth the Son, and showeth him all that
'himself doeth; and he will show him greater works than
21 'these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth
'up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son
22 'quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no
23 'one, but hath given all judgment to the Son; that all

'men may honour the Son, even as they honour the
 'Father. He that honoureth not the Son, honoureth not
 'the Father who sent him. Verily verily I say to you, 24
 'he that heareth my word, and believeth Him that sent
 'me, hath everlasting life, and cometh not to judgment,
 'but is passed from death into life. Verily verily I 25
 'say to you, the hour cometh, and now is, when the
 'dead will hear the voice of the son of God; and they
 'that hear will live. For as the Father hath life in him- 26
 'self, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself,
 'and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, 27
 'because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this; 28
 'for the hour cometh in which all that are in the graves
 'will hear his voice, and will come forth, they that have 29
 'done good unto resurrection of life, and they that have
 'done evil unto resurrection of judgment. I can of 30
 'myself do nothing; as I hear I judge, and my judgment
 'is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will
 'of Him that sent me. If I bear witness of myself, my 31
 'witness is not to be trusted. There is another that 32
 'beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness
 'that he witnesseth of me is to be trusted. Ye sent to 33
 'John, and he bare witness to the truth. But I receive 34
 'not the witness from man; but these things I say that ye
 'might be saved. He was the lamp that burneth and 35
 'shineth; and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in
 'his light. But I have witness greater than that of 36
 'John; for the works which the Father hath given me
 'to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me,
 'that the Father hath sent me. And the Father him- 37
 'self, who sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have
 'neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.
 'And ye have not his word abiding in you; for whom 38
 'he hath sent, him ye believe not. Ye search the scrip- 39
 'tures, for in them ye think to have everlasting life;
 'and they are what witness of me, and ye will not come 40
 'to me that ye may have life. I receive not honour from 41
 'men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of 42
 'God in you. I am come in my Father's name, and ye 43
 'receive me not; if another shall come in his own name,
 'him ye will receive. How can ye believe, that receive 44
 'honour one of another, and seek not the honour that is

45 'from the only God? Think not that I shall accuse you
46 'to the Father; your accuser is Moses, in whom ye have
47 'trusted. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have be-
— 'lieved me; for he wrote about me. But if ye believe
'not his writings, how will ye believe my words?'

1 After this Jesus went beyond the lake of Galilee, that
2 is, of Tiberias. And a great crowd followed him, because
they saw the signs which he wrought upon the sick.
3 And Jesus went up the mountain, and there sat with
4 his disciples. And the Passover, the feast of the Jews,
5 was at hand. When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw
that a great crowd was coming to him, he saith to Phi-
6 lip; 'Whence shall we buy loaves that these men may
7 'may eat?' And this he said to try him, for he knew
8 what he was to do. Philip answered him; 'Loaves
'costing two hundred Denarii [or sixteen hundred pence]
'are not enough for them, that each of them may take a
9 'little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of
10 Simon Peter, saith to him; 'There is a lad here, that
'hath five barley loaves and two small fishes; but what
'are they among so many?' And Jesus said; 'Make
'the men lie down.' And there was much grass in the
11 place. So the men lay down, in number about five thou-
12 sand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had
given thanks, he gave them among his disciples, and
the disciples to them that were lying; and in like
13 manner of the fishes, as much as they wished. And
when they were filled, he saith to his disciples; 'Gather
'up the fragments that are left, that nothing be lost.'
14 So they gathered up, and filled from the five barley
loaves, twelve baskets of fragments, which were left by
15 those that had eaten. Then the men, when they saw
the sign that Jesus wrought, said; 'Of a truth this is
16 'the prophet that was to come into the world.' Then
Jesus, perceiving that they would come and seize him,
to make him king, departed again to the mountain him-
self alone.

16 And when it was evening, his disciples went down to
17 the lake, and entering the boat, went over the lake to-
ward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was
18 not come to them. And the sea arose, as a hard wind
19 blew. So when they had rowed about five and twenty

or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the lake, and drawing near to the boat; and they were afraid. But he saith to them; 'It is I; be not afraid.' Then ²⁰ ²¹ they wished to receive him into the boat; and immediately the boat was at the land whither they went.

The next day, when the crowd that stood beyond the lake saw that there was no other boat there but one, and that Jesus went not into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples went away alone; though other boats came from Tiberias near the place where they ate the bread, after the Lord had given thanks;—when therefore the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they entered the boats, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. And when they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him; 'Rabbi, when camest thou hither?' Jesus answered them and said; 'Verily verily I say to you, ye seek me, not because ye saw signs, but because ye ate of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the food that perisheth, but for the food that lasteth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man will give you; for him hath God the Father sealed.' Then said they to him; 'What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?' Jesus answered and said to them; 'This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.' Then said they to him; 'What sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written; *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Then Jesus said to them; 'Verily verily I say to you; Moses hath not given you the bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life to the world.' Then said they to him; 'Lord evermore give us this bread.' And Jesus said to them; 'I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me will never hunger, and he that believeth on me will never thirst. But I said to you, that ye have even seen me, and yet believe not. Whatever the Father giveth me, will come to me; and him that cometh to me I will not cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me. And this is the will of him

‘that sent me; that of all that he hath given me I should
 ‘lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
 40 ‘For this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one that
 ‘seeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have ever-
 ‘lasting life, and that I should raise him up at the last day.’

41 The Jews then murmured about him, because he said;
 42 I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they
 said; ‘Is not this Jesus the son of Joseph, whose father
 ‘and mother we know? how then saith he, I came down
 43 ‘from heaven?’ Jesus answered and said to them;
 44 ‘Murmur not among yourselves; no one can come to me,
 ‘unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I raise
 45 ‘him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets;
 ‘*And they shall be all taught by God.* Every one that
 ‘hath heard and hath learned from the Father, cometh
 46 ‘to me. Not that any one hath seen the Father, save
 47 ‘he that is from God; he hath seen the Father. Verily
 ‘verily I say to you, he that believeth on me hath
 48 49 ‘everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers
 50 ‘ate the manna in the desert, and died; this is the bread
 ‘that cometh down from heaven, so that any one may eat
 51 ‘thereof, and not die. I am the living bread that came
 ‘down from heaven; if any one eat of this bread, he will
 ‘live till the end of the age; and the bread that I shall
 ‘give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.’

52 Then the Jews strove among themselves, saying;
 53 ‘How can he give us his flesh to eat?’ Then Jesus said
 to them; ‘Verily verily I say to you, unless ye eat
 ‘the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye
 54 ‘have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and
 ‘drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life; and I
 55 ‘will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food
 56 ‘indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that
 ‘eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me,
 57 ‘and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live
 ‘by the Father; so he that eateth me, even he will live
 58 ‘by me. This is the bread that came down from heaven;
 ‘not as your fathers ate and died; he that eateth this
 59 ‘bread will live till the end of the age.’ These things
 said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60 Then many of his disciples, when they heard, said;
 61 ‘This is a hard saying; who can hear it?’ When Jesus

knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said to them ; ‘ Is this a stumbling-block to you ? ‘ What then if ye should see the Son of man ascend up ‘ where he was before ? It is the spirit that quickeneth, ‘ the flesh profiteth nothing. The words that I speak ‘ to you are spirit, and are life. But there are some of ‘ you that believe not.’ For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who he was that would betray him. And he said ; ‘ For this said I ‘ to you, that no one can come to me, unless it were ‘ given to him of my Father.’ On that many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then Jesus said to the twelve ; ‘ Will ye also go away ? ‘ Simon Peter answered him ; ‘ Lord, to whom shall we ‘ go ? Thou hast the words of everlasting life. And we ‘ believe and know that thou art the Holy One of God.’ Jesus answered them ; ‘ Have not I chosen you twelve ? ‘ and of you one is an accuser.’ He was speaking of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon ; for he was about to betray him, being one of the twelve.

And after this Jesus walked in Galilee ; for he would not walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill him. Now the Jews’ Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said to him ; ‘ Depart hence, and ‘ go into Judea, that thy disciples also may see thy works ‘ that thou doest. For no one doeth any thing in secret, ‘ while he himself seeketh to be known. If thou do these ‘ things, shew thyself to the world.’ For his brethren believed not on him. Then Jesus said to them ; ‘ My ‘ time is not yet come ; but your time is always ready. ‘ The world cannot hate you ; but me it hateth, because ‘ I witness of it that its works are evil. Go ye up to this ‘ feast ; I go not up to this feast, for my time is not yet ‘ full come.’ When he had said this to them, he abode still in Galilee. But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said ; ‘ Where is he ? ‘ And there was much murmuring among the crowds concerning him ; for some said ; ‘ He is a good ‘ man ; ‘ others said ; ‘ Nay, but he misleadeth the people.’ Howbeit no one spoke openly of him for fear of the Jews.

When it was now the middle of the feast Jesus went up

15 into the temple-yard and taught. And the Jews marvelled,
saying; 'How knoweth this man letters, having never
16 'learned?' Jesus answered them, and said; 'My teaching
17 'is not mine, but His that sent me. If any one wish to do
'his will, he will know of the teaching whether it be from
18 'God, or whether I speak from myself. He that speaketh
'from himself seeketh his own glory; but he that seeketh
'the glory of Him that sent him, the same is to be trusted,
19 'and no unrighteousness is in him. Hath not Moses given
'you the law? and no one of you keepeth the law; why
20 'seek ye to kill me?' The crowd answered and said;
21 'Thou hast a demon; who seeketh to kill thee?' Jesus
answered and said to them; 'I have done one work,
22 'and ye all marvel thereat. Moses hath given you the
'circumcision; (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers;)
23 'and ye circumcise a man on a sabbath. If a man on a
'sabbath receive circumcision that the law of Moses may
'not be broken, are ye angry at me because I have made
24 'a man whole and well on a sabbath? Judge not accord-
'ing to appearance, but judge a righteous judgment.'

25 Then said some of them of Jerusalem; 'Is not this he
26 'whom they seek to kill? But lo, he speaketh openly,
'and they say nothing to him. Do the rulers know
27 'of a truth that this is the Christ? Howbeit we know
'this man whence he is; but when the Christ cometh, no
28 'one knoweth whence he is.' Then cried Jesus in the
temple-yard as he taught, saying; 'Ye both know me, and
'ye know whence I am; yet I am not come of myself, but
29 'He that sent me is true, whom ye know not. I know him,
30 'for I am from him, and he sent me.' Then they sought
to take him; but no one laid hands on him, because his
31 hour was not yet come. And many of the crowd believed
on him, and said; 'When the Christ cometh, will he do
32 'more signs than these which this man hath done?' The
Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things
about him, and the Pharisees and high priests sent officers
33 to take him. Then Jesus said; 'Yet a little while am I
34 'with you, and then I go to Him that sent me. Ye will
'seek me, and will not find me; and where I go ye cannot
35 'come.' Then said the Jews among themselves; 'Whither
'is he to go, that we shall not find him? Is he to go to
'the dispersed among the Greeks, and to teach the Greeks?

‘What word is this that he said; Ye will seek me, and
‘will not find me; and where I go ye cannot come?’ 26

On the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood 27
and cried, saying; ‘If any one thirst, let him come to me
‘and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture 28
‘said, *out of his belly will flow rivers of living water.*’
This he spake of the spirit, which they that believed on 29
him were to receive; for the holy spirit was not yet,
because Jesus was not yet glorified. Then many of the 40
crowd when they heard the saying, said; ‘Of a truth this
‘is the prophet.’ Others said; ‘This is the Christ.’ And 41
others said; ‘But doth the Christ come out of Galilee?
‘Hath not the scripture said that the Christ cometh of 42
‘the seed of David, and out of Bethlehem, the village
‘where David was?’ So there was a division among the 43
crowd because of him. And some of them would have 44
taken him; but no one laid hands on him. Then came 45
the officers to the high priests and Pharisees; and these
said to them; ‘Why have ye not brought him?’ The 46
officers answered; ‘Never man spake like this man.’
Then the Pharisees answered them; ‘Are ye also de- 47
‘ceived? Hath any one of the rulers or of the Pharisees 48
‘believed on him? But this crowd that knoweth not the 49
‘law are accursed.’ Nicodemus saith to them, (he that 50
came to him by night,) being one of them; ‘Will our 51
‘law judge the man, unless it first hear him, and know
‘what he doeth?’ They answered and said to him; 52
‘Art thou also of Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet
‘hath arisen from Galilee.’ 53

[And every one went to his own house; and Jesus went 53-1
to the Mount of Olives. And at day-break he came again 2
into the temple-yard, and all the people came to him;
and he sat down, and taught them. And the scribes and 3
Pharisees bring to him a woman taken in adultery;
and setting her in the midst, they say to him; ‘Teacher, 4
‘this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. And 5
‘Moses in the law commanded us that such women were
‘to be stoned; but what sayest thou?’ This they said 6
tempting him, that they might have somewhat to accuse
him of. But Jesus stooped down, and wrote with his 7
finger on the ground. But when they continued asking
him, he raised himself up, and said to them; ‘He that

‘is without sin among you, let him first cast the stone at
8 ‘her.’ And again he stooped down, and wrote upon the
9 ground. And they who heard it, being convicted by their
conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the elders,
10 unto the last ; and Jesus was left alone, and the woman
standing in the midst. And when Jesus raised himself up,
and saw no one but the woman, he said to her :
‘Woman, where are those thine accusers ? Hath no one
11 ‘passed sentence on thee ?’ And she said ; ‘No one, Lord.’
And Jesus said to her ; ‘Neither do I pass sentence on
‘thee ; go, and sin no more.’]

12 Then spake Jesus again to them, saying ; ‘I am the
‘light of the world ; he that followeth me will not walk in
13 ‘darkness, but will have the light of life.’ The Pharisees
then said to him ; ‘Thou bearest witness of thyself ; thy
14 ‘witness is not to be trusted.’ Jesus answered and said
to them ; ‘Though I bear witness of myself, my witness
‘is to be trusted ; for I know whence I came, and whither
‘I go ; but ye know not whence I come, or whither I go.
15 16 ‘Ye judge after the flesh, I judge no one. And if I do
‘judge, my judgment is to be trusted, for I am not alone,
17 ‘but I and the Father who sent me. Even in your law
‘it is written, that *the witness of two men is to be trusted.*
18 ‘I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father who
19 ‘sent me beareth witness of me.’ Then said they to
him ; ‘Where is thy Father ?’ Jesus answered ; ‘Ye know
‘neither me, nor my Father ; if ye had known me, ye
20 ‘would have known my Father also.’ These words spake
he in the treasury-court, as he taught in the temple-yard ;
and no one took him, for his hour was not yet come.

21 Then said Jesus again to them ; ‘I go my way, and
‘ye will seek me, and will die in your sin ; whither I go
22 ‘ye cannot come.’ Then said the Jews ; ‘Will he kill
‘himself ; for he saith ; Whither I go, ye cannot come.’
23 And he said to them ; ‘Ye are from beneath ; I am from
‘above ; ye are of this world ; I am not of this world.
24 ‘Therefore I said to you, that ye will die in your sins ;
‘for if ye believe not that I am He, ye will die in your sins.’
25 Then said they to him ; ‘Who art thou ?’ And Jesus
said to them ; ‘Even what I said to you at the be-
26 ‘ginning. I have many things to say and to judge of you ;
‘moreover he that sent me is to be trusted, and I speak

‘to the world what I have heard from him.’ They knew 27
 not that he spake to them of the Father. Then said Jesus 28
 to them ; ‘When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then
 ‘will ye know that I am he ; and I do nothing of myself ;
 ‘but as my Father hath taught me I speak these things ; and 29
 ‘he that sent me is with me ; the Father hath not left me
 ‘alone, for I always do the things that please him.’

As he spake this, many believed on him. Then said 30 31
 Jesus to the Jews that believed on him ; ‘If ye continue
 ‘in my word, ye are my disciples indeed, and ye will know 32
 ‘the truth, and the truth will make you free.’ They an- 33
 swered him ; ‘We are the seed of Abraham, and were
 ‘never slaves to any one ; how sayest thou, Ye will be
 ‘made free ?’ Jesus answered them ; ‘Verily verily I say 34
 ‘to you, whoever committeth sin is the slave of sin.
 ‘And the slave abideth not in the house for ever ; but the 35
 ‘Son abideth ever. If therefore the Son shall make you 36
 ‘free, ye will be free indeed. I know that ye are the seed 37
 ‘of Abraham ; but ye seek to kill me, because my word 38
 ‘hath no place in you. I speak what I have seen with my
 ‘Father ; and then ye do what ye have seen with your 39
 ‘father.’ They answered and said to him ; ‘Abraham 39
 ‘is our father.’ Jesus saith to them ; ‘If ye were
 ‘Abraham’s children, ye would do the works of Abraham.
 ‘Whereas ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you 40
 ‘the truth, which I have heard from God ; this did not
 ‘Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father.’ Then said 41
 they to him ; ‘We are not born of fornication ; we have
 ‘one father, God.’ Jesus said to them ; ‘If God were 42
 ‘your father, ye would love me ; for I came forth, and
 ‘am come from God ; for I came not of myself, but he
 ‘sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech ? 43
 ‘Because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father 44
 ‘the devil, and ye wish to do the lusts of your father.
 ‘He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in
 ‘the truth ; because truth is not in him. When any one
 ‘speaketh a lie, he speaketh after the manner of his kin-
 ‘dred, for his father also is a liar. And because I speak 45
 ‘the truth ye believe me not. Which of you convicteth 46
 ‘me of sin ? If I speak the truth why do ye not believe 47
 ‘me ? He that is of God heareth God’s words ; ye there- 47
 ‘fore hear not, because ye are not of God.’ The Jews 48

answered and said to him ; ‘Say we not right that thou
49 ‘art a Samaritan, and hast a demon?’ Jesus answered ;
‘I have not a demon ; but I honour my Father, and ye
50 ‘dishonour me. And I seek not my glory ; there is One
51 ‘that seeketh and judgeth. Verily verily I say to you,
‘if any one keep my saying he will not see death till the
52 ‘end of the age.’ Then said the Jews to him ; ‘Now
‘we know that thou hast a demon. Abraham is dead,
‘and the prophets ; and thou sayest, If any one keep my
‘saying he will not taste death till the end of the age.
53 ‘Art thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead ?
‘and the prophets are dead ; whom makest thou thyself?’
54 Jesus answered ; ‘If I honour myself, my honour is
‘nothing. It is my Father that honoureth me ; of whom
55 ‘ye say, that he is your God ; and ye have not known him ;
‘but I know him. And if I should say, I know him not, I
‘shall be a liar like you ; but I know him, and keep his say-
56 ‘ing. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he should see my
57 ‘day ; and he saw it, and was glad.’ Then said the Jews
to him ; ‘Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou
58 ‘seen Abraham?’ Jesus said to them ; ‘Verily verily
‘I say unto you, I was, before Abraham was born.’
59 Then took they up stones to cast at him, but Jesus hid
— himself, and went out of the temple-yard.

1 And as he passed by he saw a man blind from his birth.
2 And his disciples asked him, saying ; ‘Rabbi, who sinned,
3 ‘this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus
answered ; ‘Neither did this man sin, nor his parents ;
‘but it was that the works of God should be shown in him.
4 ‘I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is
5 ‘day ; the night cometh, when no one can work. While
6 ‘I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ When
he had said this, he spit on the ground, and made
clay of the spittle, and smeared the clay on the blind
7 man’s eyes, and said to him ; ‘Go, wash in the pool
‘of the Siloam,’ which is translated, Sent. Then he went
8 and washed, and came seeing. Then the neighbours and
they that saw him before (for he was a beggar) said ; ‘Is
9 ‘not this he that sat and begged?’ Some said ; ‘This is
‘he ;’ but others said ; ‘He is like him.’ He said ; ‘I am
10 ‘he.’ Then said they to him ; ‘How were thine eyes
11 ‘opened?’ He answered and said, ‘A man called Jesus

'made clay, and smeared mine eyes, and said to me; 'Go to the Siloam and wash; and I went and washed, and received sight.' Then said they to him; 'Where is he?' He saith; 'I know not.'

They bring to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was a sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them; 'He put clay upon mine eyes; and I washed, and do see.' Then said some of the Pharisees; 'This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath.' Others said; 'How can a sinful man do such signs?' And there was a division among them. They say to the blind man again; 'What sayest thou of him, that he opened thine eyes?' And he said: 'He is a prophet.' But the Jews did not believe of him, that he was blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying; 'Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?' His parents answered them and said: 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now seeth, we know not; or who opened his eyes, we know not; he is grown up, ask him; he will speak for himself.' This his parents said, because they feared the Jews; for the Jews had agreed already, that if any one acknowledged him for Christ he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents; 'He is grown up; ask him.'

Then a second time called they the man that was blind, and said to him; 'Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner.' Then he answered and said; 'Whether he be a sinner, I know not; one thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see.' And they said to him again; 'What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?' He answered them; 'I told you just now, and ye did not hear? why would ye hear it again? will ye also become his disciples?' They reviled him, and said; 'Thou art his disciple; but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God spake to Moses; but this man, we know not whence he is.' The man answered and said to them; 'Why, herein is a marvel, that ye know not whence he is, and he opened my eyes. Now we know

‘that God heareth not sinners ; but if any one be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

82 ‘Since the world began it was not heard that any one

83 ‘opened the eyes of one born blind. If this man were

84 ‘not of God, he could do nothing.’ They answered and

said to him ; ‘Thou wast altogether born in sins, and

85 ‘dost thou teach us ?’ And they cast him out. Jesus

heard that they cast him out, and he found him, and said

86 to him ; ‘Dost thou believe on the son of God ?’ He

answered and said ; ‘And who is he, Lord, that I may

87 ‘believe on him ?’ And Jesus said to him ; ‘Thou

‘hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh to thee.’

88 And he said ; ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped

89 him. And Jesus said ; ‘For judgment I am come into

‘this world, that they that see not may see ; and they

90 ‘that see may be made blind.’ And some of the Pharisees

who were with him heard this, and said to him ;

91 ‘Are we also blind ?’ Jesus said to them ; ‘If ye were

‘blind, ye would have no sin : but now ye say ; We see ;

— ‘therefore your sin remaineth. Verily verily I say to

1 ‘you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold,

‘but climbeth up some other way, he is a thief and a

2 ‘robber. But he that entereth by the door is the shep-

3 ‘herd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth, and the

‘sheep hear his voice, and he calleth his own sheep by

4 ‘name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth

‘his own sheep, he goeth before them ; and the sheep

5 ‘follow him, for they know his voice. And a stranger

‘will they not follow, but will flee from him ; for they

6 ‘know not the voice of strangers.’ This parable spake

Jesus to them ; but they understood not what things

they were that he spake to them.

7 Then said Jesus to them again ; ‘Verily verily I say

8 ‘to you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came

‘before me are thieves and robbers ; but the sheep did not

9 ‘hear them. I am the door, if any one enter by me, he

‘will be saved, and will go in and out, and find pasture.

10 ‘The thief cometh not but to steal, and to kill, and to

‘destroy ; I am come that they may have life, and may have

11 ‘abundance. I am the good shepherd ; the good shepherd

12 ‘layeth down his life for the sheep. But the hireling, who

‘is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth

'the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and
 'the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The 13
 'hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling and careth not
 'for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know 14
 'mine own, and am known by mine, as the Father 15
 'knoweth me and I know the Father; and I lay down
 'my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that 16
 'are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they
 'will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, and one
 'shepherd. For this the Father loveth me, because I 17
 'lay down my life that I may take it again. No one 18
 'taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have
 'power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.
 'This command have I received from my Father.' Then 19
 there was a division again among the Jews for these
 sayings. And many of them said; 'He hath a demon, 20
 'and is mad; why hear ye him?' Others said; 'These 21
 'are not the words of a demoniac; can a demon open the
 'eyes of the blind?'

And it was the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem, and 22
 it was winter. And Jesus was walking in the temple-yard, 23
 in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round him, 24
 and said to him; 'How long dost thou make us doubt?
 'if thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered 25
 them; 'I told you, and ye believe not. The works that
 'I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.
 'But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep. As 26
 'I said to you, my sheep hear my voice, and I know 27
 'them, and they follow me; and I give to them ever- 28
 'lasting life, and that they should not perish till the end of
 'the age; nor will any one pluck them out of my hand.
 'My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all; 29
 'and no one can pluck them out of my Father's hand.
 'I and my Father are one.' Then the Jews took up 30 31
 stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them; 'Many 32
 'good works have I showed you from my Father; for
 'which of those works do ye stone me?' The Jews 33
 answered him, saying; 'For a good work we stone thee
 'not, but for blasphemy; and because thou being a man
 'makest thyself a god.' Jesus answered them; 'Is it 34
 'not written in your law; *I said, ye are gods?* If it 35
 'called them gods, to whom the word of God came, (and

36 'the scripture cannot be broken,) say ye of him whom
37 'the Father hath sanctified and sent into the world ;
38 'Thou blasphemest ; because I said ; I am a son of God ?
39 'If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.
40 'But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the
41 'works ; that ye may know and believe that the Father
42 'is in me, and I in him.' Then they again sought to
take him ; but he escaped out of their hand.

40 And he went away again beyond the Jordan to the
place where John at first baptized ; and there he abode.
41 And many came to him, and said ; 'John indeed
'wrought no sign, but whatever John spake of this man
42 'was true.' And many believed on him there.

1 Now there was a certain man sick, Lazarus of Bethany,
2 from the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was
Mary that anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped
his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)
3 Therefore the sisters sent to him, saying ; 'Lord,
4 'behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.' When Jesus
heard, he said ; 'This sickness is not unto death, but for
'the glory of God, that the son of God may be glorified
5 'thereby.' Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and
6 Lazarus. When therefore he heard that he was sick, he
7 abode yet two days in the place where he was. Then
after that saith he to the disciples ; 'Let us go into Judea
8 'again?' The disciples say to him ; 'Rabbi, the Jews
'now sought to stone thee ; and goest thou thither
9 'again?' Jesus answered ; 'Are there not twelve hours
'in the day? If any one walk in the day, he stumbleth
10 'not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if
'any one walk in the night, he stumbleth, because the
11 'light is not on him.' This he said ; and after that he
saith to them ; 'Our friend Lazarus is at rest ; but I
12 'go, that I may awake him.' Then said his disciples ;
13 'Lord, if he rest he will do well.' But Jesus spake of
his death ; and they thought that he spake of the rest
14 of sleep. Then said Jesus to them plainly ; 'Lazarus
15 'is dead ; and I am glad for your sakes that I was not
'there, so that ye may believe ; but let us go to him.'
16 Then said Thomas, who is called Didymus, to his
fellow-disciples ; 'Let us also go, that we may die with
'him.'

Then when Jesus came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already. Now Bethany was nigh to Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them for their brother. Then Martha, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet him ; but Mary sat in the house. Then said Martha to Jesus ; ‘ Lord if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But even now I know that whatever thou shalt ask of God, God will give thee.’ Jesus saith to her ; ‘ Thy brother shall arise again.’ Martha saith to him ; ‘ I know that he will arise again in the resurrection at the last day.’ Jesus said to her ; ‘ I am the resurrection, and the life ; he that believeth on me, even though he die, will live. And whoever liveth and believeth on me will not die till the end of the age. Believest thou this ?’ She saith to him ; ‘ Yea, Lord, I have believed that thou art the Christ, the son of God, he that was to come into the world.’ And when she had so said, she went and called Mary her sister secretly, saying ; ‘ The Teacher is come, and calleth thee.’ She, when she heard, arose quickly, and came to him.

Now Jesus was not yet come into the village, but was in the place where Martha met him. The Jews then who were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily, and went out, followed her, saying ; ‘ She goeth to the tomb to weep there.’ Then when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him ; ‘ Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.’ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews that came with her weeping, he groaned in the spirit and was troubled, and said : ‘ Where have ye laid him ?’ They say to him ; ‘ Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept. Then said the Jews ; ‘ Behold, how he loved him !’ And some of them said ; ‘ Could not this one, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused also that this man should not have died ?’ Jesus then, again groaning in himself, cometh to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus saith ; ‘ Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith to him ; ‘ Lord, he already stinketh ; for it is his fourth day.’ Jesus saith to her ; ‘ Said I not to thee, that if thou wouldest believe,

41 'thou shouldest see the glory of God?' So they took
away the stone; and Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said;
42 'Father I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I
'knew that thou hearest me always; but for the sake of
'the crowd that stood by I spake, that they may believe
43 'that thou hast sent me.' And when he had thus spoken,
44 he cried with a loud voice; 'Lazarus, come forth.' He
that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave
clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin.
Jesus saith to them; 'Loose him, and let him go.'
45 Then many of the Jews that came to Mary, and saw what
46 he did, believed on him. But some of them went away
to the Pharisees, and told them what Jesus had done.

47 Then the high priests and Pharisees held a high council,
and said; 'What shall we do, for this man worketh many
48 'signs? If we let him thus alone, all will believe on him;
'and the Romans will come and take away both our place
49 'and nation.' And one of them, Caiaphas, being high
50 priest that year, said to them; 'Ye know nothing; nor
'consider that it is best for us, that one man should die
'for the people, and not that the whole nation perish.'
51 And this spake he not from himself; but being high priest
that year, he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for
52 the nation; and not for the nation only, but that also he
should gather together into one God's scattered children.
53 Then from that day they took counsel to put him to
54 death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the
Jews, but went thence into the country near the desert, to a
city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.

55 And the Jews' Passover was at hand; and many went
out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover,
56 to purify themselves. Then sought they for Jesus, and
said among themselves, as they stood in the temple-
yard; 'What think ye? will he not come to the feast?'
57 Now both the high priests and the Pharisees had given
a command, that, if any one knew where he were, he
— should show how they might take him.

1 Then Jesus, six days before the Passover, came to
Bethany, where Lazarus was, who had been dead, whom
2 he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper,
and Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them that
3 lay at meat with him. Then Mary took a pound of oint-

ment, of very costly spikenard, and anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, who was about to betray him; 'Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred Denarii, [or twenty-four hundred pence,] and given to the poor?' And this he said, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the box, and took what was put therein. Then said Jesus; 'Let her alone; she hath kept this against the day of my burial. For the poor ye have always with you; but me ye have not always.'

Then a great crowd of the Jews knew that he was there; and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he raised from the dead. But the high priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; because by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

On the next day a great crowd that was come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming into Jerusalem, took palm branches, and went forth to meet him, and cried; 'Hosanna; *blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord*; the king of Israel.' And Jesus when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, *Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, thy king cometh, sitting on an ass's colt*. And these things understood not his disciples at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things to him. Then the crowd that was with him bare witness, that he called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead. For this also the crowd went to meet him, for they heard that he had wrought this sign. Then the Pharisees said among themselves; 'Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.'

And there were certain Greeks among those that came up to worship at the feast. These therefore came to Philip, who was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him saying; 'Lord, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip cometh and telleth Andrew; and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying; 'The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily

‘verily I say to you, unless the grain of wheat that
‘falleth to the ground die, it abideth alone; but if it die,
25 ‘it beareth much fruit. He that loveth his life, will lose
‘it; and he that hateth his life in this world, will keep
23 ‘it unto life everlasting. If any one serve me, let him
‘follow me; and where I am, there also will my servant
‘be; if any one serve me, him will the Father honour.
27 ‘Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father,
‘save me from this hour? But for this cause I came to
28 ‘this hour. Father, glorify thy name.’ Then came a
voice from heaven; ‘I both have glorified it, and will
29 ‘glorify it again.’ Then the crowd, that stood and heard,
said that it was thunder; others said; ‘An angel spake
30 ‘to him.’ Jesus answered and said; ‘This voice came
31 ‘not for my sake, but for yours. Now is the judgment
‘of this world; now will the prince of this world be cast
32 ‘out. And if I be lifted up from the earth, I shall draw
33 ‘all men to me.’ And this he said, signifying by what
34 death he was to die. The crowd answered him; ‘We
‘have heard out of the law that the Christ abideth till the
‘end of the age; and how sayest thou, that the Son of
‘man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man?’
35 Then Jesus said to them; ‘Yet a little while is the
‘light among you. Walk while ye have the light, lest
‘darkness overtake you; for he that walketh in darkness
36 ‘knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have the
‘light, believe on the light, that ye may be sons of light.’
Thus spake Jesus; and he went away and hid himself
from them.

37 But though he had wrought so many signs before
38 them, yet they believed not on him; that the saying of
Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake;
Lord, who believed what we heard? and to whom was
39 *the Lord's arm revealed?* Therefore they could not
40 believe, because again Isaiah said; [*This people*] *hath*
blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; lest they
should see with the eyes, and understand with the heart,
41 *and should turn, and I should heal them.* Isaiah said
42 this, because he saw his glory, and spake of him. Never-
theless many of the rulers believed on him; but because
of the Pharisees they did not acknowledge it, lest they
43 should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the

glory that is of men more than the glory that is of God. And Jesus cried out and said ; ' He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me, seeth Him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whoever believeth on me may not abide in darkness. And if any one hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not ; for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him ; the word that I have spoken, that will judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken from myself ; but the Father who sent me, he gave me a command, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his command is life everlasting. Whatever therefore I speak, as my Father told me, so I speak.'

Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father ; and having loved his own that were in the world, he loved them to the end. And as they were at supper, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray him ; Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and was going to God, riseth from the supper, and layeth aside his garments ; and taking a towel, he girded himself ; then he poureth water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter, and that one saith to him ; ' Lord, dost thou wash my feet ? ' Jesus answered and said to him ; ' What I do, thou knowest not now ; but hereafter thou wilt know.' Peter saith to him ; ' Thou shalt never wash my feet.' Jesus answered him ; ' If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.' Simon Peter saith to him ; ' Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.' Jesus saith to him ; ' He that hath been bathed needeth only to have his feet washed, then he is all clean ; and ye are clean, but not all of you.' For he knew who was betraying him ; therefore he said ; Ye are not all of you clean.

So when he had washed their feet and taken his gar-

ments, lying down again he said to them; 'Know ye
' what I have done to you? Ye call me Teacher and
' Lord; and ye say well; for I am. If I then, the Lord
' and the Teacher, have washed your feet, ye also ought
' to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an
' example, that ye may do as I have done to you. Verily
' verily I say to you, the servant is not greater than his
' lord, nor is the apostle greater than he that sent him.
' If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.
' I speak not of you all; I know whom I have chosen;
' but it is that the scripture may be fulfilled; *He that*
' *eateth bread with me, hath lifted up his heel against*
' *me.* I tell you now before it come to pass, that, when
' it cometh to pass, ye may believe that I am he. Verily
' verily I say to you, he that receiveth whomsoever I
' shall send, receiveth me; and he that receiveth me,
' receiveth Him that sent me.'

When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in his
spirit, and bare witness, and said; 'Verily verily I say
' to you, that one of you will betray me.' Then the dis-
ciples looked one on another doubting of whom he spake.
Now there was lying at meat in Jesus's bosom one of his
disciples, whom Jesus loved. To him therefore Simon
Peter beckoned to ask who it was of whom he spake.
He then, leaning back on Jesus's breast, saith to him;
'Lord, who is it?' Jesus answereth; 'He it is to whom
' I shall give the sop, when I have dipped it.' And after
dipping the sop he giveth it to Judas Iscariot, the son of
Simon. And after the sop, then Satan entered into him.
Then saith Jesus to him; 'What thou doest, do quickly.'
Now no one of those lying at table knew for what he
spake this to him. For some thought, because Judas
had the box, that Jesus saith to him; Buy what we
have need of for the feast; or, that he should give some-
thing to the poor. He then on taking the sop went
immediately out; and it was night.

When he was gone out, Jesus saith; 'Now is the Son of
' man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God
' be glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself,
' and he will straightway glorify him. Children, yet a
' little while I am with you. Ye will seek me; and as I
' said to the Jews, whither I go, ye cannot come; so

'now I say to you. A new command I give to you ; 34
 'that ye love one another ; that as I have loved you,
 'ye also may love one another. By this will all men know 35
 'that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.'
 Simon Peter saith to him ; 'Lord, whither goest thou ?' 36
 Jesus answered him ; 'Whither I go, thou canst not follow
 'me now, but afterwards thou shalt follow me.' Peter saith 37
 to him ; 'Lord, why cannot I follow thee now ? I will
 'lay down my life for thee.' Jesus answered him ; 'Wilt 38
 'thou lay down thy life for me ? Verily verily I say to
 'thee, the cock will not crow till thou hast denied me thrice.' —
 'Let not your heart be troubled ; ye believe in God, 1
 'believe also in me. In my Father's house are many 2
 'chambers ; if not, I would have told you. I am going to
 'prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place 3
 'for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself ;
 'that where I am, ye also may be. And whither I go ye 4
 'know, and the way ye know.' Thomas saith to him ; 5
 'Lord, we know not whither thou goest ; and how can we
 'know the way ?' Jesus saith to him ; 'I am the way, 6
 'and the truth, and the life ; no one cometh to the Father
 'but by me. If ye had known me, ye would have known 7
 'my Father also ; and from henceforth ye know him, and
 'have seen him.' Philip saith to him ; 'Lord, shew us 8
 'the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus saith to 9
 him ; 'Have I been so long time with you, and hast thou
 'not known me, Philip ? He that hath seen me hath seen
 'the Father ; and how sayest thou, Show us the Father ?
 'Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the 10
 'Father in me ? The words that I speak to you I speak
 'not from myself ; and the Father that dwelleth in me, he
 'doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, 11
 'and the Father in me, and if not, believe me for the
 'very works' sake. Verily verily I say to you, he that 12
 'believeth on me, the works that I do he shall do also.
 'And greater than these shall he do ; for I am going to my
 'Father, and whatever ye shall ask in my name, that will 13
 'I do ; that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If 14
 'ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye 15
 'love me keep my commands. And I will pray the 16
 'Father, and he will give you another comforter, that he
 'may abide with you till the end of the age ; the spirit 17

‘of truth, which the world cannot receive, because it seeth
‘it not, nor knoweth it; but ye know it, for it dwelleth
18 ‘with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you as
19 ‘orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the
‘world seeth me no more; but ye see me; because I live,
20 ‘ye will live also. At that day ye will know that I am
21 ‘in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath
‘my commands, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me;
‘and he that loveth me, will be loved by my Father; and
22 ‘I will love him, and will show myself to him.’ Judas
saith to him, (not the Iscariot;) ‘Lord, and why is it
‘that thou art to shew thyself to us, and not to the
23 ‘world?’ Jesus answered and said to him; ‘If any
‘one love me, he will keep my words; then my Father
‘will love him, and to him we will come, and make our
24 ‘abode with him. He that loveth me not, keepeth not
‘my words; and the word that ye hear is not mine, but
25 ‘the Father’s who sent me. These things have I spoken
26 ‘to you, while dwelling with you. But the comforter,
‘the holy spirit, which the Father will send in my name,
‘he will teach you all things, and remind you of all that
27 ‘I have said to you. Peace I leave with you, my peace
‘I give to you; not as the world giveth, give I to
28 ‘you. Let not your heart be troubled nor afraid. Ye
‘have heard how I said to you, I go away, and will
‘come to you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice that
‘I go to the Father; for my Father is greater than I.
29 ‘And now I have told you before it come to pass, that,
30 ‘when it cometh to pass, ye may believe. Hereafter I
‘shall not talk much with you; for the prince of the world
31 ‘cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world
‘may know that I love the Father, and that, as the Father
‘commanded me, even so I do; arise, let us go hence.

1 ‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the husband-
2 ‘man. Every branch on me that beareth not fruit, he
‘taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he
3 ‘cleanseth it, that it may bear more fruit. Ye are now
‘clean through the word, which I have spoken to you.
4 ‘Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear
‘fruit of itself, unless it abide on the vine; no more can
5 ‘ye, unless ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the
‘branches; he that abideth in me, and I in him, the

'same beareth much fruit ; for without me ye can do
 'nothing. If any one abide not in me, he is cast off as
 'the branch, and is withered ; and men gather them and
 'cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye
 'abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask
 'what ye will, and it will be done to you. In this is
 'my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit ; so shall
 'ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so
 'have I loved you ; abide ye in my love. If ye keep my
 'commands, ye will abide in my love ; even as I have
 'kept my Father's commands, and I abide in his love.
 'These things have I spoken to you, that my joy in you
 'may remain, and your joy may be full. This is my
 'command ; that ye love one another, as I have loved
 'you. No one hath greater love than this, that one lay
 'down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye
 'do whatever I command you. Henceforth I call you not
 'servants ; for the servant knoweth not what his lord
 'doeth ; but I have called you friends, for all things that
 'I have heard from my Father I have made known to
 'you. Not ye chose me, but I chose you, and I appointed
 'you, that ye may go and bear fruit, and that your fruit
 'may remain ; that whatever ye may ask of the Father in
 'my name he may give to you. These things I command
 'you, that ye love one another. If the world hate you,
 'ye know that it hated me before you. If ye were of the
 'world, the world would love its own ; but because ye are
 'not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world,
 'therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word
 'that I said to you ; *the servant is not greater than his*
 '*lord*. If they have persecuted me, they will also per-
 'secute you ; if they have kept my saying, they will also
 'keep your's. But all these things will they do to
 'you for my name's sake, because they know not Him
 'that sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them,
 'they had not had sin ; but now they have no excuse for
 'their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also.
 'If I had not done among them the works that no one
 'else did, they had not had sin ; whereas they have even
 'seen them, and yet have hated both me and my Father.
 'But this is that the word may be fulfilled that is
 'written in their law ; *They hated me without a cause.*

26 'But when the comforter, whom I shall send to you
'from the Father, is come, the spirit of truth, which
'cometh out from the Father, he will bear witness of
27 'me; and ye also will bear witness, because ye have
— 'been with me from the beginning.

1 'These things have I spoken to you, that ye be not
2 'made to sin. They will put you out of the synagogues;
'yea the hour cometh, that whoever killeth you will
3 'think that he doeth God service. And this will they
'do, because they have not known the Father nor me.
4 'But this I have told you, that when the hour come,
'ye may remember that I told you of it. And this I
'said not to you from the beginning, because I was
5 'with you. But now I go to Him that sent me; and
6 'none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But
'because I have said this to you, sorrow hath filled
7 'your heart. But I tell you the truth; it is better for
'you that I go away. For if I go not away, the comforter
'will not come to you; but if I depart, I shall send
8 'him to you. And when he is come, he will convince
'the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.
9 10 'Of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteous-
'ness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no
11 'more; and of judgment, because the prince of this
12 'world hath been judged. I have yet many things to
13 'say to you, but ye cannot bear them now. But when
'he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will guide you to all
'truth; for he will not speak from himself; but whatever
'he shall hear, he will speak, and he will tell you the
14 'things to come. He will glorify me; for out of mine
15 'he will take, and tell to you. All things that the
'Father hath are mine; therefore said I, that out of
16 'mine he taketh and will tell to you. A little while
'and ye will not see me; and again a little while, and
17 'ye will see me, because I go to the Father.' Then
some of his disciples said to themselves; 'What is this
'that he saith to us; A little while, and ye will not see
'me; and again a little while, and ye will see me; and,
18 'Because I go to the Father?' They said therefore;
'What is this that he saith; The little while? We know
'not what he saith.' Jesus knew that they wished to ask
him, and said to them; 'Do ye inquire among your-

'selves of this, because I said, A little while, and ye will
 'not see me; and again a little while, and ye will see me?
 'Verily verily I say to you, that ye will weep and 20
 'lament, but the world will rejoice; and ye will be sorrow-
 'ful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. The woman 21
 'when she is in travail hath sorrow because her hour is
 'come; but when the child is born, she remembereth no
 'more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the
 'world. And ye therefore now have sorrow; but I shall 22
 'see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and your joy
 'no one taketh from you. And in that day ye shall ask 23
 'me nothing. Verily verily I say to you, that whatever
 'ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he will give to you.
 'Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye 24
 'will receive, that your joy may be full. These things have 25
 'I spoken to you in proverbs. The hour cometh, when
 'I shall no more speak to you in proverbs, but I shall tell
 'you plainly about the Father. In that day ye will ask in 26
 'my name; and I say not to you, that I will pray the
 'Father for you; for the Father himself loveth you, because 27
 'ye have loved me, and have believed that I came from
 'God. I came from the Father, and am come into the 28
 'world; again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.'
 His disciples say to him; 'Lo, now thou speakest 29
 'plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now we know that 30
 'thou knowest all things, and needest not that any one
 'should ask thee; by this we believe that thou camest
 'from God.' Jesus answered them; 'Do ye now believe? 31
 'Behold the hour cometh, and is now come, that ye 32
 'will be scattered each to his own home, and will leave
 'me alone; but I am not alone, because the Father is
 'with me. These things I have spoken to you that in 33
 'me ye may have peace. In the world ye have tribula-
 'tion; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.' —

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to 1
 heaven and said; 'Father, the hour is come; glorify thy 2
 'son, that thy son also may glorify thee; as thou hast
 'given him power over all flesh; that he may give to
 'them everything that thou hast given to him, even life 3
 'everlasting. And this is the life everlasting, that they
 'may know thee the only true God, and him whom thou
 'hast sent, Jesus Christ. I have glorified thee on the 4

‘earth ; I have finished the work that thou gavest me to
5 ‘do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine
‘own self in the glory that I had with thee before the
6 ‘world was. I have shown thy name to the men that
‘thou gavest me out of the world ; thine they were, and
‘thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word.
7 ‘Now they know that all things whatever thou hast
8 ‘given me are from thee. For I have given to them
‘the words that thou gavest to me ; and they received
‘them, and know for certain that I came from thee,
9 ‘and they believed that thou didst send me. I pray
‘for them ; I pray not for the world, but for those
‘whom thou hast given to me ; for they are thine.
10 ‘And all my things are thine, and thine are mine ; and I
11 ‘have been glorified in them. And I am no more in the
‘world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee.
‘Holy Father, keep in thy name those whom thou hast
12 ‘given to me ; that they may be one, as we are. While
‘I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name ;
‘I guarded those whom thou gavest to me, and none of
‘them is lost but the son of perdition ; that the scrip-
13 ‘ture might be fulfilled. And now I come to thee, and
‘these things I speak in the world, that they may have
14 ‘my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given to them
‘thy word ; and the world hated them, because they are
15 ‘not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I
‘pray not that thou wouldest take them out of the world,
16 ‘but that thou wouldest keep them from evil. They are
‘not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
17 ‘Make them holy in thy truth ; thy word is truth.
18 ‘As thou didst send me into the world, so I sent them
19 ‘into the world. And I make myself holy for them,
20 ‘that they may be made holy in truth. Nor pray I for
‘these only, but also for those that believe on me through
21 ‘their word ; that they all may be one ; as thou, Father,
‘art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in
‘us ; that the world may believe that thou didst send me.
22 ‘And the glory which thou hast given to me, I have
‘given to them ; that they may be one, even as we are
23 ‘one ; I in them, and thou in me ; that they may be made
‘perfect in one, and that the world may know that thou
‘didst send me, and that thou lovedst them, as thou

lovedst me. Father, I wish that they also, whom thou
 hast given to me, may be with me where I am going ;
 that they may see my glory, which thou gavest me, be-
 cause thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.
 O righteous Father, the world doth not know thee ; but
 I know thee, and these know that thou hast sent me.
 And I made known to them thy name, and will make
 it known ; that the love wherewith thou lovedst me may
 be in them, and I in them.

When Jesus had thus spoken, he went forth with his
 disciples over the brook Kedron, where was a garden, into
 which he entered, and his disciples. And Judas also, who
 betrayed him, knew the place ; for Jesus often came there
 with his disciples. Judas then, having received the band
 of men, and officers from the high priests and Pharisees,
 cometh thither with lanterns and torches, and weapons.
 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that were coming
 upon him, went forth, and said to them ; ' Whom seek
 ye ? ' They answered him ; ' Jesus the Nazarite.' Jesus
 saith to them ; ' I am he.' And Judas also, who be-
 trayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he said
 to them ; ' I am he,' they went backward, and fell to the
 ground. Then he again asked them ; ' Whom seek ye ?'
 And they said ; ' Jesus the Nazarite.' Jesus answered ;
 ' I told you, that I am he ; if therefore ye seek me, let
 these men go.' That the word might be fulfilled, which
 he spake ; Of those which thou gavest me I have lost
 none. Then Simon Peter having a sword, drew it, and
 smote the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear.
 The slave's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus to
 Peter ; ' Put the sword into the sheath ; the cup which
 the Father hath given to me, shall I not drink it ?'

Then the band of men, and the captain, and the officers
 of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, and led him away
 to Annas first ; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who
 was high priest that year. And Caiaphas was he that
 counselled the Jews that it was best that one man should
 die for the people. And Simon Peter followed Jesus, as
 did the other disciple. And that disciple was known to
 the high priest, and he went in with Jesus into the court
 [or palace] of the high priest. But Peter stood at the
 door without. Then the other disciple, that was known to

the high priest, went out and spake to her that kept
17 the door, and brought in Peter. Then saith the damsel
that kept the door, to Peter; 'Art thou also one of this
18 'man's disciples?' He saith; 'I am not.' And the
slaves and officers stood there, having made a charcoal
fire; for it was cold, and they warmed themselves; and
19 Peter stood with them and warmed himself. The high
priest then asked Jesus about his disciples and about his
20 teaching. Jesus answered him; 'I spake openly to the
'world; I ever taught in synagogue, and in the temple-
'yard, where all the Jews come together; and in secret I
21 'have said nothing. Why askest thou me? Ask them
'that heard me, what I said to them; behold, they
22 'know what I said.' And as he thus spake, one of the
officers which stood by gave Jesus a blow, saying;
23 'Answerest thou the high priest so?' Jesus answered
him; 'If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil;
'but if well, why smitest thou me?'

24 25 Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. And
Simon Peter was standing and warming himself; then they
said to him; 'Art thou also one of his disciples?' He
26 denied, and said; 'I am not.' One of the slaves of the high
priest, being a kinsman of him whose ear Peter cut off,
saith; 'Did not I see thee in the garden with him?'
27 Then Peter denied again, and immediately a cock crew.

28 They lead Jesus then from Caiaphas into the Prætorium
[or Roman castle]; and it was morning. And they
themselves went not into the Prætorium, that they might
29 not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. So Pilate went
out to them, and said; 'What accusation bring ye against
30 'this man?' They answered and said to him; 'If he
'werenot an evildoer, we had not delivered him up to thee.'
31 Then said Pilate to them; 'Take him yourselves, and
'judge him according to your law.' Then the Jews said
to him; 'It is not permitted to us to put any one to
32 death;' that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which
he spake, pointing out by what death he was about to
33 die. Then Pilate went into the Prætorium again, and
called Jesus, and said to him; 'Art thou the King of the
34 'Jews?' Jesus answered him; 'Sayest thou this of thy-
35 'self, or did others tell thee of me?' Pilate answered;
'Am I a Jew? Thy nation and the high priests have

‘delivered thee up to me. What hast thou done?’
 Jesus answered: ‘My kingdom is not of this world; if
 ‘my kingdom were of this world, my officers had fought,
 ‘that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; whereas
 ‘my kingdom is not from hence.’ Pilate therefore said to
 him; ‘Art thou a king then?’ Jesus answered; ‘Thou
 ‘sayest; I am a king. For this was I born, and for this
 ‘came I into the world, that I might bear witness to the
 ‘truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my
 ‘voice.’ Pilate saith to him; ‘What is truth?’ And
 when he had said this, he again went out to the Jews, and
 saith to them; ‘I find no fault in him. But ye have a
 ‘custom, that I should release one to you at the Passover;
 ‘will ye therefore that I release to you the king of the
 ‘Jews?’ Then they all cried out again, saying; ‘Not
 ‘this man, but Barabbas.’ Now Barabbas was a robber.

Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.
 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on
 his head, and threw over him a purple cloak, and said;
 ‘Hail, king of the Jews!’ And they gave him blows.
 Pilate went forth again, and saith to them; ‘Behold I
 ‘bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find
 ‘no fault in him.’ (Then Jesus came out, wearing the
 crown of thorns, and the purple cloak.) And he saith to
 them; ‘Behold the man!’ When therefore the high
 priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, saying;
 ‘Crucify, crucify him.’ Pilate saith to them; ‘Take him
 ‘yourselves, and crucify him; for I find no fault in him.’
 The Jews answered him; ‘We have a law, and by our
 ‘law he ought to die, because he made himself son of God.’
 When therefore Pilate heard that word, he was the rather
 afraid; and went again into the Prætorium, and saith to
 Jesus; ‘Whence art thou?’ But Jesus gave him no
 answer. Pilate then saith to him; ‘Speakest thou not
 ‘to me? Knowest thou not that I have power to
 ‘crucify thee, and have power to release thee?’ Jesus
 answered; ‘Thou couldest have no power at all against
 ‘me, unless it were given to thee from above; therefore
 ‘he that delivered me to thee hath greater sin.’ From
 this Pilate sought to release him; but the Jews cried out,
 saying; ‘If thou release this man, thou art not Cæsar’s
 ‘friend; whoever maketh himself king speaketh against

12 'Caesar.' Then Pilate, when he heard that saying, led
Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment-seat in a place
called the Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha [or,
14 *Behind the Palace*]. And it was the Preparation for the
Passover, and about the sixth hour; and he saith to the
15 Jews; 'Behold your king!' But they cried out; 'Take
'him, take him, crucify him.' Pilate saith to them;
'Shall I crucify your king?' The high priests answered;
16 'We have no king but Caesar.' Then therefore he deli-
vered him to them to be crucified. And they took
Jesus, and led him away.

17 And he bearing his cross went forth to a place called
the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha;
18 where they crucified him, and two others with him, on
19 this and that side, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate
wrote a title, and put it on the cross, and it was written,
20 JESUS THE NAZARITE, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many
therefore of the Jews read this title; for the place where
Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was
21 written in Hebrew, in Greek, and in Latin. Then said
the high priests of the Jews to Pilate; 'Write not,
'The king of the Jews; but that he said, I am king of
22 'the Jews.' Pilate answered; 'What I have written I
23 'have written.' Then the soldiers, when they had cruci-
fied Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to
each soldier a part; and also the under-coat; and the under-
coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.
24 Then they said to themselves; 'Let us not rend it, but
'cast lots for it, whose it shall be.' That the scripture
might be fulfilled, which saith; *They parted my garments
among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.* These
things therefore the soldiers did.

25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and
his mother's sister Mary the [mother] of Clopas, and
26 Mary the Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his
mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing by, he
27 saith to his mother; 'Woman, behold thy son!' Then
saith he to the disciple; 'Behold thy mother!' And
from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.
28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now
29 finished, so that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith;
'I thirst.' Now there was standing a vessel full of

vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and putting it on hyssop, carried it to his mouth. When therefore Jesus received the vinegar, he said; 'It is finished;' and bowing his head, he breathed his last.

The Jews therefore, that the bodies might not remain upon the cross on the sabbath; because it was a Preparation; for the day of that sabbath was a high day; besought Pilate that they might break their legs and take them away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other that was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was already dead, they brake not his legs; but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and straightway blood and water came out. And he that saw it hath borne witness, and his witness is true; and that man knoweth that the same saith what may be trusted, so that ye also may believe. For these things were done, that the scripture might be fulfilled; *Not a bone of him shall be broken.* And again another scripture saith; *They shall look on him whom they pierced.*

And after this, Joseph of Arimathæa, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly through fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore and took the body of Jesus. And Nicodemus also, who at first came to Jesus by night, came and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, of about a hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, wherein was never man yet laid. There then they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation, because the tomb was at hand.

And on the first day of the week cometh Mary the Magdalene early, while it was yet dark, to the tomb, and seeth that the stone was taken away from the tomb. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith to them; 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we know not where they have laid him.' Then Peter went out, and the other disciple, and they came to the tomb. And

the two ran together; and the other disciple outran
5 Peter, and came first to the tomb. And stooping down
he seeth the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.
6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and he went
7 into the tomb, and seeth the linen clothes lying, and the
napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the
linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.
8 Then went in also the other disciple, that came first to
9 the tomb; and he saw, and believed [her]. For as yet
they knew not the scripture, that he must arise from the
10 dead. Then the disciples went away again to their homes.

11 But Mary stood without at the tomb weeping; and as
12 she wept she stooped down into the tomb, and seeth two
angels in white, sitting, one at the head, and the other at
13 the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they
say to her; 'Woman, why weepest thou?' She saith
to them; 'Because they have taken my Lord, and I
14 'know not where they have laid him.' When she had
thus said, she turned back, and seeth Jesus standing, and
15 knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith to her;
'Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?' She,
thinking that he was the gardener, saith to him; 'Lord,
'if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast
16 'laid him, and I will take him.' Jesus saith to her;
'Mary.' She turning saith to him; 'Rabboni,' which
17 is to say, Teacher. Jesus saith to her; 'Touch me not,
'for I am not yet ascended to my Father; but go thou to
'my brethren, and say to them; I ascend to my Father,
'and your Father; and to my God, and your God.'
18 Mary the Magdalene came and told the disciples that she
had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things
to her.

19 Then in the evening on the same day, the first of the
week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were
assembled, through fear of the Jews, came Jesus and
stood in the midst, and saith to them; 'Peace be to
20 'you.' And when he said this, he showed to them his
hands and side. Then were the disciples glad, when they
21 saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again; 'Peace
'be to you; as the Father sent me, even so I send you.'
22 And when he said this, he breathed on them, and said
23 to them; 'Receive ye the holy spirit; whose soever

'sins ye forgive, they are forgiven to them ; whose soever ye retain, they are retained.'

But Thomas called Didymus, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him ; ' We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them ; ' Unless I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and thrust my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I shall not believe.' And after eight days his disciples were again within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, while the doors were shut ; and he stood in the midst, and said ; ' Peace be to you.' Then saith he to Thomas ; ' Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands ; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust into my side ; and be not unbelieving, but believing.' Thomas answered and said to him ; ' My Lord, and my God !' Jesus saith to him ; ' Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed ; blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed.'

Then many other signs did Jesus in the sight of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that believing ye may have life in his name.

AFTER THIS Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the lake of Tiberias ; and he showed himself thus. There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael who was from Cana in Galilee, and the Sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter saith to them ; ' I go a fishing.' They say to him ; ' We also go with thee.' They went forth and immediately entered the boat, and that night they caught nothing. And when it was now morning, Jesus stood on the shore ; but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith to them ; ' Young men, have ye any thing to eat ?' They answered him ; ' No.' And he said to them ; ' Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and ye will find.' They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Then that disciple whom Jesus loved saith to Peter ; ' It is the Lord.' Then when Simon Peter heard

that it was the Lord, he girt on his apron, for he was
8 naked, and cast himself into the lake. And the other
disciples came with the boat, (for they were not far from
land, but about two hundred cubits,) dragging the net of
9 fishes. When then they came to the land, they see a
10 charcoal fire laid, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus
saith to them; 'Bring some of the fish which ye now
11 'caught.' Simon Peter went on board, and drew the net
to land full of a hundred and fifty-three great fishes; and
12 though there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus
saith to them; 'Come and dine.' And none of the
disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it
13 was the Lord. Jesus cometh, and taketh the bread and
14 giveth to them, and the fish likewise. This now is the
third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples, after he
had been raised from the dead.

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter;
'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these
'do?' He saith to him; 'Yea, Lord; thou knowest that
'I love thee dearly.' He saith to him; 'Feed my lambs.'
16 He saith to him again a second time; 'Simon, son of
'Jonas, lovest thou me?' He saith to him; 'Yea,
'Lord, thou knowest that I love thee dearly.' He saith
17 to him; 'Tend my sheep.' He saith to him the
third time; 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me dearly?'
Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third
time, Lovest thou me dearly? And he said to him;
'Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love
'thee dearly.' Jesus saith to him; 'Feed my sheep.
18 'Verily verily I say to thee, when thou wast younger,
'thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest;
'but when thou shalt be old, thou wilt stretch forth thy
'hands, and another will gird thee, and carry thee whither
19 'thou wouldest not.' This he spake, pointing out by
what death he should glorify God. And when he had
20 spoken this, he saith to him; 'Follow me.' Then
Peter turning, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved fol-
21 lowing; (who also lay in his bosom at supper, and said,
Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?) Peter seeing
him saith to Jesus; 'Lord, and what shall this man
22 'do?' Jesus saith to him; 'If I wish him to tarry till
23 'I come, what is it to thee? do thou follow me.' Then

went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple would not die ; but Jesus said not to him, He shall not die ; but ; If I wish him to tarry till I come, what is it to thee ?

This is the disciple who beareth witness of these things, and wrote these things ; and we know that his witness is to be trusted. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they should be written one by one, I do not think that the world itself would contain the written books

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

THE FORMER HISTORY I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and to teach, until the day when he was taken up, after giving command through the holy spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen ; to whom also he showed himself alive, after he had suffered, by many proofs, being seen by them for forty days, and speaking about the kingdom of God. And being in company with them, he commanded them, ‘not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father’s promise, which ye have heard from me. For John truly baptized in water, but ye will be baptized in holy spirit not many days hence.’ When then they were come together, they asked, saying ; ‘Lord, wilt thou not at this time restore the kingdom to Israel ?’ And he said to them ; ‘It is not for you to know the times or seasons, which the Father hath appointed by his own authority ; but ye will receive power when the holy spirit is come upon you ; and ye will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ And when he said this, and while they were looking, he was taken up ; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they were gazing toward the heavens as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel ; who also said ; ‘Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking up to the heavens ? This Jesus who is taken up from you into the heavens, will so come in manner as ye have seen him go into the heavens.’ Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called the Mount of Olives,

13 which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath's journey off. And when they were come in, they went up into the upper room, where were sojourning Peter and James, and John and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphæus, and Simon Zelotes, and
14 Judas the brother of James. All these gave themselves continually with one mind to prayer, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (and there was a crowd of names together about a hundred and twenty;) 'Men and brethren,
16 'this scripture must needs be fulfilled, which the holy 'spirit, through the mouth of David, foretold about
17 'Judas, who was guide to them that took Jesus; because 'he was numbered with us, and obtained the lot of this
18 'service.' (Now this man bought a field with the wages of his iniquity, and falling headlong, he burst asunder
19 in the midst; and all his bowels burst out. And it was known to all the dwellers in Jerusalem, so that that field was called in their own tongue, Aceldama, that is to
20 say, a Field of Blood.) 'For it is written in the Book of 'Psalms; *Let his dwelling be desolate, and let no one dwell*
21 *therein;* and, *His charge let another take.* Therefore 'of those men who have been with us all the time that
22 'the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning 'from the baptism of John, until the day when he was
'taken up from us, one of these must needs become a
23 'witness with us of his resurrection.' And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus,
24 and Matthias. And they prayed and said; 'Thou, Lord, 'who knowest the hearts of all, show which one of these
25 'two thou hast chosen, to take the lot of this service and 'apostleship, from which Judas went astray, to go into
26 'his own place.' And they gave their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven
— apostles.

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they
2 were together all with one mind. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind rushing,
3 and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared scattered among them tongues as of fire;
4 and one sat on each of them. And they were all filled

with holy spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised, the multitude came together, and were confounded; because each one heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another; 'Behold, are not all these who speak Galilæans? And how hear we each in our own language, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia, in Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and the Roman strangers, Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.' And they were all amazed and doubted, saying one to another; 'What can this be?' But others mocking said; 'They are full of new wine.' But Peter standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said to them; 'Men of Judea, and all dwellers in Jerusalem, be this known to you, and hearken to my words; for these are not drunken, as ye suppose; for it is the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel; *And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream in dreams; and on my menservants, and on my womenservants, in those days I will pour out my spirit; and they shall prophesy; and I will send wonders in the heaven above, and signs on earth beneath, blood, and fire, and fumes of smoke; the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come; and it shall come to pass, that whoever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved.* Men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus the Nazarite, a man from God, marked out to you by mighty works and wonders and signs, which God worked through him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know; him, being delivered up by the fixed counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands nailed up and slain. And God hath raised him up, having loosed the

25 'pains of death; because it was not possible that he
'should be held by it. For David saith of him, *I fore-*
26 *saw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right*
'*hand, that I may not be moved; therefore my heart rejoiced,*
27 *and my tongue was glad, and moreover my flesh will dwell*
28 *in hope; because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, nor*
29 *suffer thy holy one to see corruption. Thou hast made*
'*known to me the ways of life; thou wilt make me full of*
30 *joy with thy countenance.* Men and brethren, let me
'speak with freedom to you about the patriarch David,
'for he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us
'unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing
'that God had sworn to him with an oath, that of the
31 *fruit of his loins there should one sit upon his throne, he*
'*by foresight spake of the resurrection of the Christ, that*
32 *he was not left in hell, nor did his flesh see corruption.*
33 'This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are all wit-
'nesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of
'God, and having received from the Father the promise
'of the holy spirit, he hath poured out the same, which
34 'ye see and hear. For David is not gone up to heaven;
'but he himself saith; *The Lord said to my Lord; Sit*
35 *thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies a foot-*
36 *stool for thy feet.* Therefore let all the house of Israel
'assuredly know, that God hath made this Jesus, whom
'ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.'

37 Now on hearing, they were pricked in heart, and said
to Peter and the other apostles; 'Men and brethren,
38 'what shall we do?' And Peter said to them; 'Repent
'and be baptized each of you in the name of Jesus
'Christ for forgiveness of sins; and ye will receive the gift
39 'of the holy spirit. For the promise is to you and to
'your children, and to all that are afar, as many as the
40 'Lord our God shall call.' And with many other words
did he bear witness, and beseech, saying; 'Save your-
41 'selves from this crooked generation.' Then they gladly
received his word, and were baptized; and on that day
about three thousand souls were added.

42 And they gave themselves continually to the teaching
of the apostles, and to the distributing, and to the break-
43 ing of the bread, and to the prayers. And fear came
upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done

through the apostles. And all that believed were together 44
 and had all things common; and sold their possessions and 45
 goods, and parted them to all, as any one had need. And 46
 continuing with one mind in the temple-yard daily, and
 breaking bread from house to house, they partook of their
 food in gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, 47
 and having favour with all the people. And the Lord
 added to the church daily such as were being saved. —

Now Peter and John went up together into the 1
 temple-yard, at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. And 2
 a certain man, lame from his mother's womb, was being
 carried, whom they placed daily at the gate of the temple-
 yard which is called Beautiful, to beg for alms of them that 3
 entered the temple-yard; who seeing Peter and John about 4
 to go into the temple-yard asked to receive alms. And Peter
 looking earnestly at him with John, said; 'Look on us.' 5
 And he gave heed to them, looking to receive some- 6
 thing of them. And Peter said; 'Silver and gold have
 'I none; but what I have I give thee; in the name of 7
 'Jesus Christ the Nazarite, arise and walk.' And taking
 him by the right hand, he raised him; and immediately 8
 his feet and ancles received strength. And leaping up
 he stood and walked, and entered with them into the
 temple-yard, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And 9
 all the people saw him walking and praising God; and 10
 they knew him, that it was he that sat for alms at the
 Beautiful gate of the temple-yard; and they were filled with
 wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

And as he held Peter and John, all the people ran to- 11
 gether to them, at the porch called Solomon's, greatly
 wondering. And Peter seeing it, answered to the 12
 people; 'Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or
 'why look ye earnestly at us, as though by our own 13
 'power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The
 'God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God 14
 'of our fathers, hath glorified his servant Jesus, whom
 'ye have delivered up; and ye refused him before Pilate,
 'when he had judged to release him. But ye refused the 15
 'holy and righteous one, and desired a murderer to be
 'granted to you, and killed our leader unto life; whom 16
 'God raised from the dead, (whereof we are witnesses).
 'And through faith in his name, his name hath strength-

ened this man whom ye see and know. And the faith which is by him hath given to this man this soundness in the sight of you all. And now, brethren, I know that in ignorance ye did it, as did your rulers. But God hath thus fulfilled what he foretold by the mouth of all his prophets, that the Christ should suffer. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out ; so that times of refreshing may come from the face of the Lord ; and he may send Jesus Christ, who was before appointed for you ; whom the heavens must receive until the times of restoring all things, which God spoke of by the mouth of his holy prophets since the world began. For Moses said to the fathers ; *A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you from among your brethren, as he raised up me ; him shall ye hear in all things whatever he shall say to you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, that will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.* And all the prophets from Samuel, and those that followed, as many as have spoken, have also told of these days. Ye are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham ; *And in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.* Unto you first God, having raised up his servant, sent him to bless you, in turning away each of you from his iniquities.

And as they spake to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple-yard and the Sadducees came upon them, grieving at their teaching the people, and at their preaching the resurrection from the dead in Jesus. And they laid hands on them, and put them in keeping unto the next day ; for it was now evening. And many of those that heard the word believed ; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

And it came to pass on the morrow that their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together at Jerusalem ; and also Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the high priest's kindred. And setting them in the midst, they asked ; ' By what power, or by what name, have ye done this ? ' Then Peter, filled with holy spirit, said to them ; ' Ye rulers of the people and elders of

'Israel, if we this day be examined for kindness to the
 'sick man, by what means he is healed; be it known to
 'you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name
 'of Jesus Christ the Nazarite, whom ye crucified, whom
 'God raised from the dead, by him doth this man stand
 'before you whole. This is *the stone which was set at*
 '*nought by you the builders, which is become the head of*
 '*the corner.* Neither is there safety in any other; for
 'there is no other name under heaven given among men,
 'whereby we must be saved.' And seeing the boldness
 of Peter and John, and perceiving that they were un-
 lettered and common men, they marvelled, and knew them,
 that they had been with Jesus. And seeing the man that
 had been healed standing with them, they could answer
 nothing. But when they had commanded them to go
 out of the high council, they consulted one with another,
 saying; 'What shall we do to these men? for indeed
 'a known sign hath been wrought by them, manifest to
 'all that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.
 'But that it spread no further among the people, let us
 'threaten them with a threat, that they speak hence-
 'forth to no man in this name.' And they called them,
 and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the
 name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said
 to them; 'Whether it be right in the sight of God to
 'hearken to you rather than to God, judge ye. For
 'we cannot but speak what we have seen and heard.' So
 when they had threatened them, they let them go, find-
 ing nothing how they might punish them, because of the
 people; for all men glorified God for what was done.
 For the man on whom this sign of healing had been
 wrought was above forty years old.

And being let go they went to their friends, and
 told all that the high priests and elders had said to
 them. And when they heard, they raised a voice to
 God with one mind, and said; 'O Sovereign, thou art
 'the God who made the heavens, and the earth, and the
 'sea, and all that in them is; who by the mouth of thy
 'servant David said; *Why did the nations rage, and*
 '*the peoples imagine vain things? The kings of the*
 '*earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together*
 '*against the Lord, and against his Anointed.* For of

‘ a truth against thy holy servant Jesus, whom thou hast
‘ anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the
‘ nations, and the people of Israel, were gathered together
28 ‘ in this city, to do whatever thy hand and thy counsel
29 ‘ had fore-determined should be done. And now, Lord,
‘ behold their threats, and grant to thy bond-servants
30 ‘ to speak thy word with all boldness, by stretching
‘ forth thy hand to heal, and by signs and wonders
‘ being done through the name of thy holy servant Jesus.’
31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where
they were assembled together; and they were all filled
with holy spirit, and spake the word of God with bold-
ness.

32 And of the multitude of believers there was one heart
and one soul; neither said any one that any of the things
that he possessed were his own; but they had all things
33 common, and with great power the apostles gave witness
of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and there was
34 great favour toward them all; for no one among them
was in want, for as many as were possessors of lands or
houses sold them, and brought the prices of them when
35 sold, and laid them at the apostles’ feet; and it was
36 divided to each according as he had need. And Joses,
who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is,
when interpreted, a son of exhortation,) a Levite, a
37 Cyprian by birth, having land, sold it, and brought the
— money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.

1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his
2 wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price,
his wife also knowing of it, and brought a certain part,
3 and laid it at the apostles’ feet. And Peter said;
‘ Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart, for thee
‘ to cheat the holy spirit, and to keep back part of
4 ‘ the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not
‘ thine own? and when sold, was it not in thine own
‘ power? why hast thou laid this deed in thy heart?
5 ‘ thou hast not cheated to men but to God.’ And
Ananias hearing these words fell down, and breathed
his last; and great fear came on all that heard these
6 things. And the young men arose, and wound him up,
7 and carried him out and buried him. And it was about
the space of three hours, when his wife, not knowing

what was done, came in. And Peter answered her ; 8
'Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much ?' And 9
she said ; 'Yea, for so much !' And Peter said to 9
her ; 'How is it that ye agreed together to try the spirit
'of the Lord ? behold, the feet of them that have buried
'thy husband are at the door, and will carry thee out.'
And she fell straightway at his feet, and breathed her 10
last ; and the young men coming in, found her dead ; and 11
carrying her out, buried her with her husband. And 11
great fear came upon all the church, and upon all that
heard these things. And by the hands of the apostles 12
were many signs and wonders wrought among the people.
And they were all with one mind in Solomon's porch.
And of the rest no one durst join them. But the people 13
magnified them ; and believers were the more added to 14
the Lord, multitudes both of men and women. So that 15
they brought forth the sick into the open squares, and
laid them on beds and couches, that as Peter came his
shadow might perhaps overshadow some of them. There 16
came together also in Jerusalem, a multitude from the
cities round about, bringing the sick, and those troubled
with unclean spirits ; who were all healed.

And the high priest arose, and all who were with him, 17
(they were the sect of the Sadducees,) and they were filled 18
with anger, and laid their hands upon the apostles, and 19
put them in the public prison. But an angel of the Lord 19
by night opened the prison doors, and leading them out 20
said ; 'Go, stand and speak all the words of this life to the 20
'people in the temple-yard.' And when they heard, they 21
went by day-break into the temple-yard, and taught. But 21
the high priest came, and those that were with him, and
called together the high council, and the whole body of elders
of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them
brought. But when the officers came, and found them not 22
in the prison, they returned, and told, saying ; 'The prison 23
'truly we found shut in all safety, and the guards standing
'before the doors ; but when we had opened, we found no
'one within.' Now when the priest, and the captain of the 24
temple-yard, and the high priests, heard these words, they 25
doubted about them what this should be. Then came one
and told them ; 'Behold, the men whom ye put in the
'prison are standing in the temple-yard, and teaching the

26 'people.' Then the captain went with the officers, and brought them without violence ; for they feared the people lest they should have been stoned.

27 And they brought them, and set them before the high
28 council ; and the high priest asked them saying ; ' Did
' we not command you with a command not to teach in
' this name ? and behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with
' your teaching ; and ye wish to bring this man's blood
29 ' upon us.' Then Peter and the apostles answered and said ;
30 ' We ought to obey God rather than man. The God of
' our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye hanged on a tree
31 ' and slew. Him hath God exalted to his right hand to
' be a leader and a saviour, to give repentance to Israel,
32 ' and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these
' sayings, as also is the holy spirit which God hath given
33 ' to them that obey him.' When they heard, they were en-
34 raged, and took counsel to slay them. Then stood up one
in the high council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of
the law, honoured by all the people, and he ordered the
35 apostles to be put out for a short time. And he said to
them ; ' Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye
36 ' are going to do to these men. For before these days
' Theudas arose, saying that he was somebody ; and a
' number of men about four hundred joined him ; and he
' was slain, and all that obeyed him were scattered and
37 ' brought to nought. After this man Judas the Galilæan
' arose in the days of the registering, and drew a good
' many people after him ; he also perished, and all that
38 ' obeyed him were dispersed. And now I say to you,
' keep away from these men, and let them alone ; for if
' this counsel or this work be from men, it will come to
39 ' nought ; but if it be from God ye cannot overthrow
40 ' them ; be not ye found fighting against God.' And they
yielded to him. And when they had called the apostles and
beaten them, they commanded them not to speak in the name
41 of Jesus, and let them go. And they went from the presence
of the high council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy
42 to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple-yard
and from house to house, they ceased not to teach, and
— preach the good tidings that Jesus was the Christ.

1 In those days, when the disciples were increasing, there arose a murmur of the Grecians against the Hebrews, that

their widows were overlooked in the daily ministering. And 2
 the twelve called the multitude of the disciples, and said ;
 ‘ It is not pleasing for us to leave the word of God and
 ‘ minister at tables. Therefore, brethren, look ye out among 3
 ‘ you seven men of good report, full of spirit and wisdom,
 ‘ whom we will place over this business ; but we will give 4
 ‘ ourselves continually to prayer, and to the service of the
 ‘ word.’ And the saying was pleasing in the sight of the 5
 whole multitude ; and they chose Stephen, a man full of
 faith and holy spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and
 Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus a
 proselyte of Antioch ; whom they set before the apostles. 6
 And when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.
 And the word of God increased ; and the number of the 7
 disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly ; and a great
 crowd of the priests obeyed the faith.

And Stephen, full of grace and power, wrought great 8
 wonders and signs among the people. And there arose 9
 some of the synagogue, called the synagogue of the
 Libertines, and Cyrenæans, and Alexandrians, and of 10
 them of Cilicia and Asia, disputing with Stephen. And 11
 they were not able to resist the wisdom and spirit with
 which he spake. Then they employed men who said ; 12
 ‘ We have heard him speaking blasphemous words against
 ‘ Moses and God.’ And they stirred up the people, and 13
 the elders, and the scribes ; and they came upon him, and
 caught him, and brought him into the high council. And 14
 they set up false witnesses, who said ; ‘ This man ceaseth
 ‘ not speaking words against the holy place and the law ;
 ‘ for we have heard him say, that this Jesus the Nazarite 15
 ‘ will destroy this place, and will change the customs
 ‘ which Moses delivered to us.’ And all that sat in the 16
 high council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as
 the face of an angel. Then said the high priest, ‘ Are 1
 ‘ these things so ?’ And he said ; ‘ Men, brethren and 2
 ‘ fathers, hearken ; the God of glory appeared to our
 ‘ father Abraham, when in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt
 ‘ in Charran, and said to him ; *Go out of thy country,* 3
 ‘ *and from thy kindred, and come into a land which I shall*
 ‘ *show thee.* Then came he out of the land of the Chal- 4
 ‘ deans, and dwelt in Charran. And from thence, after
 ‘ his father was dead, He removed him into this land,

5 ' wherein ye now dwell ; and gave him no inheritance in
6 ' it, not a standing place for his foot. And he promised
7 ' to give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after
8 ' him, though he had no child. And God spake thus,
9 ' *That his seed should be pilgrims in a strange land ; and*
10 ' *that they should enslave them, and ill-treat them for four*
11 ' *hundred years. And the nation to whom they shall be*
12 ' *slaves will I judge,* said God ; and after that shall they
13 ' *come forth and serve me in this place.* And he gave to
14 ' him the covenant of circumcision. And so he begat
15 ' Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day ; and
16 ' Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs.
17 ' And the patriarchs envying Joseph, sold him into Egypt.
18 ' But God was with him, and delivered him out of all his
19 ' afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight
20 ' of Pharaoh, king of Egypt ; and he made him governor
21 ' over Egypt and over all his house. And there came a
22 ' dearth over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great
23 ' affliction ; and our fathers found no food. And when
24 ' Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out
25 ' our fathers first. And at the second time Joseph was
26 ' made known to his brethren, and Joseph's family was
27 ' shown to Pharaoh. And Joseph sent and called his
28 ' father Jacob, and all his kindred, seventy-five souls.
29 ' And Jacob went down into Egypt and died, he and our
30 ' fathers. And they were carried over into Sychem, and
31 ' laid in a tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of
32 ' money from the sons of Emmor of Sychem. But when
33 ' the time of the promise, which God sware to Abraham,
34 ' drew nigh, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt,
35 ' till another king arose, who knew not Joseph. The
36 ' same outwitted our race, and ill-treated our fathers, so
37 ' as to make their babes outcasts, that they might not be
38 ' saved alive. In which time Moses was born, and he was
39 ' fair before God ; and he was nourished in his father's
40 ' house for three months. And when he was cast out,
41 ' Pharaoh's daughter took him up and nourished him for
42 ' her own son. And Moses was taught in all the wisdom
43 ' of the Egyptians, and was mighty in his words and
44 ' deeds. And when he was nearly forty years old, it came
45 ' into his heart to look after his brethren, the children of
46 ' Israel. And seeing one wronged, he defended and

‘avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian. For he thought his brethren understood that God by his hand would give them safety; but they understood not. And the next day he showed himself to them as they quarrelled, and would have brought them to peace, saying; Men, ye are brethren; why wrong ye one another? And he that wronged his neighbour thrust him away, saying; *Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? wilt thou kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian yesterday?* Then Moses fled at this saying, and was a pilgrim in the land of Midian, where he begat two sons. And when forty years were completed, there appeared to him in the desert of Mount Sinai an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. And when Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight; and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came to him; *I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.* And Moses trembled and durst not behold. And the Lord said to him; *Put off the shoes from thy feet, for the place where thou standest is holy ground. I have looked, and have seen the affliction of my people, that is in Egypt, and have heard their groan, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.* This Moses whom they refused, saying; *Who made thee a ruler and a judge?* him did God send as a ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel that appeared to him in the bush. This man led them out when he had done wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the desert for forty years. This is Moses, who said to the children of Israel; *A prophet will the Lord God raise up to you from among your brethren as he raised up me; him shall ye hear.* This is he that was in the church in the desert with the angel that spake to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers; and he received the living oracles to give to us; and our fathers would not obey, but thrust off, and in their hearts turned again into Egypt, saying to Aaron; *Make us gods who shall go before us; for this Moses, who led us out of the land of Egypt, we know not what hath happened to him.* And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice to the idol, and

42 'rejoiced in the works of their own hands. And God
'turned and delivered them up to serve the host of
'heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets;
'*O house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and*
43 '*sacrifices for forty years in the desert? And ye took up*
'*the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan,*
'*the figures which ye made to worship them; and I will*
44 '*carry you away beyond Babylon.* Our fathers had the
'tabernacle of the testimony in the desert, even as He
'that spake to Moses commanded him to make it after
45 'the fashion that he had seen. Which also our fathers,
'holding it by succession, brought with Joshua into the
'possession of the Gentiles, (whom God drave out before
46 'the face of our fathers,) until the time of David, who
'found favour in the sight of God, and asked leave to find
47 'a dwelling for the God of Jacob. And Solomon built
'Him a house. But the most High dwelleth not in
48 'houses made with hands; as saith the prophet; *The*
'*heavens are my throne and the earth a footstool for my feet;*
'*what house will ye build me? saith the Lord; or what is the*
49 '*place of my rest? Hath not my hand made all these things?*
50 'Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears,
'ye always withstand the holy spirit; as your fathers, so
52 'do ye. Which of the prophets did not your fathers per-
'secute? And they slew them that foretold about the
'coming of the Righteous One, of whom ye have been now
53 'the betrayers and murderers. And ye received the law by
'the dispositions of angels, and have not kept it.' . . .

54 When they heard this they were enraged in their
55 hearts, and gnashed their teeth at him. But being
full of holy spirit, he looked stedfastly up into the
heavens, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing
56 on the right hand of God, and said; 'Behold, I see
'heaven opened, and the Son of man standing on the right
57 'hand of God.' Then they cried out with a loud voice
and stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord,
58 and cast him out of the city, and stoned him. And the
witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young
59 man named Saul, and they stoned Stephen, as he called
60 out and said; 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And
he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice; 'Lord,
— 'lay not this sin to their charge.' And when he had

said this he entered on his rest. And Saul was con- 1
senting to his death.

And at that time there was a great persecution against 2
the church in Jerusalem ; and they were all, except the
apostles, scattered through the regions of Judea and Sa- 3
maria. And devout men laid out Stephen, and made a
great wailing over him. And Saul harassed the church,
entering every house ; and seizing men and women he
cast them into prison.

Then they that were scattered went about preaching 4
the good tidings of the word. And Philip went down 5
into a city of Samaria, and preached the Christ to them.
And the crowds with one mind gave heed to the things 6
spoken by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which
he worked. For unclean spirits crying with a loud voice 7
came out of many that had them ; and many palsied and
lame men were healed. And there was great joy in that 8
city. And a certain man, named Simon, had before come 9
into the city using magic, and astonishing the nation of Sa-
maria, saying that he was somebody great ; to whom they 10
all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying ; ' This
' man is the power of God, which is called great.' And 11
to him they gave heed because for some time they had
been astonished with his magic. But when they believed 12
on Philip, who was preaching the good tidings of the king-
dom of God and of the name of Jesus Christ, they were
baptised, both men and women. And Simon himself 13
believed ; and when he was baptised, he continued with
Philip, and wondered on beholding the mighty works and
great signs that were done.

Now when the apostles that were in Jerusalem heard 14
that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent
to them Peter and John ; who when they were come 15
down, prayed for them, that they might receive the holy
spirit ; for as yet it had fallen upon none of them ; 16
only they had been baptized into the name of the Lord
Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them, and they 17
received the holy spirit. And when Simon saw that 18
through the laying on of the apostles' hands the holy
spirit was given, he offered them money, saying ; ' Give 19
' me also this power, that on whom I lay my hands, he may
' receive the holy spirit.' But Peter said to him ; ' May 20

‘thy silver perish with thyself, because thou hast thought
21 ‘to buy the gift of God with money. Thou hast neither
‘part nor lot in this word ; for thy heart is not right in
22 ‘the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wicked-
‘ness, and pray God, that the thought of thy heart may
23 ‘be forgiven thee. For I see that thou art in the gall of
24 ‘bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.’ Then Simon
answered and said ; ‘Pray ye to the Lord for me, that
‘none of these things which ye have spoken come upon
25 ‘me.’ And when they had witnessed and preached the
word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, and preached
the Good Tidings in many villages of the Samaritans.

26 And an angel of the Lord spake to Philip, saying ;
‘Arise, and go toward the south, on the road that goeth
27 ‘down from Jerusalem to Gaza, which is desert.’ And he
arose and went. And behold a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch
of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians,
who was over all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem
28 to worship, and was returning, and he was sitting in his
29 chariot and reading the prophet Isaiah. And the spirit
said to Philip ; ‘Go near, and join thyself to this
30 ‘chariot.’ And Philip running up, heard him reading
the prophet Isaiah, and said ; ‘Understandest thou what
31 ‘thou readest ?’ And he said ; ‘How can I, unless some
‘one guide me ?’ And he asked Philip to come up and
32 sit with him. And the place of the scripture which he
read was this ; *He was led as a sheep to the slaughter ;
and as a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not
33 his mouth. In his humility the judgment against him was
taken away ; and his generation who shall declare ? for his
34 life is taken from the earth.* And the eunuch answered
Philip, and said ; ‘I pray thee, of whom speaketh the
35 ‘prophet this ? of himself, or of some one else ?’ Then
Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at that scripture,
36 preached the good tidings of Jesus to him. And as they
went on the way, they came to a certain water ; and the
eunuch said ; ‘See, here is water ; what hindereth my
38 ‘being baptized ?’ And he commanded the chariot to
stop ; and they both went down into the water, Philip
39 and the eunuch ; and he baptized him. And when they
came up out of the water, the spirit of the Lord seized
Philip ; and the eunuch saw him no more ; for he went

on his way rejoicing. And Philip was found at Azotus; 40
and passing on he preached the good tidings in all the
cities till he came to Cæsarea. —

And Saul, yet breathing threats and slaughter against 1
the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, and 2
asked of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that
if he found any who were of the way [of the Lord],
whether men or women, he might bring them bound
to Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near to 3
Damascus. And suddenly there shone round him a light
from heaven; and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice 4
saying to him; 'Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?'
And he said; 'Who art thou, Lord?' And the Lord 5
said; 'I am Jesus whom thou persecutest? but arise, 6
'and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou
'must do.' And the men that journeyed with him stood 7
speechless, hearing the voice, but seeing no one. And 8
Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were
opened, he saw no one; and they led him by the hand,
and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days 9
without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named 10
Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision; 'Ananias.'
And he said; 'Behold, I am here, Lord.' And the 11
Lord said to him; 'Arise, and go into the street
'called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for
'one called Saul, of Tarsus. For behold, he prayeth, and 12
'hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias, coming in,
'and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his
'sight.' And Ananias answered; 'Lord, I have heard 13
'from many about this man, how much evil he hath done
'to thy saints in Jerusalem; and here he hath authority 14
'from the high priests to bind all that call upon thy name.'
But the Lord said to him; 'Go, for he is a chosen 15
'vessel to me, to bear my name before nations, and kings,
'and the children of Israel. For I will show to him how 16
'great things he must suffer for my name's sake.' And 17
Ananias went away, and entered the house; and putting his
hands on him, said; 'Brother Saul, the Lord, that is Jesus
'who appeared to thee on the road as thou camest, hath sent
'me that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with
'holy spirit.' And immediately there fell from his eyes as it 18

were scales, and he received his sight; and he arose and was baptized. And when he had taken food he was strengthened.

Then he was some days with the disciples who were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Jesus in the synagogues, that he is the son of God. And all that heard were amazed, and said; 'Is not this he that in Jerusalem destroyed those who called upon this name, and came hither for this, that he might bring them bound unto the high priests?' But Saul was the more strengthened; and he confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this is the Christ.

And when some days were fulfilled the Jews took counsel to kill him. But their plot was known to Saul; and they watched the gates day and night to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night, and sent him down along the wall, letting him down in a basket. And when he was come to Jerusalem he assayed to join himself to the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles; and he declared to them how he saw the Lord in the way, and that he spoke to him, and how he preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem, and preaching boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus. And he spake and reasoned with the Grecians; but they went about to slay him. And when the brethren knew it, they brought him down to Cæsarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

Then the churches through all Judea, and Galilee, and Samaria had peace, and were built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the holy spirit, and were multiplied.

And it came to pass, as Peter was passing amongst all, he came down also to the saints that dwelt in Lydda. And there he found a certain man named Æneas, who had kept his bed for eight years, being palsied. And Peter said to him; 'Æneas, Jesus the Christ healeth thee; arise, and make thy bed.' And he arose immediately. And all that dwelt in Lydda and Saron, such as had turned to the Lord, saw him.

Now there was at Joppa, a certain disciple named Tabitha, who by interpretation is called Dorcas [or a stag]; she was full of good works and almsdeeds which

she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she
 fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they
 laid her in an upper room. And as Lydda was nigh
 to Joppa, the disciples heard that Peter was there, and
 sent two men to him, begging him not to delay to come
 to them. And Peter arose and went with them. And
 when he was come, they brought him into the upper
 room, and all the widows stood by him, weeping and
 showing the under-coats and cloaks which Dorcas made
 while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and
 kneeled down and prayed; and turning to the body, said;
 'Tabitha, arise.' And she opened her eyes, and seeing
 Peter, she sat up. And he gave her a hand, and raised her;
 and when he had called the saints and the widows he pre-
 sented her alive. And it became known through all Joppa;
 and many believed on the Lord. And it came to pass that
 he tarried some days at Joppa, with one Simon a tanner.

There was a certain man in Cæsarea named Cornelius,
 a centurion of the band called Italian, a man devout and
 fearing God with all his house, doing much alms to the
 people, and praying to God always. He saw in a vision
 plainly about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God
 coming in to him, and saying to him; 'Cornelius.'
 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said;
 'What is it, Lord?' And he said to him; 'Thy
 prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial
 before God. And now send men to Joppa, and send
 for Simon, who is surnamed Peter, He lodgeth with
 one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea-side.'

And when the angel which spake to him was departed,
 he called two of his servants, and a devout soldier of
 them that waited on him; and when he had declared
 all things to them, he sent them to Joppa. And
 on the morrow, as they journeyed, and drew nigh to
 the city, Peter went up to the housetop to pray, about
 the sixth hour. And he became hungry and wished
 to have eaten; but while they made ready, a trance fell
 on him, and he seeth the heavens opened, and a certain
 vessel descending, as a great sheet tied at the four
 corners, and let down to earth; wherein were all the
 four-footed beasts of the earth, and the wild beasts, and
 the creeping things, and the fowls of the air. And

14 a voice came to him ; ‘ Rise, Peter, kill and eat.’ But
15 Peter said ; ‘ Not so, Lord ; for I have never eaten
16 ‘ any thing common or unclean.’ And a voice came to
him again the second time ; ‘ What God hath cleansed,
17 ‘ treat not thou as common.’ And this was done
thrice ; and the vessel was taken up again to heaven.
18 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which
he had seen should be, behold, the men sent from Cornelius,
having inquired for Simon’s house, stood before the
19 porch, and called, and asked whether Simon, who was
surnamed Peter, lodged there. And while Peter thought
20 on the vision, the spirit said to him ; ‘ Behold, three
‘ men seek thee ; arise therefore and go down, and go
‘ with them, doubting nothing ; for I have sent them.’
21 Then Peter went down to the men, and said ; ‘ Behold,
‘ I am he whom ye seek ; what is the cause for which
22 ‘ ye are come ?’ And they said ; ‘ Cornelius, a centurion,
‘ a man just and fearing God, and of good report among
‘ all the nations of the Jews, was warned by a holy angel
‘ to send for thee into his house, and to hear words from
23 ‘ thee.’ Then he called them in and lodged them.

And on the morrow he arose and went away with
them ; and some of the brethren from Joppa went with
24 him. And on the morrow they entered Cæsarea. And
Cornelius was waiting for them, and he called together
25 his kinsmen and near friends. And as Peter was
coming in, Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet,
26 worshipped him. But Peter raised him saying ; ‘ Stand
27 ‘ up, I myself also am a man.’ And as he talked with
him, he went in, and found many that were come to-
28 gether. And he said to them ; ‘ Ye know how it is
‘ unlawful for a man that is a Jew to keep company or
‘ come to a foreigner ; but God hath shown me not to
29 ‘ call any man common or unclean. Therefore came I
‘ when sent for, without gainsaying. I ask therefore for
30 ‘ what reason ye have sent for me.’ And Cornelius said ;
‘ Four days ago I was fasting until this hour ; and at
‘ the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a
31 ‘ man stood before me in bright clothing. And he saith ;
‘ Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are re-
32 ‘ membered in the sight of God. Send therefore to
‘ Joppa, and call hither Simon, who is surnamed Peter ; he

'lodgeth in the house of Simon a tanner by the sea side ;
 'who when he cometh will speak to thee. Immediately 33
 'therefore I sent to thee ; and thou hast done well that thou
 'art come. Now therefore are we all here in the sight of God,
 'to hear all things that have been commanded to thee by
 'God.' Then Peter opened his mouth and said ; 'Of a truth 34
 'I perceive that God is no respecter of persons ; but in 35
 'every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteous- 36
 'ness is acceptable to him. The word which he sent to
 'the children of Israel when he preached the good tidings
 'of peace through Jesus Christ, (he is lord of all) ye 37
 'know ; even what was spoken through all Judea be-
 'ginning from Galilee, after the baptism which John
 'preached ; even Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed 38
 'him with holy spirit and power ; and he went about doing
 'good, and healing all who are oppressed by the devil ;
 'for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that 39
 'he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem ;
 'whom they hanged on a tree and slew. Him God raised 40
 'on the third day and gave him to be seen, not to all the 41
 'people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, to us, who
 'ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
 'And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to 42
 'bear witness that it was he that was ordained by God as
 'judge of the living and the dead. To him all the 43
 'prophets bear witness, that through his name whoever
 'believeth in him shall receive forgiveness of sins.'

While Peter yet spake these sayings, the holy spirit fell 44
 on all them that heard the word. And they of the cir- 45
 cumcision that believed, as many as came with Peter, were
 astonished, because the gift of the holy spirit was poured
 out also on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking 46
 with tongues, and magnifying God. Then Peter answered ;
 'Can any one forbid water, that these should not be 47
 'baptized, who have received the holy spirit as well as we?'
 And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of the 48
 Lord. Then they prayed him to tarry some days. —

And the apostles, and the brethren that were in Judea, 1
 heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.
 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, they that were of 2
 circumcision argued with him, saying ; 'Thou wentest in 3
 'to men having uncircumcision, and didst eat with them.'

4 But Peter set it forth to them in order from the begin-
5 ning, saying ; ' I was in the city of Joppa praying ; and in
' a trance I saw a vision, a certain vessel descending, as a
' great sheet, let down from the heavens by four corners ;
6 ' and it came even to me. Upon which when I fastened
' mine eyes, I considered, and saw the four-footed beasts
' of the earth, and the wild beasts, and the creeping
7 ' things, and the fowls of the air. And I heard a voice
8 ' saying to me ; Arise Peter ; slay and eat. But I
' said ; No, Lord ; for common or unclean thing hath at
9 ' no time entered into my mouth. And a voice answered
' me a second time from the heavens ; What God hath
10 ' cleansed, treat not thou as common. And this was done
' a third time ; and all were drawn up again into the
11 ' heavens. And behold, immediately three men stood at
' the house where I was, sent from Cæsarea to me.
12 ' And the spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting.
' And these six brethren went with me ; and we entered
13 ' the man's house. And he shewed us how he saw the
' angel in his house, who stood and said to him ; Send
' to Joppa, and send for Simon, who is surnamed Peter ;
14 ' who will speak words to thee whereby thou and all thy
15 ' house will be saved. And as I began to speak, the holy
16 ' spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning ; and I
' remembered the word of the Lord, how he said ; *John*
' *indeed baptized in water, but ye shall be baptized in*
17 ' *holy spirit.* If then God gave to them the like gift as to
' us, on believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I
18 ' that I could withstand God ? When they heard this,
they held their peace, and glorified God, saying ; ' Then hath
' God granted also to the Gentiles the repentance unto life.'

19 Then they that were scattered by the persecution
against Stephen, travelled as far as Phenicia, and Cyprus,
and Antioch, preaching the word to none but to Jews only.
20 But some of them were men of Cyprus and of Cyrene, who
when they were come to Antioch spake to the Greeks ;
21 preaching the Good Tidings of the Lord Jesus. And the
Lord's hand was with them ; and a great number believed
22 and turned to the Lord. And tidings of them were heard
in the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem ; and they
23 sent forth Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. Who, when
he came and saw the grace of God, was glad, and called on

them all to cleave to the Lord with purpose of heart ; for he was a good man and full of holy spirit and faith. And a rather large crowd was added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed to Tarsus, to seek Saul ; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came to pass that for a whole year they were well received in the church and taught a rather large crowd ; and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

And in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them, named Agabus, stood up and signified by the spirit that there was to be a great dearth through all the world ; which came to pass under Claudius. And the disciples, each as he was able, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea ; which they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

And about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex some of those of the church. And he put to the sword James the brother of John. And seeing that it pleased the Jews, he went on to take Peter also. (Then were the days of Unleavened Bread.) And when he had taken him, he put him into prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him ; meaning after the Passover to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison ; but prayer was made to God for him without ceasing by the church. And when Herod was to have brought him forth, on that night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains ; and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood near, and a light shone in the room ; and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him, saying ; ‘ Rise up in haste.’ And the chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him ; ‘ Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals.’ And he did so. And he saith to him ; ‘ Throw thy cloak about thee, and follow me.’ And he went out and followed him ; and knew not that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and second ward, they came to the iron gate that leadeth to the city ; which opened to them of its own accord ; and they went out and passed on through one street, and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when

Peter was come to himself, he said ; ‘ Now I know of a
‘ truth that the Lord sent his angel, and delivered me
‘ from Herod’s hand, and from all the expectation of the
12 ‘ people of the Jews.’ And on considering, he came to
the house of Mary the mother of John, who was surnamed
Mark ; where were a good many gathered together and
13 praying. And as he knocked at the porch door, a damsel
14 came to hearken, named Rhoda. And knowing Peter’s
voice she opened not the porch for gladness ; but ran in,
15 and told how Peter stood before the porch. And they
said to her ; ‘ Thou art mad.’ But she persisted that
16 it was so. Then they said ; ‘ It is his angel.’ But Peter
continued knocking ; and when they opened and saw him
17 they were astonished. But he beckoned to them with the
hand to hold their peace, and declared to them how the
Lord brought him out of the prison. And he said ;
‘ Show these things to James and the brethren.’ And
he departed and went to another place.

18 Now when it was day, there was no small stir among
19 the soldiers, what was become of Peter. And Herod,
after seeking for him and not finding him, examined the
keepers, and ordered them to be punished. Then he
20 went down from Judea to Cæsarea, and there abode ; and
he was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon ;
but they came with one accord to him, and, having per-
suaded Blastus the king’s chamberlain, begged for peace ;
21 because their country was nourished by the king’s. And
on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon
22 the judgment-seat, and made an oration to them. And
the assembly of the people shouted ; ‘ It is the voice of
23 ‘ a god, and not of a man.’ And immediately an angel
of the Lord smote him, because he gave not glory to
God ; and he was eaten by worms, and died.

24 25 And the word of God grew and multiplied. And
Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they
had fulfilled the service, taking with them John, who was
— surnamed Mark.

1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church there, certain
prophets [or ready speakers] and teachers, as Barnabas, and
Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and
Manaen the schoolfellow of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
And as they publicly served the Lord and fasted, the holy

spirit said; 'Separate to me Barnabas and Saul for the work
 'whereunto I have called them.' And when they had
 fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent
 them away. So they, being sent forth by the holy spirit,
 went down to Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to
 Cyprus. And when they were at Salamis, they preached
 the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they
 had also John [Mark] as a minister. And when they had
 gone through all the island to Paphos, they found a cer-
 tain Magian, a false prophet, a Jew, named Barjesus; who
 was with the proconsul Sergius Paulus, a prudent man;
 who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the
 word of God. But Elymas the Magian, for so is his
 name interpreted, withstood them, seeking to turn aside
 the proconsul from the faith. Then Saul, who is also
 called Paul, being filled with holy spirit, set his eyes on
 him, and said; 'O full of all craft and all mischief, child
 'of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not
 'cease to turn aside the straight ways of the Lord? And
 'now behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee; and thou
 'shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season.' And
 immediately a mist and darkness fell on him; and he went
 about seeking some to lead him by the hand. Then the
 proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being
 astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

Now when Paul and his companions sailed from Paphos
 they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John [Mark] depart-
 ing from them, returned to Jerusalem. And when they de-
 parted from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia; and
 going into the synagogue on the sabbath day they sat down.
 And after the reading of the law and the prophets, the
 rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying; 'Men
 'and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the
 'people, speak.' And Paul standing up, and beckoning
 with the hand, said; 'Men of Israel, and ye that fear God,
 'listen. The God of this people chose our fathers, and
 'raised up the people during their pilgrimage in the land of
 'Egypt, and with a high arm brought he them out of it.
 'And about the time of forty years he nourished them in
 'the desert. And when he had destroyed seven nation
 'in the land of Canaan, he divided their land to their
 'lot. And after this he gave them judges for abor

21 'hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. And
'thenceforth they desired a king; and God gave to them
'Saul the son of Kis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for
22 'forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised
'up unto them David as king; to whom also he bare
'witness and said; *I have found David the son of Jesse a*
'*man after my own heart, who will perform all my will.*
23 'Of this man's seed hath God according to promise brought
24 'to Israel a saviour, Jesus, after John had first preached
'before his coming a baptism of repentance to all the
25 'people of Israel. And as John was fulfilling his course,
'he said; Whom think ye that I am? I am not he; but
'behold, there cometh after me one for whom I am not
26 'worthy to unloose the shoes of his feet. Men and
'brethren, children of the family of Abraham, and whoever
'among you fear God, to you is the word of this salvation
27 'sent. For they that dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers,
'not knowing him, and condemning him, have fulfilled
'the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath.
28 'And finding no cause of death they desired Pilate that
29 'he should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all that
'was written of him, they took him down from the tree,
30 'and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the
31 'dead. And he was seen many days by those that came
'up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his
32 'witnesses to the people. And we declare to you good
'tidings, the promise which was made to the fathers;
33 'that God hath fulfilled the same to us their children,
'in raising up Jesus; as it is also written in the first
'psalm; *Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee.*
34 'And that he raised him from the dead no more to return
'to corruption he thus said; *I will give to you the mercies*
35 '*assured unto David.* Therefore he saith also in another
'psalm; *Thou wilt not suffer thy holy one to see cor-*
36 '*ruption.* For David, after he had served his own gen-
'eration by the will of God, rested, and was laid with his
37 'fathers, and saw corruption. But he whom God raised
38 'saw no corruption. Be it known to you therefore, men
'and brethren, that through him is preached to you
39 'forgiveness of sins; and by him every one that believeth
'is justified from all things, from which ye could not be
40 'justified by the law of Moses. Beware therefore lest

'that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets ;
 'Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and hide yourselves ; 41
 'for I work a work in your days, a work which ye will
 'not believe, though one explain it to you.'

And when they were gone out, some begged that these 42
 words might be preached to them in the week between.
 And when the synagogue was broken up, many of the 43
 Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Bar-
 nabas ; who, speaking to them, persuaded them to con-
 tinue in the grace of God. And on the next sabbath 44
 almost the whole city came together to hear the word of
 God. And when the Jews saw the crowds, they were 45
 filled with envy, and spake against the things spoken by
 Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and 46
 Barnabas waxed bold, and said ; 'It was necessary for
 'the word of God first to be spoken to you ; but since ye
 'put it away, and judge yourselves not worthy of life
 'everlasting, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For thus the 47
 'Lord commanded us ; *I have set thee to be a light for the*
 '*Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation to the ends of*
 '*the earth.*' And when the Gentiles heard, they rejoiced, 48
 and glorified the word of the Lord ; and as many as were
 ordained for life everlasting believed. And the word of 49
 the Lord was carried through all the region. But the 50
 Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and
 the chief men of the city, and raised a persecution against
 Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their neigh-
 bourhood. And they shook off the dust from their feet 51
 against them, and came to Iconium. And the disciples 52
 were filled with joy and holy spirit. —

And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went as usual 1
 into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great 2
 multitude both of Jews and Greeks believed. But the 3
 unbelieving Jews stirred up and poisoned the minds of
 the Gentiles against the brethren. For some time then 4
 they abode speaking boldly in the Lord, who bare wit-
 ness to the word of his grace, granting signs and won- 5
 ders to be done by their hands. But the multitude of the 6
 city was divided ; and some were with the Jews, and some
 with the apostles. And as there was an assault made
 both of the Gentiles and of the Jews with their rulers, to
 revile them, and to stone them, they fled when aware of

it into the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra, and Derbe, and the neighbourhood; and there they preached the Good Tidings.

And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. The same heard Paul speak, who stedfastly beholding him, and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice; 'Stand upright upon thy feet.' And he leaped up and walked. And the crowds, seeing what Paul had done, lifted up their voice, saying in the language of Lycaonia; 'The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.' And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercury, because he was the chief speaker. And the priest of the Jupiter that was before the city brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wished to sacrifice with the crowds. And the apostles Barnabas and Paul hearing, rent their clothes, and ran out into the crowd, crying out, and saying; 'Men, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach good tidings, that ye may turn from these vanities to the living God, who made the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein; who in the generations past suffered all the Gentiles to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, doing good, and sending to you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness.' And so saying they scarcely kept the crowds from sacrificing to them. And there came Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the crowds, and stoned Paul, and drew him out of the city, thinking that he was dead. But as the disciples stood round him, he rose up and went into the city.

And the next day he went with Barnabas to Derbe. And when they had preached the Good Tidings in that city, and had made disciples of many, they returned to Lystra, and Iconium, and Antioch, confirming the minds of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that 'we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.' And when they had chosen elders for them in each church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord on whom they believed. And after passing through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. And when they had preached the

word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. And thence 26
 they sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recom-
 mended to the grace of God for the work which they ful- 27
 filled. And when they were come, and had gathered the
 church together, they rehearsed all that God with them
 had done, and how he had opened a door of a faith to the
 Gentiles. And they spent not a little time with the disciples. 23—

And certain men who came down from Judea were 1
 teaching the brethren, 'Unless ye be circumcised after
 'the manner of Moses ye cannot be saved.' When there- 2
 fore Paul and Barnabas had no small disagreement and
 dispute with them, they settled that Paul and Barnabas,
 and some others of them, should go up to Jerusalem to
 the apostles and elders about this question. And being 3
 sent forward by the church, they passed through Phenicia
 and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles ;
 and they caused great joy to all the brethren. And 4
 when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received by
 the church and the apostles and the elders ; and they de-
 clared all things that God had done through them. But 5
 there arose some of the sect of the Pharisees who were
 believers, saying, that it is needful to circumcise them,
 and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

And the apostles and elders came together to consider 6
 of this matter. And when there had been much dis- 7
 puting, Peter stood up, and said to them ; 'Men and
 'brethren, ye know that in days of old God made choice
 'among us that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear
 'the word of the Good Tidings, and should believe. And 8
 'God, who knoweth the heart, bare witness for them,
 'giving to them the holy spirit even as to us ; and put no 9
 'difference between us and them, purifying their hearts
 'by the faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God to put 10
 'a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our
 'fathers nor we were able to bear ? But we believe that 11
 'through the grace of the Lord Jesus men are saved, and
 'in the same manner do they.' And all the multitude 12
 kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they
 declared what signs and wonders God wrought among
 the Gentiles by them.

And after they had held their peace, James answered, 13
 saying ; 'Men and brethren, hearken to me. Simon 14

15 'hath declared how God at first looked to take out of the
16 'Gentiles a people for his name. And unto this the
17 'words of the prophet agree ; as it is written ; *After this*
18 '*I will return, and will build up the tabernacle of*
19 '*David, which is fallen down, and will build up its*
20 '*ruins and will set it up, that the rest of mankind*
21 '*may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles upon whom my*
22 '*name is called,saith the Lord, who doeth these things that*
23 '*were known from the beginning of the world. There-*
24 '*fore I judge that we should not trouble those who from*
25 '*among the Gentiles are turning to God ; but that we*
26 '*should write to them to abstain from the pollutions*
27 '*of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled,*
28 '*and from blood. For Moses from generations of old*
29 '*hath in every city them that preach him, being read*
30 '*in the synagogues every sabbath,'*

31 Then it pleased the apostles and elders with the whole
church, to send men chosen from among themselves to
Antioch with Paul and Barnabas ; namely, Judas sur-
named Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren.
32 And they wrote by their hands thus ;

33 'The apostles and elders and brethren unto the brethren
34 'who are from among the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria
35 'and Cilicia, greeting.

36 'Since we have heard that some who went out from us
37 'have troubled you with words, unsettling your minds,
38 'telling you to be circumcised and to keep the law ; to
39 'whom we gave no commands ; it seemed good unto us,
40 'being of one mind, to send chosen men to you with
41 'our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men that have given up
42 'their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We
43 'have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who will also tell
44 'you the same by word of mouth. For it seemed good
45 'to the holy spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater
46 'burden than these necessary things ; that ye abstain
47 'from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from
48 'things strangled, and from fornication ; from which if
49 'ye keep yourselves ye will do well. Fare ye well.'

50 So when they were sent they came to Antioch ; and
gathering the multitude together delivered the epistle.
51 And when they had read it, they rejoiced for the con-
52 solation. And Judas and Silas, being themselves ready

speakers, exhorted the brethren with many words, and strengthened them. And when they had tarried a space, they went away with good wishes from the brethren to those that sent them. And it pleased Silas to abide there. And Paul and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the good tidings of the word of the Lord, with many others also.

And after some days Paul said to Barnabas ; ‘ Let us go again, and look after the brethren, how they do, in every city where we have preached the word of the ‘ Lord.’ And Barnabas counselled to take with them John also, who was surnamed Mark. But Paul thought not good to take with them him who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. And there arose a quarrel ; so that they departed one from the other, and Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus.

And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren to the grace of God. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches. And he came down to Derbe and Lystra ; and behold a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a believing Jewess and of a Greek father. He was well reported of by the brethren at Lystra and Iconium. Him Paul wished to go forth with him ; and took and circumcised him, because of the Jews who were in those places ; for they all knew his father that he was a Greek. And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained by the apostles and elders that were in Jerusalem. And so the churches were established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

Now when they had gone through Phrygia, and the country of Galatia, and were forbidden by the holy spirit to preach the word in Asia, and were come to Mysia, they essayed to go into Bithynia ; but the spirit of Jesus suffered them not. And passing by Mysia they came down to Troas. And a vision was seen by Paul in the night ; there was a man of Macedonia, standing, praying him, and saying ; ‘ Come over into Macedonia, and ‘ help us.’ And when he saw the vision, immediately we sought to go out into Macedonia, feeling sure that the Lord had called us to preach the Good Tidings to them.

Therefore setting sail from Troas, we came straight to

12 Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis, and from
thence to Philippi, which is the chief of its district, a city
of Macedonia, and a Colony. And we were in that city
13 abiding some days. And on the sabbath day we went
out of the city by a river side where there was allowed to
be a house of prayer ; and we sat down and spake to the
14 women who resorted there. And a certain woman named
Lydia, a seller of purple of the city of Thyatira, who wor-
shipped God, heard ; and the Lord opened her heart to
15 attend to what was said by Paul. And when she was
baptized and her household, she besought us, saying ; ‘ If
‘ ye have judged me faithful to the Lord, come into my
16 ‘ house, and abide there.’ And she constrained us. And
it came to pass as we went to prayer, a certain damsel,
who had a spirit of divination and brought much gain to
17 her masters by soothsaying, met us. She followed Paul
and us, and cried out, saying ; ‘ These men are bond
‘ servants of the most high God, who show to us the
18 ‘ way of salvation.’ And this she did for many days.
But Paul being troubled, turned and said to the spirit ;
‘ I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come
‘ out of her.’ And it came out in the same hour.

19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains
was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into
20 the market-place unto the rulers. And they brought them
to the captains and said ; ‘ These men, being Jews, do
21 ‘ trouble our city, and teach customs, which are not lawful
22 ‘ for us, being Romans, to receive or to do.’ And the crowd
rose up against them, and the captains rent off their clothes,
23 and commanded to beat them with rods. And when they
had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into
24 prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely ; who
having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner
25 prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at
midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God ;
26 and the prisoners listened to them. And suddenly there was
a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison
were shaken ; and immediately all the doors were opened,
27 and every one’s bands were loosed. And the jailor
awaking, and seeing the prison doors open, drew his
sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the
28 prisoners had fled. But Paul cried out with a loud voice,

saying ; ‘Do thyself no harm ; for we are all here.’ Then 29
 he called for light and sprang in, and trembled and fell 30
 before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and 31
 said ; ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved ?’ And they 32
 said ; ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt 33
 ‘be saved, and thy house.’ And they spake the word of 34
 the Lord to him, and to all that were in his house. 35
 And he took them in the same hour of the night, and 36
 washed them from the stripes ; and was baptized, he and 37
 all his, straightway. And bringing them into his house, 38
 he set out a table, and rejoiced with all his house, believ- 39
 ing on God. And when it was day, the captains sent 40
 the serjeants, saying ; ‘Let those men go.’ And the 41
 jailor told these words to Paul ; ‘The captains have 42
 ‘sent to let you go : now therefore depart and go in peace.’ 43
 But Paul said to them ; ‘They have beaten us in public 44
 ‘uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into 45
 ‘prison ; and do they now thrust us out privily ? Why 46
 ‘nay ; but let them come themselves and fetch us out.’ 47
 And the serjeants told these sayings to the captains ; and 48
 they feared when they heard that they were Romans. 49
 And they came and besought them, and bringing them out 50
 asked them to depart out of the city. And they went out of 51
 the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia ; and when 52
 they saw the brethren, they comforted them, and departed. —

Now when they had journeyed through Amphipolis. 1
 and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was the 2
 synagogue of the Jews. And Paul, as his manner was, 3
 went in unto them, and for three sabbaths reasoned with 4
 them out of the scriptures ; opening and setting forth, 5
 that ‘the Christ must needs have suffered and risen again 6
 ‘from the dead ; and that this Jesus whom I preach to 7
 ‘you, is the Christ.’ And some of them believed, and 8
 joined themselves to Paul and Silas ; and of the devout 9
 Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a 10
 few. But the Jews took certain lewd fellows of the 11
 baser sort, and gathered a crowd, and set the city on 12
 an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought 13
 to bring them in to the assembly of the people. And 14
 when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain 15
 brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying out ; ‘These 16
 ‘that have turned the world upside down are come hither

7 'also ; whom Jason hath received , and these all do con-
8 'trary to the decrees of Cæsar, saying that there is an-
9 'other king, Jesus.' And they troubled the crowd and
the rulers of the city who heard these things. And when
they had taken security from Jason and the others, they
let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas
in the night to Berea ; who coming thither went into the
11 synagogue of the Jews. And these were more noble than
those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word
with all readiness, and searched the scriptures daily
12 whether these things were so. Then many of them
believed ; and of the honourable Greek women, and of
13 men, not a few. But when the Jews of Thessalonica
knew that the word of God was preached by Paul at
Berea also, they came thither also, and stirred up the peo-
14 ple. Then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to
go as if towards the sea ; but Silas and Timothy remained
15 there. And they that conducted Paul brought him to
Athens ; and receiving a message for Silas and Timothy
to come to him with all speed, they departed.

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit
was stirred in him, when he saw the city given up to
17 idolatry. Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with
the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market
18 daily with them that met him. And some of the Epi-
curean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And
some said ; 'What will this babbler say ?' And others ;
'He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange demons ;'
because he preached to them the good tidings of Jesus
and the resurrection. And they took him and brought
19 him to the Areopagus, saying ; 'May we know what this
20 'new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is ? For thou
'bringest certain strange things to our ears ; we would
21 'know therefore what these things mean.' For all the
Athenians, and the strangers that sojourned there, spent
their time in nothing else, but to tell and hear something
22 new. And Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus, and
said ; 'Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye
23 'are rather superstitious. For as I was passing along, and
'was looking at your objects of worship, I found also an altar,
'on which was written ; TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom

' therefore ye worship without knowing, him declare I
 ' to you. God that made the world, and all things therein, 24
 ' being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples
 ' made with hands ; neither is ministered to with men's 25
 ' hands, as though he needed anything, being himself the
 ' giver to all of life, and breath, and all things ; and he 26
 ' hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all
 ' the face of the earth, and hath determined the appointed 27
 ' seasons, and the bounds of their habitation ; that they
 ' should seek God, if haply they might trace him and find
 ' him, since he is not far from each of us. For in him we 28
 ' live and move, and have our being ; as some also of
 ' your poets have said ; *For we are also his offspring.* As 29
 ' then we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think
 ' that the godhead is like to gold or silver or stone, graven
 ' by art and man's device. And the times of this igno- 30
 ' rance God overlooked, but now commandeth all men
 ' everywhere to repent ; because he hath appointed a day 31
 ' in which he is about to judge the world in righteousness
 ' by a man whom he hath ordained ; having given as-
 ' surance to all men in raising him from the dead.' 32
 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead,
 some mocked, and others said ; ' We will hear thee again
 ' about this.' And thus Paul departed from among them. 33
 But some men clave to him, and believed ; among whom 24
 was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Da-
 maris, and others with them.

After this Paul departed from Athens and came to 1
 Corinth ; and found a certain Jew named Aquilas, born in 2
 Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla ;
 (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart
 from Rome ;) and he came to them. And because he 3
 was of the same craft, he abode with them, and worked ;
 for they were tentmakers by trade. And he reasoned in 4
 the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded Jews and
 Greeks. And when Silas and Timothy were come from 5
 Macedonia, Paul was earnest at the word, and witnessed
 to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. And when they 6
 opposed and blasphemed, he shook his clothes, and said
 to them ; ' Your blood be on your own heads, I am clean ;
 ' from henceforth I will go to the Gentiles.' And he de- 7
 parted thence, and went into the house of a certain man

named Justus, who worshipped God, and whose house was
8 next to the synagogue. And Crispus the ruler of the syna-
gogue, believed on the Lord with all his house ; and many
of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.
9 Then said the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision ; ‘ Be
10 ‘ not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace ; for I am
‘ with thee, and no one shall set on thee to hurt thee ;
11 ‘ for there is much people for me in this city.’ And he
continued there a year and six months, teaching the
word of God among them.

12 And when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews
rose with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the
13 judgment-seat, saying ; ‘ This man persuadeth men to
14 ‘ worship God contrary to the law.’ And when Paul was
about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews ; ‘ If
‘ it were any wrong or wicked lewdness, O Jews, I
15 ‘ would, in reason, bear with you ; but if it be a ques-
‘ tion of words and names, and of your law, look ye to
16 ‘ it ; for I will be no judge of these things.’ And he drove
17 them from the judgment-seat. And all the Greeks took
Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him be-
fore the judgment-seat ; and Gallio cared for none of
these things.

18 And Paul tarried there yet some days, and then took
his leave of the brethren, and sailed for Syria, and with
him Priscilla and Aquilas ; having shorn his head in
19 Cenchreæ, for he had a vow. And he came down to
Ephesus, and left them there ; for he himself entered the
20 synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. And when they
asked him to tarry longer time with them, he consented
21 not ; but took leave of them, saying ; ‘ I must by all means
‘ keep the coming feast at Jerusalem ; but, God willing, I
‘ will again return to you.’ And he sailed from Ephesus.
22 And when he had landed at Cæsarea, and gone up [to
Jerusalem], and saluted the church, he went down to
23 Antioch. And after he had spent some time, he departed,
and went throughout the country of Galatia and Phrygia
in order, strengthening all the disciples.

24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by
birth, a learned man, mighty in the scriptures, came to
25 Ephesus. He had been taught the way of the Lord ; and
being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently

about the Lord, understanding only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. And when Aquilas and Priscilla heard him, they took him, and expounded more perfectly to him the way of God. And when he was wishing to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and he, when he was come, helped much those who had believed through grace. For he mightily convinced the Jews in public, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper parts came to Ephesus; and finding some disciples, said to them; 'Did ye receive the holy spirit when ye believed?' And they said to him; 'We did not even hear whether there were any holy spirit.' And he said to them; 'Unto what then were ye baptized?' And they said; 'Unto John's baptism.' Then said Paul; 'John baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on him that was coming after him; that is, on Jesus.' And when they heard, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the holy spirit came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.

And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for three months, disputing and persuading about the kingdom of God. But when some were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of the way [of the Lord] before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. And this continued for two years; so that all they that dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. And God wrought unusual mighty works by the hands of Paul; so that handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. And some of the wandering Jewish exorcists undertook to name the name of the Lord Jesus over them that had evil spirits, saying; 'I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.' And there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish high priest, who did so. And the evil spirit an-

swered and said ; ‘Jesus, I acknowledge, and Paul I
16 ‘understand ; but who are ye ?’ And the man in whom
the evil spirit was, leaped at them, and overcame them,
and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that
17 house naked and wounded. And this became known to all
the Jews and Greeks dwelling at Ephesus ; and fear fell
on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magni-
18 fied. And many of those that believed came and confessed,
and shewed their deeds. And a good many of them that
19 used curious arts brought their books together, and burned
them before all men ; and they counted the value of them,
20 and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. Thus the
word of God grew and prevailed mightily.

21 After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the
spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and
Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying ; ‘After I have been
22 ‘there, I must also see Rome.’ So he sent into Macedo-
nia two of them that ministered to him, Timothy and
Erastus ; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.
23 And at the same time there arose no small stir about the
way [of the Lord]. For a certain man named Demetrius,
a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought
24 no small work to the craftsmen. Them he called together
with the workmen of like occupation, and said ; ‘Men, ye
25 ‘understand that from this work is our wealth. And ye
‘see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but almost
‘through all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned
‘away a good many people, saying that they be no gods,
27 ‘which are made with hands. And not only this our
‘craft is in danger of coming into contempt, but also that
‘the temple of the great goddess Diana should be thought
‘nothing of, and her grandeur destroyed, whom all Asia
28 ‘and the world worshippeth.’ And when they heard,
they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying ; ‘Great is
29 ‘the Diana of the Ephesians.’ And the whole city was
filled with confusion ; and having caught Gaius and
Aristarchus, Macedonians, fellow-travellers of Paul, they
30 rushed with one mind into the theatre. And when Paul
would have entered into the assembly of the people, the
31 disciples suffered him not. And some of the chiefs of
Asia, who were his friends, sent to him, begging him
32 not to adventure himself into the theatre. Then some

cried one thing, and some another, for the assembly was confused, and the greater part knew not why they were come together. And they pushed Alexander out of the crowd, the Jews thrusting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with his hand, and wished to speak his defence before the assembly of the people. But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice for about two hours cried out; 'Great is the Diana of the Ephesians.' And when the town-clerk had quieted the crowd, he said; 'Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not that the city of the Ephesians is temple-keeper of the great Diana, and of that which fell from heaven? As these things then cannot be gainsaid, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly. For ye have brought these men, who are neither robbers of temples, nor blasphemers of your goddess. Therefore if Demetrius and the craftsmen that are with him have a matter against any one, the law-courts are open, and there are prosecutors; let them implead one another. And if ye inquire any thing about other matters, it shall be determined in the lawful assembly. For we are in danger of being called in question for this day's uproar; there being no cause whereby we shall be able to give account of this 'concourse.' And when he had thus spoken he dismissed the assembly.

And when the uproar was ceased, Paul called the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go to Macedonia. And when he had gone through those parts, and had exhorted them with many words, he came into Greece. And after waiting three months, when there was a plot of the Jews against him, as he was about to sail into Syria, it became his purpose to return through Macedonia. And there went with him Sopater of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus, as far as Asia; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus; these [two] went on before and tarried for us at Troas.

And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of the Unleavened Bread, and came to them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. And upon the first day of the week, when we came together to break bread, Paul preached to them, being ready to depart on the

8 morrow ; and continued his speech till midnight. And
there were a good many lamps in the upper chamber,
9 where we were gathered together. And there sat in the
window a certain young man named Eutychus, overcome
by deep sleep, and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk
with sleep ; and fell down from the third floor, and was
10 taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him,
and embracing him, said ; ‘ Trouble not yourselves, for
11 ‘ his life is in him.’ And when he was come up again, and
had broken bread and eaten, and talked for some time
12 even till daybreak, he so departed. And they brought
the boy alive, and were not a little comforted.

13 And we went forward to the ship, and sailed to Assos,
there intending to take in Paul ; for so had he appointed,
14 meaning himself to go afoot. And when he met with us at
Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene. And sailing
15 thence we came on the next day over against Chios ; and
on the next we arrived at Samos ; and after tarrying at
16 Trogyllium, on the following we came to Miletus. For
Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, that he might
not spend time in Asia ; for he hasted, if it were possible for
him, to be at Jerusalem on the day of the Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the
elders of the church. And when they were come to him,
18 he said to them ; ‘ Ye know, from the first day that I
‘ came into Asia, how I was the whole time with you,
19 ‘ serving the Lord with all lowliness of mind, and with
‘ tears and trials, which befell me by the plots of the Jews ;
20 ‘ how I kept back nothing that was profitable, but showed
‘ to you, and taught you, in public and from house to
21 ‘ house ; bearing witness both to Jews and Greeks, of re-
‘ pentance towards God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus
22 ‘ Christ. And now behold, I go bound in spirit to Jeru-
‘ salem, not knowing the things that will befall me there,
23 ‘ save that the holy spirit witnesseth to me in every city,
24 ‘ saying that bonds and afflictions await me. But I make
‘ account of nothing, nor hold my life of value to me, so
‘ that I finish my course with joy, and the ministry which
‘ I received of the Lord Jesus to bear witness of the good
25 ‘ tidings of God’s grace. And now behold, I know that
‘ ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom
26 ‘ of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I wit-

'ness to you this day that I am pure from the blood of
 'all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the
 'whole will of God. Take heed therefore to yourselves,
 'and to all the flock, in which the holy spirit hath made
 'you overseers, to feed the church of the Lord, which he
 'hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this,
 'that after my departing, grievous wolves will enter
 'among you, not sparing the flock; and from among
 'yourselves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to
 'draw away the disciples after them. Therefore watch,
 'and remember that for three years I ceased not to warn
 'every one night and day with tears. And now, breth-
 'ren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his
 'grace, which is able to build up, and give you an inheri-
 'tance among all them that are sanctified. I coveted no
 'man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Ye yourselves know,
 'that these hands ministered to my wants, and to them
 'that were with me. I shewed you all things, how that
 'so labouring we ought to support the weak, and to re-
 'member the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said; It
 'is more blessed to give than to receive.' And when he
 had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them
 all. And there was much weeping among them all;
 and falling on Paul's neck they kissed him; sorrowing
 chiefly for the words which he spake, that they should
 see his face no more. And they went forward with him
 to the ship.

And after we had gotten from them, and had launched,
 we came with a straight course to Coos, and on the day
 following to Rhodes, and from thence to Patara. And
 finding a ship sailing over to Phenicia, we went aboard
 and set forth. Now when we got sight of Cyprus, we
 left it on the left hand, and sailed to Syria, and landed at
 Tyre; for there the ship was to unlade her burden. And
 finding out the disciples, we tarried there seven days; and
 they told Paul through the spirit, not to go up to Jeru-
 salem. And when we had accomplished those days, we
 departed, and went our way; and they all brought us on our
 way, with their wives and children, till we were out of the
 city; and we kneeled down on the shore and prayed. And
 when we had taken our leave one of another, we went
 aboard the ship; and they returned to their homes.

7 And from Tyre we came to Ptolemais, finishing our
voyage; and we saluted the brethren, and abode with
8 them one day. And on the next day we departed, and
came to Cæsarea; and we entered into the house of
Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven; and
9 abode with him. And this man had four unmarried
daughters, who prophesied. And as we tarried many
10 days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from
Judea. And when he came to us, he took Paul's girdle
11 and bound his hands and feet, and said; 'Thus saith
'the holy spirit; So will the Jews at Jerusalem bind
'the man that owneth this girdle, and deliver him into
12 'the hands of the Gentiles.' And when we heard this, we
and they of the place besought him not to go up to Jeru-
13 salem. But Paul answered; 'What do ye, weeping and
'breaking mine heart? for I am ready not only to be
'bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the
14 'Lord Jesus.' And when he was not persuaded, we
were quiet, saying; 'The Lord's will be done.' And after
15 those days we took up our bundles, and went up to Jeru-
salem. There went with us also some of the disciples of
16 Cæsarea, bringing us to one Mnason of Cyprus, an early
disciple, with whom we might lodge.

17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren
received us gladly. And the day following, Paul went
18 in with us to James; and all the elders were present.
And when he had saluted them he declared one by one
19 what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his
ministry. And when they heard it, they glorified God;
20 and said to him; 'Thou seest, brother, how many
'thousands of Jews there are that believe; and they are
'all zealous for the law; and they are informed of thee,
21 'that thou teachest all the Jews that are among the Gen-
'tiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise
'their children, nor to walk after the customs. What is
22 'it therefore? A multitude must needs come together;
'for they will hear that thou art come. Do this there-
23 'fore that we say to thee. We have four men who have
'a vow upon them; take them, purify thyself with them,
24 'and be at charges with them, that they may shave the
'head; and all will know that those things whereof they
'were informed about thee are nothing; but that thou

‘walkest orderly, and keepest the law thyself. And
 ‘about the Gentiles that believe, we have written and
 ‘judged that they are to keep no such thing, save only
 ‘that they keep themselves from meat offered to idols.
 ‘and from blood, and from meat strangled, and from for-
 ‘nication.’ Then Paul took the men, and on the next
 day, having purified himself with them, entered the
 temple-yard, to signify the accomplishment of the days
 of the purification, until the offering should be offered for
 every one of them.

And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews
 who were from Asia, seeing him in the temple-yard, stirred
 up all the crowd, and laid hands on him, crying out; ‘Men
 ‘of Israel, help! this is the man that teacheth all men every
 ‘where against the people, the law, and this place; and he
 ‘further brought Greeks into the temple-yard, and made
 ‘this holy place common.’ For they had before seen with
 him in the city Trophimus the Ephesian, whom they thought
 that Paul had brought into the temple-yard. And all the
 city was moved, and there was a running together of the
 people; and they took Paul, and drew him out of the
 temple-yard; and forthwith the doors were shut. And as
 they sought to kill him, tidings came to the chief captain
 of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. And
 he immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran
 down to them; and when they saw the chief captain
 and the soldiers, they left off beating Paul. Then the
 chief captain came near and took him, and ordered him
 to be bound with two chains; and asked who he was,
 and what he had done. And some among the crowd
 cried one thing, and some another. And when he could
 not know the certainty because of the tumult, he ordered
 him to be carried into the castle. And when he was
 upon the steps, so it was that he was borne by the soldiers
 because of the force of the crowd. For the multitude of
 the people followed, crying; ‘Away with him.’ And as
 Paul was being led into the castle, he saith to the chief
 captain; ‘May I say something to thee?’ And he
 said; ‘Dost thou understand Greek? Art not thou then
 ‘the Egyptian, who before these days madest a rebellion
 ‘and leddest out into the desert the four thousand men
 ‘of the Sicarii [or Ruffians]?’ But Paul said; ‘I am a

‘Jew, of Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and
40 ‘I beseech thee, suffer me to speak to the people.’ And
when he had given him leave, Paul stood on the steps,
and beckoned with his hand to the people, and when
there was a great silence, he spake to them in the Hebrew
— tongue, saying;

1 ‘Men, brethren and fathers, hear ye now my defence
2 ‘before you.’ And when they heard that he spake to
them in the Hebrew tongue, they kept the more silence.
3 And he saith; ‘I am verily a Jew, born in Tarsus of
‘Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel,
‘taught according to the exactness of the law of our
‘fathers, being zealous toward God, as ye all are to-day.
4 ‘And I persecuted this way [of believing] unto death,
‘binding and delivering into prisons both men and
5 ‘women; as also the high priest beareth me witness,
‘and the whole body of elders; from whom also I re-
‘ceived letters to the brethren; and I went to Da-
‘mascus to bring them that were there also bound to
6 ‘Jerusalem to be punished. And it came to pass as I
‘journeyed, and came nigh to Damascus, about noon,
‘suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round
7 ‘me. And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying
8 ‘to me; Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And
‘I answered; Who art thou, Lord? And he said to
‘me; I am Jesus the Nazarite, whom thou persecutest.
9 ‘And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and
‘were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that
10 ‘spake to me. And I said; What shall I do, Lord?
‘And the Lord said to me; Arise, and go to Damas-
‘cus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which
11 ‘are appointed for thee to do. And when I could not
‘see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of
12 ‘them that were with me, I came to Damascus. And
‘one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, hav-
‘ing a good report from all the Jews that dwelt there,
13 ‘came to me, and stood, and said to me; Brother
‘Saul, receive thy sight. And in the same hour I looked
14 ‘upon him. And he said; The God of our fathers ap-
‘pointed thee to know his will, and to see the Righteous
15 ‘One, and to hear a voice from his mouth. For thou
‘shalt be his witness to all men of what thou hast seen

'and heard. And now why tarriest thou? Arise and 16
 'be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling upon his 17
 'name. And it came to pass, that, when I was come again 18
 'to Jerusalem, and was praying in the temple yard, I 19
 'was in a trance; and saw him saying to me; Make 20
 'haste, and go quickly out of Jerusalem; for they will 21
 'not receive thy testimony concerning me. And I 22
 'said; Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in 23
 'every synagogue them that believed on thee. And 24
 'when the blood of thy witness Stephen was shed, I was 25
 'even standing by and consenting, and kept the raiment 26
 'of them that slew him. And he said to me; Depart; 27
 'for I will send thee unto nations far hence.' . . . 28

And they heard him until this word, and then lifted 29
 up their voice, saying; 'Away with such a man from 30
 'the earth, for it is not fit that he should live.' And as 31
 they cried out, and tossed up their clothes, and threw 32
 dust into the air, the chief captain commanded him to 33
 be brought into the castle, and ordered that he should 34
 be examined by scourging, that he might know for 35
 what cause they so cried against him. And as they 36
 bound him with the thongs, Paul said to the centurion 37
 that stood by; 'Is it lawful for you to scourge a man 38
 'that is a Roman, and uncondemned?' And when the 39
 centurion heard, he went and told the chief captain, say- 40
 ing; 'What art thou going to do? for this man is a 41
 'Roman.' Then the chief captain came, and said to 42
 him; 'Tell me, art thou a Roman?' And he said; 43
 'Yea.' And the chief captain answered; 'With a great 44
 'sum obtained I this citizenship.' And Paul said; 'But 45
 'I was born so.' Then straightway departed from him 46
 they that were to have examined him. And the chief 47
 captain was afraid, when he knew that he was a Roman, 48
 and because he had bound him. 49

On the morrow, wishing to know the certainty where- 50
 fore he was accused by the Jews, he loosed him, and 51
 commanded the high priests, and all the high council, to 52
 come together; and he brought Paul down, and set him 53
 before them. And Paul, earnestly looking at the high 54
 council, said; 'Men and brethren, I have walked in all good 55
 'conscience before God until this day.' . . . And the high 56
 priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to 57

2 smite him on the mouth. Then Paul said to him ; ‘ God
‘ will smite thee, thou whited wall ; and sittest thou to
‘ judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten
4 ‘ contrary to the law ?’ And they that stood by said ;
5 ‘ Revilest thou God’s high priest ?’ Then said Paul ; ‘ I
‘ knew not, brethren, that he was a high priest ; for it is
‘ written ; *Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy*
6 ‘ *people.*’ And when Paul perceived that the one part were
of Sadducees, and the other of Pharisees, he cried out in
the high council ; ‘ Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee,
‘ son of a Pharisee ; for the hope and resurrection of the
7 ‘ dead I am being judged.’ And when he had so said,
there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the
8 Sadducees ; and the multitude was divided. For Sadducees
say that there is no resurrection, neither angel nor spirit ;
9 but Pharisees acknowledge both. And there arose a great
cry ; and the scribes of the Pharisees’ part arose and strove,
saying ; ‘ We find no evil in this man, even if a spirit
10 ‘ or an angel hath spoken to him.’ And when there
was a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul
should have been pulled in pieces by them, commanded
the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from
among them, and to bring him into the castle.

11 And on the following night the Lord stood by him, and
said ; ‘ Be of good cheer ; for as thou didst bear witness of
‘ me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.’
12 And when it was day, the Jews banded together, and
bound themselves with a curse, saying that they would
13 neither eat nor drink till they had slain Paul. And they
were more than forty who had made this conspiracy.
14 And they came to the high priests and elders, and said ;
‘ We have cursed ourselves with a curse to taste nothing
15 ‘ until we have slain Paul. Now therefore do ye lay an
‘ information before the chief captain with the high
‘ council, so that he bring him down to you, as though
‘ ye were going to inquire more exactly about him ; and
16 ‘ we, before he come near, are ready to kill him.’ And
Paul’s sister’s son heard of their lying in wait, and he
17 went and entered the castle and told Paul. And Paul
called one of the centurions, and said ; ‘ Take this youth
‘ to the chief captain, for he hath something to tell
18 ‘ him.’ So he took him and led him to the chief captain ;

and he saith ; 'The prisoner Paul called me, and prayed
 'me to lead to thee this youth, who hath something to
 'tell thee.' Then the chief captain took him by the hand, 19
 and went aside privately, and asked him ; 'What is it
 'that thou hast to tell me?' And he said ; 'The Jews 20
 'have agreed to ask thee that thou wouldest to-morrow
 'bring down Paul into the high council, as though they
 'were going to inquire somewhat more perfectly about 21
 'him. But do not thou be persuaded by them ; for more
 'than forty men of them lie in wait for him, who have
 'bound themselves with a curse neither to eat nor drink
 'till they have killed him ; and now they are ready,
 'looking for the promise from thee.' Then the chief 22
 captain let the young man depart, and charged him, to
 'tell nobody that thou hast shewed this to me.' And he 23
 called two of the centurions, saying ; 'Make ready two
 'hundred soldiers, that they may go to Cæsarea, and
 'seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, at the
 'third hour of the night ; and provide beasts that they 24
 'may set Paul on, and bring him safe to Felix the
 '[Roman] governor.' And he wrote a letter after this 25
 manner ;

'Claudius Lysias to the most noble governor Felix, 26
 'greeting.
 'This man was seized by the Jews, and would have been 27
 'killed by them ; but I came with the soldiers and rescued
 'him on learning that he was a Roman. And wishing to 28
 'know the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought
 'him into their high council. And I found him accused 29
 'of questions of their law, but having no accusation
 'worthy of death or bonds. And when it was told me 30
 'that there was to be a plot by the Jews against the man,
 'I sent straightway to thee, and commanded his ac-
 'cusers also to say before thee what they had against him.
 'Farewell.'

Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took 31
 Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris. And on 32
 the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and
 returned to the castle ; and they, when they came to 33
 Cæsarea, and delivered the letter to the governor, pre-
 sented Paul also to him. And when he had read, and 34
 asked of what province he was, and understood that he

35 was of Cilicia, he said; 'I will hear thee when thy ac-
— 'cusers also are come.' And he commanded him to be
kept in the Prætorium [or Castle] of Herod.

1 And after five days Ananias the high priest came down
with the elders, and with one Tertullus, an orator, and
they laid an information before the governor against Paul.
2 And when he was called, Tertullus began to accuse him,
saying; 'Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness
'and very worthy deeds done to this nation by thy fore-
3 'thought, we at all times and in all places accept it, most
4 'noble Felix, with all thankfulness. But that I be not
'not further tedious to thee, I pray thee to hear us
5 'shortly of thy clemency. For we found this man a
'pestilence, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews
'throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of
6 'the Nazarites; and he tried to profane the temple;
'and we took him, and wished to judge him according
7 'to our law. But the chief captain Lysias came forth
'and with great violence took him away out of our
8 'hands, commanding his accusers to come to thee; and
'by examining, thou mayest know from him thyself of
9 'all these things whereof we accuse him.' And the Jews
10 also assented, saying that these things were so. Then
Paul, when the governor had beckoned to him to speak,
answered; 'Knowing that thou hast been for many years
'a judge to this nation, I the more cheerfully speak
11 'my defence; because thou canst know, that there are
'yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to
12 'worship. And they neither found me in the temple-
'yard disputing with any one, nor making a rising of the
'crowd either in the synagogues or throughout the city;
13 'neither can they prove the things whereof they now ac-
14 'cuse me. But this I acknowledge to thee, that after the
'way which they call a sect, so serve I the God of our
'fathers, believing all that is according to the law and
15 'that is written in the prophets; and having a hope to-
'ward God, that there will be what they themselves also
'look for, a resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous
16 'and of the unrighteous. And herein I exercise myself,
'to have always a conscience void of offence toward God
17 'and men. And for several years I came bringing alms
18 'to my nation, and offerings; among whom they found me

‘purified in the temple yard, neither with a crowd, nor
 ‘with a tumult. And there are certain Jews from Asia, 19
 ‘who ought to be here before thee, and to accuse, if they 20
 ‘have anything against me. Or let these themselves say 20
 ‘what evil they found in me, while I stood before the 21
 ‘high council; except for this one voice which I cried 21
 ‘standing among them, that for the resurrection of the 22
 ‘dead I am to-day judged by you.’ And when Felix 22
 knew more perfectly about the way [of the Lord], he
 put them off, saying; ‘When Lysias the chief captain
 ‘shall come down, I will inquire all about you.’ And 23
 he commanded the centurion to keep him, and to let
 him have liberty, and to forbid none of his friends to
 minister or come to him.

And after some days, when Felix came with his wife 24
 Drusilla, who was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard 25
 of him about the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of
 righteousness, and temperance, and the judgment to come,
 Felix trembled, and answered; ‘Go thy way now; when
 ‘I have a fit time I will call for thee.’ He hoped also that 26
 money would be given to him by Paul, that he might
 loose him; therefore he sent for him the oftener, and
 talked with him. But when two years were ended, Felix 27
 had a successor, Porcius Festus; and Felix, wishing to
 do the Jews a favour, left Paul bound.

Then when Festus came into the province, after three 1
 days he went up to Jerusalem from Cæsarea. And the 2
 high priest and the chiefs of the Jews laid an information
 before him against Paul, and besought him, and begged as a 3
 favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusa-
 lem; they laying wait to kill him on the road. But then 4
 Festus answered, that Paul was being kept at Cæsarea,
 and that he himself was quickly departing. ‘Let then 5
 ‘those among you who can,’ said he, ‘go down with me,
 ‘and accuse the man, if there be anything against him.’
 And when he had spent among them not more than eight 6
 or ten days, he went down to Cæsarea; and the next
 day sitting on the judgment-seat he commanded Paul to
 be brought. And when he was come, the Jews who had 7
 come down from Jerusalem stood round, and laid many
 and heavy complaints against Paul, which they could
 not prove. And he spake his defence, that ‘Neither 8

‘against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor
9 ‘against Cæsar, have I sinned in any thing.’ But Festus
wishing to do the Jews a favour, answered Paul, and
said ; ‘ Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged
10 ‘of these things before me ?’ And Paul said ; ‘ I am
‘standing at Cæsar’s judgment-seat, where I ought to
‘be judged ; the Jews I have not wronged, as thou well
11 ‘knowest. For if I do wrong, or have done any thing
‘worthy of death, I refuse not to die ; but if there be
‘nothing whereof these men accuse me, nobody can deliver
12 ‘me up to them. I appeal to Cæsar.’ Then Festus
when he had spoken with the council, answered ; ‘ Unto
‘Cæsar thou hast appealed ; to Cæsar shalt thou go.’

13 And after some days king Agrippa and Berenice came
14 down to Cæsarea to salute Festus. And when they had
spent many days there, Festus told to the king the
charges against Paul, saying ; ‘ There is a certain man left
15 ‘prisoner by Felix ; about whom, when I was in Jerusalem,
‘the high priests and elders of the Jews informed, desiring
16 ‘justice against him. To whom I answered, that it is not
‘the custom of the Romans to deliver up any man, before
‘the accused have the accusers face to face, and have leave
17 ‘to speak his defence concerning the charge. Therefore,
‘when they were come hither, making no delay, on the
‘morrow I sat on the judgment-seat, and commanded
18 ‘the man to be brought. And when the accusers stood
‘round him, they brought no accusation of such things as I
19 ‘supposed ; but had certain questions with him about their
‘own superstition, and about one Jesus, who was dead,
20 ‘who Paul said was alive. But as I was puzzled at the
‘questioning about this, I said, would he go to Jerusalem,
21 ‘and there be judged about these things ? But when
‘Paul appealed to be kept for the hearing of Augustus
‘[Nero], I commanded him to be kept till I might send
22 ‘him to Cæsar.’ And Agrippa said to Festus ; ‘ I should
‘myself also wish to hear the man.’ And he said ; ‘ To-
‘morrow thou shalt hear him.’

23 On the morrow therefore, when Agrippa was come, and
Berenice, with great pomp, and had entered the place of
hearing, with the chief captains and principal men of the
24 city, at Festus’s command Paul was brought. And Festus
said ; ‘ King Agrippa, and all men present with us, ye see

'this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have
 'applied to me, both in Jerusalem and here, crying that
 'he ought not to live any longer. But when I found that 25
 'he had done nothing worthy of death, and when he him-
 'self appealed to Augustus, I determined to send him.
 'About whom I have nothing certain to write to my 26
 'lord; therefore I have brought him forth before you,
 'and especially before thee, king Agrippa, that after ex-
 'amination had, I might have somewhat to write. For 27
 'it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not
 'to signify the charges against him.' And Agrippa said —
 'to Paul; 'Thou hast permission to speak for thyself.' 1

Then Paul stretching forth his hand, spake his de-
 fence; 'About all things whereof I am accused by the 2
 'Jews, king Agrippa, I think myself happy in having
 'to speak my defence this day before thee; especially 3
 'because thou art expert in all customs and questions
 'among the Jews. Therefore I beseech thee to hear
 'me patiently. My manner of life from my youth, which 4
 'was from the first among my own nation in Jerusalem,
 'all the Jews know. And they knew me from the 5
 'beginning, if they would bear witness, that after the
 'straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. And 6
 'I now stand in judgment for the hope of the promise
 'made by God to our fathers; to which our twelve 7
 'tribes, earnestly serving day and night, hope to come.
 'For which hope, king Agrippa, I am accused by Jews.
 'What! is it thought incredible by you that God should 8
 'raise the dead? I verily thought with myself that I 9
 'ought to do many things against the name of Jesus
 'the Nazarite. Which also I did in Jerusalem; and 10
 'many of the saints I shut up in prisons, having received
 'authority from the high priests; and when they were
 'being put to death I gave my vote against them, And 11
 'I punished them oft in all the synagogues, and forced
 'them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against
 'them, I persecuted them even unto foreign cities.
 'Thereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and 12
 'commission from the high priests.—at midday—I saw on 13
 'the road, O king—from heaven—above the brightness
 'of the sun—a light shining round me and them that
 'journeyed with me. And when we were all fallen to 14

‘the earth, I heard a voice speaking to me, and saying
‘in the Hebrew tongue; Saul, Saul, why persecutest
‘thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
15 ‘And I said; Who art thou, Lord? And he said; I
16 ‘am Jesus whom thou persecutest; but rise, and stand
‘upon thy feet; for I have appeared to thee for this
‘purpose, to appoint thee as a minister and a witness,
‘both of what thou hast seen, and of those things in
17 ‘which I shall appear to thee; separating thee from the
‘people, and from the Gentiles to whom I send thee,
18 ‘to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to
‘light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they
‘may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance
19 ‘among them that are sanctified, by faith in me. There-
‘upon, king Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the
20 ‘heavenly vision; but shewed first to them of Damascus
‘and Jerusalem, and through all the country of Judea,
‘and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and
21 ‘turn to God, and do works worthy of repentance. For
‘this the Jews caught me in the temple-yard, and went
22 ‘about to kill me. Having therefore obtained God’s
‘help, I have continued until this day witnessing both
‘to small and great, saying nothing beyond what the pro-
23 ‘phets and Moses said would come; that the Christ should
‘suffer, that he first from the resurrection of the dead
‘*should show a light to the people and to the Gentiles.*’

24 And as he thus spake his defence, Festus said with a
loud voice; ‘Paul, thou art mad; much learning doth
25 ‘make thee mad.’ But he said; ‘I am not mad, most
‘noble Festus; but I speak forth words of truth and
26 ‘soberness. For the king knoweth of these things, unto
‘whom I even speak freely; for I do not believe that
‘any of these things are hidden from him; for this was
27 ‘not done in a corner. King Agrippa, believest thou
28 ‘the prophets? I know that thou believest.’ Then
Agrippa said to Paul; ‘In a few words thou art persuading
29 ‘me to become a Christian.’ And Paul said, ‘I would to
‘God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this
‘day, were both in a few things and also in many things
30 ‘such as I am, but without these bonds.’ And the king
rose up, and the governor, and Berenice, and they that sat
31 with them; and when they were gone aside, they talked

between themselves, saying ; ‘ This man doeth nothing
 ‘ worthy of death or bonds.’ And Agrippa said to Festus ;
 ‘ This man might have been released if he had not
 ‘ appealed to Cæsar.’

And when it was determined that we should sail to
 Italy, they delivered Paul, and some other prisoners to
 a centurion, named Julius, of the Augustan band. And
 entering a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to
 sail by the coasts of Asia ; Aristarchus, a Macedonian of
 Thessalonica, being with us. And the next day we
 touched at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul mildly, and
 gave him liberty to go to his friends to receive their atten-
 tions. And when we had launched from thence, we sailed
 under [shelter of] Cyprus, because the winds were con-
 trary. And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and
 Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. And there the
 centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy, and
 he put us therein. And when we had sailed slowly for
 several days, and were scarcely come to Cnidus, the wind
 not suffering us, we sailed under [shelter of] Crete, by
 Salmone ; and hardly passing it, came to a certain place
 called Fair Havens, nigh whereunto was the city Lasæa.

Now when much time was spent, and the voyage already
 dangerous, because even the Fast was already past, Paul
 advised, saying to them ; ‘ Men, I perceive that the
 ‘ voyage will be with risk and much damage, not only of
 ‘ the lading and the ship, but also of our lives.’ But the
 centurion believed the pilot and the owner of the ship
 rather than what was said by Paul. And because the
 haven was not commodious to winter in, the greater num-
 ber gave advice to set sail thence also, if by any means
 they might reach Phenice, a haven of Crete, facing away
 from the south-west and north-west winds, and winter
 there. And when the south wind blew softly, supposing
 that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence they
 sailed close by Crete. But not long afterwards there beat
 against it a tempestuous wind called Euroclydon [or east
 north-east.] And when the ship was caught, and could
 not bear up against the wind, we gave up and were driven.
 And running under [shelter of] a certain island, called
 Clauda, we were scarcely able to get hold of the boat. And
 when they had taken it up, they used helps, undergirding

the ship ; and fearing lest they should fall into the [Gulf of] Syrtis, they lowered the sail and so were driven.

18 And as we were exceedingly tossed by the tempest, the
19 next day they began to heave overboard. And on the
third day they cast out with their own hands the tackling
20 of the ship. And when neither sun nor stars appeared
for many days, and no small tempest overhung, at last all
21 hope of our being saved was taken away. But after long ab-
stinence, then Paul stood in the midst of them, and said ;
‘ Men, ye should have harkened to me, and not set sail
22 ‘ from Crete, to have gained this risk and damage. And now
‘ I exhort you to be of good cheer ; for there will be no loss
23 ‘ of life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by
‘ me this night an angel of that God, whose I am, and
24 ‘ whom I serve, saying ; Fear not, Paul ; thou must be
‘ brought before Cæsar ; and lo, God hath given to
25 ‘ thee all them that sail with thee. Therefore be of
‘ good cheer, men ; for I believe God, that it will be even
26 ‘ as it was told me. But we must be cast upon some island.’

27 And when the fourteenth night was come, as we
were driven along in the Adriatic, about midnight the
sailors deemed that some country drew near to them.
28 And they sounded, and found twenty fathoms ; and
when they had gone a little further, they sounded again,
29 and found fifteen fathoms. Then fearing lest we should
fall upon rocky places, they threw four anchors out of
30 the stern, and wished for the day. And as the sailors
were seeking to flee out of the ship, and had let
down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they
31 would carry forth anchors out of the foreship, Paul
said to the centurion, and to the soldiers, ‘ Unless these
32 ‘ men abide in the ship ye cannot be saved.’ Then
the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her
33 fall off. And while day was coming on, Paul besought
them all to take food, saying ; ‘ This day is the four-
‘ teenth day that ye have been looking out and continued
34 ‘ fasting, having taken nothing. Therefore I pray you to
‘ take food ; for this is for your safety ; for not a hair shall
35 ‘ perish from the head of any of you.’ And when he had
thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in
presence of them all ; and when he had broken it, he began
36 to eat. Then were all of good cheer, and they also took food.

And we were in all in the ship two hundred and seventy- 37
 six souls. And when they were satisfied with food, they 38
 lightened the ship, casting out the corn into the sea.

And when it was day, they knew not the land; but 39
 they discovered a certain creek with a beach, into which 40
 they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust the ship. 41
 And having cast off the anchors, they sent them into the 42
 sea, at the same time loosing the bands of the rudders; 43
 hoisting up the foresail to the breeze, they made toward 44
 the beach. But falling into a place with two currents, 45
 they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, 46
 and remained immoveable, but the stern was broken by 47
 the force of the waves. And the soldiers' counsel was 48
 that they should kill the prisoners, lest any of them 49
 should swim out and escape. But the centurion wishing 50
 to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and com- 51
 manded that those who could swim should throw them- 52
 selves off first, and get to the land; and the rest, some 53
 on planks, and some on pieces of the ship. And so it 54
 came to pass that all came safe to land. —

And when they were saved, then they knew that the 1
 island was called Melita [or Malta]. And the barbarians 2
 shewed us no common kindness; for they kindled a fire, 3
 and received us all, because of the present rain and because 4
 of the cold. And when Paul had gathered a bundle of 5
 sticks, and laid them on the fire, a viper came out of the 6
 heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barba- 7
 rians saw the beast hanging from his hand, they said 8
 to one another; 'No doubt this man is a murderer, 9
 'whom, though he hath escaped the sea, Justice hath not
 'suffered to live.' But he shook off the beast into the fire, 10
 and felt no harm. And they looked when he should have 11
 swollen, or fallen down suddenly dead; but after they 12
 had looked a good while, and saw no harm come to him, 13
 they changed, and said that he was a god. And in the 14
 parts about the same place were possessions of the chief 15
 of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, 16
 and lodged us three days courteously. And it came to 17
 pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of fevers and 18
 dysentery; to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and 19
 laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was 20
 done, others also who had diseases in the island, came and

10 were healed ; who also presented us with many presents,
and laded us, when we set sail, with things for our wants.

11 And after three months we set sail in an Alexandrian
ship, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was the
12 Sons of Jove. And coming to Syracuse we tarried there
13 three days. And from thence going round we came to
Rhegium ; and after one day that the south wind blew,
14 we came on the second to Puteoli ; where we found
brethren, and were asked to tarry with them seven days ;
15 and so we went toward Rome. And from thence the
brethren who had heard of us came to meet us as far as
Appii Forum and the Three Taverns ; whom when Paul
16 saw, he thanked God and took courage. And when we
came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to
the captain of the [Pretorian] camp, and Paul was suf-
fered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

17 And it came to pass after three days that he called to-
gether the chief men of the Jews. And when they were
come together, he said to them ; ‘ Men and brethren,
‘ though I have done nothing against the people or the
‘ customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered a prisoner
18 ‘ from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. Who
‘ when they had examined me would have let me go,
19 ‘ because there was no cause of death in me. But when
‘ the Jews spake against it, I was forced to appeal to
‘ Cæsar, not as having ought to accuse my nation of.
20 ‘ For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see
‘ you, and to speak with you ; because for the hope of
21 ‘ Israel I am bound with this chain.’ And they said
to him ; ‘ We neither received letters from Judea about
‘ thee, nor any of the brethren that came showed or
22 ‘ spake any harm about thee. But we think best to hear
‘ from thee what thou thinkest ; for about this sect we
23 ‘ know that every where it is spoken against.’ And when
they had appointed him a day, many came to him into
his lodging, to whom he expounded, testifying the king-
dom of God, and persuading them about Jesus, both out
of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from
24 morning till evening. And some believed what was
25 spoken, and some believed not. And not being agreed
among themselves, they departed after Paul had spoken
one word ; ‘ Well spake the Holy Spirit through Isaiah

‘the prophet about our fathers, saying; *Go to this people,* 25
 ‘*and say; Hearing ye will hear, and will not understand;*
 ‘*and seeing ye will see, and will not perceive. For the* 27
 ‘*heart of this people is hardened, and with their ears they*
 ‘*hear badly, and their eyes have they closed; lest they*
 ‘*should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and*
 ‘*understand with their heart, and should turn, and I*
 ‘*should heal them.* Be it known therefore to you, that 28
 ‘God’s gift of salvation is sent to the Gentiles; and they
 ‘will hear.’ And when he had said this, the Jews de- 29
 parted, and had much reasoning among themselves.

And he dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, 30
 and received all that came in unto him, preaching the 31
 kingdom of God, and teaching about the Lord Jesus
 Christ with all boldness, unhindered. —

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS.

PAUL, a bond servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an 1
 apostle, separated unto the Good Tidings of God, which 2
 he had before promised through his prophets in the holy 3
 scriptures, about his Son, who was of the seed of David 4
 according to the flesh, and was declared to be son of 5
 God with power according to the spirit of holiness, by 6
 the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord; 7
 through whom we received grace and apostleship, for
 obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for his name;
 among whom ye also are called of Jesus Christ;
 —to all in Rome that be beloved of God, called to be
 saints; grace be to you and peace from God our father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, 8
 that your faith is spoken of through the whole world. 9
 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the 10
 Good Tidings of his Son, how without ceasing I make 11
 mention of you, always asking in my prayers, if by any 12
 means now at length I might have a safe journey by God’s 13
 will to come to you. For I long to see you, that I may 14
 impart to you some spiritual gift that ye may be established; 15
 that is, that among you we may be comforted together 16
 by the mutual faith both of you and me. And I would 17
 not have you ignorant, brethren, that I often purposed to

come to you, (but was hindered hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among the other
14 Gentiles. I am debtor both to Greeks and barbarians,
15 both to the wise and the foolish ; so that as much as in me
is, I am eager to preach the Good Tidings to you also that
16 are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the Good Tidings;
for they are God's power unto salvation to every believer,
17 to the Jew first, and then to the Greek. For therein is
the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith ; as
it is written ; *He that is righteous by faith, shall live.*

18 For God's wrath is revealed from heaven against all
ungodliness and unrighteousness of men that by unright-
19 ousness keep back the truth. Because what is known of
God is manifest among them ; for God hath made it mani-
20 fest to them ; (for his unseen things from the creation of
the world, his eternal power and godhead, are clearly seen,
being understood by the things that are made ;) so that
21 they may be without excuse. Because, when they knew
God, they glorified him not, nor thanked him as God, but
became vain in their doubts, and their foolish heart was
22 23 darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and
changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into the like-
ness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and of
four-footed beasts, and of creeping things.

24 Therefore also God gave them up in the lusts of their
hearts to uncleanness, to dishonour their bodies by them-
25 selves ; being such as changed the truth of God by their
falsehood, and worshipped and served the creature instead
26 of the Creator ;—who is blessed for ever ; amen. For this
cause God gave them up to vile affections ; for even their
women changed the natural use into that which is against
27 nature. And in like wise also the men, leaving the natural
use of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another ;
men with men, working that which is unseemly, and re-
ceiving in themselves the recompence of their error that
28 was meet. And as they did not like to keep God in their
knowledge, God gave them over to a worthless mind, to do
29 things that are not fit ; being filled with all unrighteous-
ness, wickedness, lasciviousness, maliciousness ; full of
30 envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity ; whisperers, back-
biters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors
31 of evil, disobedient to parents, unwise, covenant-breakers,

without affection, implacable, unmerciful ; who being such as know the judgment of God, that they who do such things are worthy of death, not only do them, but also have pleasure in them that do them.

Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whoever thou art that judgest. For wherein thou judgest the other, thou condemnest thyself ; for thou that judgest doest the same things. And we know that God's judgment is according to truth against them that do such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, who judgest them that do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape God's judgment ? Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and patience ; not knowing that God's goodness leadeth thee to repentance ? And according to thy hardness and impenitent heart thou treasurest up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and of revelation of God's righteous judgment ; who will render to each according to his deeds ; life everlasting to them that by continuance in well-doing seek for glory and honour and immortality ; but to them that are of contention and obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness, will be indignation and wrath. Tribulation and anguish are upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and then of the Greek ; but glory, honour, and peace, are to every one that worketh good, to the Jew first, and then to the Greek. For *there is no respect of persons with God.*

For as many as have sinned without a law will also perish without a law ; and as many as have sinned under a law will be judged by a law ; for not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law will be justified. For when the Gentiles, who have no law, do by nature the things of the law, *these not having a law are a law to themselves* ; in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else excusing them, in a day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my Good Tidings.

What if thou be called a Jew, and retest in the law, and boastest in God, and knowest his will, and approvest the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law ; and hast persuaded thyself that thou art a guide to the blind, a light to them that are in darkness, an in-

structor of the unwise, a teacher of babes, having the
21 form of knowledge and of truth in the law? Thou there-
fore that teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?
22 Thou that preachest not to steal, dost thou steal? Thou
that tellest not to commit adultery, dost thou commit
adultery? Thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou rob
23 temples? Thou that boastest in a law, dost thou dis-
honour God by breaking the law? For *the name of God*
24 *is evil spoken of among the Gentiles* because of you, as
it is written.

25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law ;
but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision be-
26 cometh uncircumcision. If therefore the uncircumcision
keep the ordinances of the law, shall not his uncircum-
27 cision be counted for circumcision? And shall not the
uncircumcision by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee
who by the letter and circumcision art a breaker of the
28 law? For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly; nor is
29 that circumcision which is outward in the flesh. But he
is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the
heart, in the spirit not in the letter; whose praise is not
— from men but from God.

1 'What then is the Jew's advantage? or what the
2 'profit of the circumcision?' Much every way. First,
because they were entrusted with the oracles of God.
3 'But what? if some were unfaithful, shall their want of
4 'faith make God's faithfulness useless?' Far from it; let God
be trusted, though every man be false; as it is written;
That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest
5 *overcome when thou art judged.* 'But if our unrighteous-
'ness show forth God's righteousness; what shall we
'say? Is God unrighteous who sendeth down his
6 'wrath? (I speak as a man.)' Far from it; for then
7 how shall God judge the world? For if God's truth
abounded unto his glory through my falsehood, why,
8 I am yet judged as a sinner. And by no means (as
we are slanderously reported, and as some affirm that
we say,) let us do evil that good may come; whose con-
9 demnation is just. 'What then are we better than they?'
Not at all; for we have before proved that both Jews
10 and Greeks are all under sin; as it is written; *There is*
11 *none righteous, no, not one; there is none that understandeth,*

there is none that seeketh God; all are gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, there is not even one.—Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit.—The poison of asps is under their lips.—Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.—Their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they know not.—There is no fear of God before their eyes. And we know that whatever the law saith, it speaketh to those within the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may be open to punishment before God. Therefore by works of law *will no flesh be justified in his sight*; for by law is knowledge of sin.

But now God's righteousness is shown without a law, as witnessed by the law and the prophets; even God's righteousness by faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all that believe; for there is no difference. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; being justified without merit by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God set forth to be the means of propitiation through faith, by his blood, for the declaration of his righteousness as to the overlooking of the sins that were already past, by God's forbearance; for the declaration at this time of his righteousness; so that he may be just and a justifier of him that is of faith in Jesus. Where then is the boasting? It is shut out. By what law? of works? Nay; but by the law of faith. For we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the works of a law. Is he the God of the Jews only? and not of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also; since it is one God that will justify circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through the faith. Do we then make the law useless through the faith? Far from it; but we establish a law.

'What then shall we say that Abraham our father 'gained as to the flesh?' Why, if Abraham were justified by works, he hath somewhat to boast of, though not towards God. For what saith the scripture? *Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness.* Now to him that worketh are the wages counted not of grace but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is

6 counted for righteousness. Even as David saith of the
7 blessedness of the man, to whom God imputeth right-
8 eousness without works ; *Blessed are they whose iniquities*
9 *are forgiven and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the*
10 *man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*

9 'Is this blessedness then on the circumcision, or on the
10 'uncircumcision also?' Why, we say that the faith was
11 counted to Abraham for righteousness. 'How then was
12 'it counted? when he was in circumcision, or in uncir-
13 'cumcision?' Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.
14 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the
15 righteousness of the faith which he had while in uncircum-
16 cision, so that he might be the father of all who believed
17 through uncircumcision ; so that the righteousness might
18 be imputed to them also ; and the father of circumcision
19 to those who are not only of circumcision, but who also
20 walk in the steps of our father Abraham's faith, which
21 he had while in uncircumcision. For the promise to
22 Abraham or his seed, that he should be heir of the world,
23 was not through a law, but through the righteousness of
24 faith. For if they of the law be heirs, the faith is made
void, and the promise is made useless. For the law
worketh wrath ; for where no law is, there is no trans-
gression. Therefore it is of faith, that it may be by grace ;
so that the promise may be sure to all the seed ; not to that
only which is of the law, but to that also which is of
Abraham's faith, who is the father of us all ; (as it is
written, *I have made thee a father of many nations ;*)
before Him in whom he believed, God who quickeneth the
dead, and speaketh of things not in being, as though they
were. He without hope believed in hope, that he might be
father of many nations, according to what was spoken ;
So shall thy seed be. And not being weak in faith, he
considered not his own body already dead, since he was
about a hundred years old, nor the deadness of Sarah's
womb ; he doubted not at God's promise through unbe-
lief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God, and
being fully persuaded that, what he promised, he is able
to perform. And therefore *it was counted to him for*
righteousness. And it was not written for his sake alone,
that *it was counted to him ;* but for us also, to whom
it will be counted, if we believe on Him that raised up

Jesus our Lord from the dead ; who was delivered up
for our offences, and was raised again for our justifi-
cation. 25

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ; through whom
also we have had access by the faith into this grace
wherein we stand ; and we boast in hope of God's glory.
And not only so, but we boast in tribulations also ;
knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience
experience, and experience hope ; and hope maketh not
ashamed ; for God's love hath been shed in our hearts
by the holy spirit that is given to us. For when we
were yet weak, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, though
for a good man one would readily even dare to die.
But God showeth his love towards us, because while
we were sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then,
having been now justified by means of his blood, we
shall be saved through him from the wrath. For if
when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by
the death of his Son ; much more, being reconciled, we
shall be saved by means of his life. And not only so,
but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we have now received the recon-
ciliation. 1

Therefore, as by one man sin entered into the world,
and death by sin ; even so death passed upon all men,
as far as all sinned. For until the law, sin was in the
world ; but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even on them
that had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's trans-
gression ; who is the figure of him that was to come.
But not as the offence, so also is the gift. For if through
the offence of the one, the many be dead ; much more
hath God's grace, and the gift by grace of the one
man Jesus Christ, abounded unto the many. And not
as by one that sinned, so is the gift. For the judgment
was from one to condemnation ; but the gift is from
many offences to an acquittal. For if by the offence of
the one, death reigned through that one ; much more
they who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift
of righteousness, will reign in life through the one Jesus 13

18 Christ. So then, as by one offence it was upon all men
to condemnation, even so by one acquittal it is on all men
19 unto justification of life. For as by the disobedience of
the one man, the many were made sinners ; so also by the
obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.
20 And law crept in that the offence might abound ; but
21 where sin abounded, grace did more abound ; so that as
sin reigneth in death, even so might grace reign through
righteousness unto life everlasting, by Jesus Christ our
— Lord.

1 ‘What then ? Shall we say ; Let us continue in sin
2 ‘that grace may abound ?’ Far from it. How shall we,
3 that are dead to sin, yet live in it ? Or know ye not,
4 that so many of us as were baptized unto Christ Jesus
were baptized unto his death ? Therefore we were buried
with him by the baptism unto death ; that as Christ was
raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so
5 we should walk in newness of life. For if we have been
planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be
6 also in the likeness of his resurrection ; knowing this,
that our former man was crucified with him, that the sin-
ful body might be destroyed, that henceforth we should
7 not be slaves to sin. For he that is dead is freed from
8 sin. And if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we
9 shall also live with him ; knowing that Christ being
raised from the dead dieth no more ; death hath no more
10 dominion over him. For in that he died, he died once
11 unto sin ; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. So
also ye ; reckon yourselves dead indeed unto sin, but alive
unto God in Christ Jesus.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that
ye should obey it. Neither yield your members as in-
13 struments of unrighteousness unto sin ; but yield your-
selves to God, as being alive from the dead, and your
members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For
14 sin shall not have dominion over you ; for ye are not
under a law, but under grace.

15 ‘What then ? Shall we sin because we are not under
16 ‘a law, but under grace ?’ Far from it. Know ye not,
that to whom ye yield yourselves slaves to obey, his slaves
are ye to whom ye obey ; whether of sin unto death, or of
17 obedience unto righteousness ? But thanks be to God,

that ye were slaves of sin, but have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine into which ye were delivered. And being freed from sin, ye became the slaves of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the weakness of your flesh. For as ye yielded up your members slaves to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity ; so now yield your members slaves to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were slaves of sin, ye were free from righteousness. Therefore what fruit had ye then in the things whereof ye are now ashamed ? for the end of those things is death. Whereas being made free from sin, and having become slaves to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and as the end life everlasting. For the wages of sin is death ; but God's gift is life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) that the law hath dominion over a man for such time as he liveth ? For the woman that hath a husband is bound by law to her husband while he liveth ; but if the husband be dead she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then, while her husband liveth, she shall be declared an adulteress, if she belong to another man ; but if her husband be dead, she is free from the law ; so that she is not an adulteress, though she belong to another man. Therefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law through Christ's body ; that ye may belong to another, who is raised from the dead ; so that we may bear fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, that were by the law, worked in our members to bear fruit unto death. But now we are loosed from the law, being dead to that wherein we were held ; so that we may serve in newness of spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

'What then ? Shall we say ; The law is sin ?' Far from it. But I had not understood sin but by a law ; for I had not known covetousness unless the law had said ; *Thou shalt not covet.* But sin taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all covetousness. For without a law sin is dead. For I was alive without a law once ; but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died ; and the commandment, which was to life, I found to be to death. For sin, taking occasion by the com-

12 mandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. Therefore the
law is holy, and the commandment holy, just, and good.

13 'Hath then goodness been made death to me?' Far
from it; but sin; so that it might appear sin, working
14 death in me by goodness; so that sin through the com-
mandment might become exceeding sinful. For we know
15 that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin.
For I know not what I do; for not what I would, that
16 do I; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do what I
17 would not, I consent to the law that it is good. Whereas
it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwelleth in
18 me. For I know that goodness dwelleth not in me, that
is, in my flesh; for to will is present to me; but to
19 perform what is right I find not. For the good that
I would I do not; but the evil that I would not, that
20 I do. Now if I do what I would not, it is no more I
21 that do it, but sin which dwelleth in me. I find then
the law is upon me, when I would do good, because evil
22 is present with me. For I delight in the law of God, ac-
23 cording to the inward man; but I see another law in
my members, warring against the law of my mind, and
enslaving me to the law of sin, which is in my members.
24 Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from
25 the body of this death? I thank God, it will be through
Jesus Christ our Lord. So then I myself with my mind
— serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them that
2 are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the spirit of life in
Christ Jesus hath freed me from the law of sin and death.
3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak
through the flesh, God did, sending his own son in the like-
ness of sinful flesh, and for sin, he condemned sin in the
4 flesh; so that the command of the law might be fulfilled
in us, that walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit.
5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of
the flesh; but they that are after the spirit, the things of
6 the spirit. For the minding of the flesh is death; but the
7 minding of the spirit is life and peace. Because the
minding of the flesh is enmity to God; for it is not
8 subject to God's law, nor indeed can be. And they
9 that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are
not in the flesh, but in the spirit, since the spirit of God

dwelleth in you. And if any one have not the spirit of Christ, he is not his. And if Christ be in you, the body indeed is dead because of sin, but the spirit is life because of righteousness. And if the spirit of Him that raised Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up the Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive because of his spirit that dwelleth in you.

So then, brethren, we are debtors not to the flesh to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the spirit ye slay the deeds of the body, ye will live. For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again into fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God. And if children, then heirs; heirs indeed of God, but joint heirs with Christ; since we suffer together, so that we may also be glorified together.

For I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are far short of the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the expectation of the creation waiteth for the revelation of the sons of God. For the creation was made subject to vanity (not wilfully, but for the sake of Him who subjected it) in hope, that the creation itself should also be freed from the slavery of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and laboureth in pain together until now. And not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, which is the redemption of our body. For by this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man seeth, why doth he also hope for? But if we hope for what we see not, we wait for it with patience. In like wise the spirit also helpeth our weaknesses; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the spirit itself intercedeth for us with unspoken groans. And He who searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the spirit, that by God's will it intercedeth for the saints. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to his purpose. For whom he foreknew, them he fore-

determined to be formed after the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And whom he fore-determined, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who is against us? He who spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all; how shall not he also with him give us all things? Who shall accuse God's elect? It is God that justifieth; who is it that condemneth? It is Christ, that died, or rather was raised again, who is even at the right hand of God, and who intercedeth for us; who shall separate us from Christ's love? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? (As it is written; *For thy sake we are killed all day long; we were accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*) But in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any thing else created, will be able to separate us from God's love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I speak the truth in Christ; I lie not, as my conscience beareth me witness, in the holy spirit; that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish myself accursed from the Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh; in that they are Israelites, whose is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the temple-service, and the promises; whose are the fathers, and of whom was the Christ according to the flesh;—He that is God over all [be] blessed for ever, amen.

It is not possible that God's word hath failed; for not all that are of Israel are Israel. Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children; but *In Isaac shall thy seed be called*; that is, not the children of the flesh are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. For this is the word of promise; *At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.* And not only so, but Rebecca also, when

she had conceived by one, our father Isaac. For when the children were not yet born, nor had done any good or evil, (that God's purpose, according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth,) it was said to her; *The elder shall serve the younger*; as it is written; *Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.*

'What then shall we say? Is there unrighteousness 'with God?' Far from it. For to Moses he saith; *I will pity whom I will pity, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.* So then it is not of him that wisheth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that pitieth. For the Scripture saith to Pharaoh; *For this very purpose have I raised thee, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared through all the earth.* So then, he pitieth whom he will, and is severe towards whom he will.

Thou wilt then say to me; 'Why doth he yet find 'fault, for who hath resisted his will?' Nay but, O man, who art thou that answerest against God? *Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it; Why hast thou made me thus?* Hath not the potter power over the clay, out of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? And what if God, willing to shew his wrath and to make his power known, endured with much patience the vessels of wrath fitted for destruction; and that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared for glory; even on us whom he hath called, not only of the Jews, but also of the Gentiles? As he saith also in Hosea; *I will call them my people, who were not my people, and her beloved, who was not beloved.* And, *It shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them; Ye are not my people; there they shall be called sons of the living God.* Isaiah also crieth over Israel; *Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant shall be saved. For he will finish the account, and cut it short in righteousness; for a short account will the Lord make upon the earth.* And as Isaiah foretold; *Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had become as Sodom, and been made like Gomorrhah.*

'What then? Shall we say, that the Gentiles, who followed not righteousness, have found righteousness, even

31 'the righteousness which is of faith; but Israel, who fol-
32 'lowed the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the
33 'law of righteousness?' Why? Because they followed it
not by faith, but as it were by works of law. For they
stumbled at the stumblingstone, as it is written; *Behold,*
I place in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence; and
— *whoever believeth on it shall not be ashamed.*

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them
2 is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that
they have a zeal toward God, but not according to know-
3 ledge. For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and
seeking to establish their own, they have not sub-
4 mitted themselves to God's righteousness. For Christ
is the end of the law, for righteousness to every believer.
5 For Moses writeth of the righteousness which is of the
law; *The man that doeth these things shall live by them.*
6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh thus;
'Say not in thy heart; *Who shall ascend into heaven?*
7 'that is to bring Christ down; or, *Who shall descend into*
'*the bottomless pit?* that is to bring back Christ from the
8 'dead.' But what saith it? *The word is nigh to thee, in*
thy mouth, and in thy heart; that is, the word of faith,
9 which we preach, that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth
that Jesus is the Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart
that God raised him from the dead, thou wilt be saved.
10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and
11 with the mouth he confesseth unto salvation. For the
scripture saith; *Whoever believeth on him shall not be*
12 *ashamed.* For there is no difference between Jew and
Greek; for the same Lord of all is rich unto all that
13 call on him. For *whoever shall call on the name of the*
14 *Lord will be saved.* 'How then shall they call on him in
'whom they have not believed? And how shall they be-
'lieve in him of whom they have not heard? And how
15 'shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they
'preach unless they be sent? as it is written; *How beau-*
tiful are the feet of them that preach good tidings of peace,
16 *'and preach good tidings of good.'* But they have not all
obeyed the good tidings. For Isaiah saith; *Lord, who*
17 *believed what we heard?* 'So then faith cometh from hear-
18 'ing; and hearing through the word of God.' But I
say; Did they not hear? Yes verily, *their sound went*

into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. But I say ; Did not Israel know ? First Moses saith ; I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no nation, by a foolish nation will I anger you. And Isaiah is very bold, and saith ; I was found by them that sought me not, I became manifest to them that asked not after me. But of Israel he saith ; All day long I have stretched forth my hands to a disobedient and gainsaying people.

I say then ; ‘Hath God cast away his people ?’ Far from it. For I also am an Israelite of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people whom he foreknew. Know ye not what the scripture saith in [the book of] Elijah ; how he intercedeth with God against Israel ; *Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and undermined thine altars ; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.* But what saith the oracle to him ? *I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Baal.* Even so at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, it is no more of works ; otherwise grace is no longer grace. What then ? Israel hath not obtained what he seeketh for ; but the election hath obtained it ; and the rest were blinded ; as it is written ; *God hath given them a spirit of slumber ;—Eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, until this day.* And David saith ; *Let their table become a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a retribution to them ; let their eyes be darkened that they may not see ; and bow down their back always.*

I say then ; ‘Have they stumbled so as to fall ?’ Far from it ; but that by their offence salvation may come to the Gentiles, to *provoke them to jealousy.* And if their offence be the riches of the world, and their loss the riches of the Gentiles, how much more their fulness ! For I speak to you the Gentiles ; inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles I magnify mine office, if by any means I may *provoke to jealousy* my flesh, and save some of them. For if the casting away of them would be the reconciling of the world, what will the receiving of them be, but life from the dead ? For if the firstfruits be holy, then is the lump so ; and if the root be holy, then are the branches so. And if some of the branches be broken off, and

18 thou, being a wild olive, wert grafted on among them,
and becamest a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive
tree, boast not against the branches. And what if thou
19 dost boast? thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.
20 Thou wilt say then; 'The branches were broken off that
'I might be grafted on.' True; they were broken off
for unbelief, and thou standest by belief; be not proud,
21 but fear. For if God spared not the natural branches,
22 he will by no means spare thee. Behold then the good-
ness and severity of God; on them that fell, severity;
but on thee, goodness, if thou continue in goodness;
otherwise thou also wilt be cut off.

23 And they also, unless they continue in unbelief, will be
24 grafted on; for God is able to graft them on again. For
if thou wert cut off from an olive tree wild by nature, and
wert grafted contrary to nature on to a good olive tree;
how much more shall these the natural branches be grafted
25 on to their own olive tree! For I do not wish you brethren,
to be ignorant of this mystery, (lest ye should be wise in
your own conceits), that blindness hath in part happened
26 to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And
thus all Israel will be saved; as it is written; *Out of*
Sion shall come the deliverer, who shall turn away ungod-
27 *liness from Jacob*; and, *This is my covenant to them, when*
28 *I shall forgive their sins*. As touching the Good Tidings,
they are enemies for your sakes; but as touching the
29 election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For
30 God's gifts and calling are never repented of. For as ye
once believed not God, yet have now obtained mercy
31 through these men's unbelief; so have these also now not
believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain
32 mercy. For God hath shut up all in unbelief, that he
might have mercy upon all.

33 O the depth of God's riches and wisdom and knowl-
edge! How unsearchable are his judgments and untrace-
34 able his ways! For *who hath known the mind of the*
35 *Lord, or who hath been his counsellor?* Or, *who hath*
first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed to him
36 *again?* For of him, and through him, and to him, are
— all things;—to him be glory for ages; amen.

1 I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, brethren, by the mercies of

God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,
 acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2
 And be not conformed to this age ; but be ye changed by
 the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is after 3
 God's will, good and acceptable and perfect. For I com-
 mand, through the grace given to me, to every man among
 you, that he be not over wise above what he ought to
 be ; but that he be wise unto sobriety, as God hath dealt 4
 to each a measure of faith. For as in one body we have
 many members, and all the members have not the same 5
 office ; so we, the many, are one body in Christ, and
 every one members one of another. Having then gifts 6
 differing according to the grace that is given us ; whether
 prophecy [or ready speaking], let it be in agreement
 with the faith ; or ministering, let it be in the Minister- 7
 ing ; or he that teacheth, let it be in the Teaching ; or he 8
 that comforteth, let it be in the Comforting. He that
 giveth, let it be in simplicity ; he that ruleth, in dili- 9
 gence ; he that sheweth mercy, in cheerfulness. Let
 love be without dissimulation ; abhor evil, cleave to what 10
 is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with
 brotherly love ; in honour preferring one another ; not 11
 slothful in zeal ; fervent in spirit ; serving the opportu-
 nity ; rejoicing in hope ; patient in trouble ; persever- 12
 ing in prayer ; distributing to the wants of the saints ;
 given to hospitality. Bless them that persecute you ; 13
 bless and curse not. Rejoice with them that rejoice,
 and weep with them that weep. Think of this matter 14
 one toward another. Mind not high things, but condes-
 cend to the lowly. Be not wise in your own conceits. 15
 Return to no one evil for evil. Provide things honest
 in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as 16
 lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved,
 avenge not yourselves, but give place to the [divine]
 wrath ; for it is written ; *Punishment is mine ; I will*
repay, saith the Lord. Therefore, *if thine enemy hunger,* 17
feed him ; if he thirst, give him drink ; for in so doing
thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not over- 18
 come by evil, but overcome evil with good. 19
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 21

Let every soul be subject to the higher powers. For 1
 there is no power but from God ; those that be are ordain-
 ed by God. Whoever therefore opposeth himself to 2

the power, resisteth the ordinance of God ; and they that
3 resist will receive to themselves condemnation. For rulers
are not a terror of good works, but of evil. Dost thou
wish then not to fear the power? Do what is good, and
4 thou shalt have praise of the same; for he is God's minister
to thee for good. But if thou do evil, be afraid; for he
beareth not the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, a
5 punisher for wrath upon him that doeth evil. Therefore ye
must needs be subject, not only because of the wrath, but
6 also for conscience sake. For because of this ye also pay
tribute; for they are God's ministers, giving themselves
7 continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their
dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; taxes to whom
taxes; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

8 Owe no one anything, but the loving one another; for
9 he that loveth the other hath fulfilled the law. For this,
*Thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not kill, thou
shalt not steal, thou shalt not covet*, and if there is any
other commandment, in this saying is summed up, in
10 *Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself*. Love worketh
no ill to one's neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling
11 of the law. And this do, knowing the season, that it is
already time for us to awake out of sleep; for now is our
12 salvation nearer than when we believed; the night is far
spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the
works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.
13 Let us walk honestly, as by day, not in rioting and
drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in
14 strife and envy. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ,
— and make not provision for the flesh unto lusts.

1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to the
2 disputes of doubts. One believeth that he may eat all
3 things, and one, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him
that eateth, despise him that eateth not; and let not him
that eateth not, judge him that eateth; for God hath
4 received him. Who art thou that judgest another's serv-
ant? to his own lord he standeth or falleth. Yea, he
shall be made to stand; for God is able to make him
5 stand. One man esteemeth one day above another,
another esteemeth every day. Let each be fully per-
6 suaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day
regardeth it to the Lord; and he that regardeth not

the day, to the Lord he regardeth it not. And he that eateth, eateth to the Lord ; for he giveth thanks to God ; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth thanks to God. For none of us liveth to himself, and no one dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live to the Lord ; and whether we die, we die to the Lord ; whether therefore we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died and lived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. But thou, why judgest thou thy brother ? or thou, why despisest thou thy brother ? for we shall all stand before Christ's judgment seat. For it is written ; *As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.* So then, each of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us therefore no more judge one another ; but judge ye this rather, not to put a stumbling block or cause of sin before a brother. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that nothing is common of itself ; but to him that esteemeth any thing common, to him it is common. But if on account of meat thy brother be grieved, thou no longer walkest in love. Destroy not with thy meat him for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of. For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink ; but righteousness, and peace, and joy with holy spirit. For he that in this serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. So then, let us follow after the things of peace, and the things which improve one another. Destroy not for meat's sake God's work. All things indeed are pure ; but a thing is evil for that man who eateth with offence. It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is made to sin, or is weakened. Thou hast faith ; have it as to thyself before God. Happy is he that judgeth not himself in what he alloweth ; and he that doubteth is condemned if he eat, because it is not of faith ; for whatever is not of faith is sin. [XVI.]

Now unto Him that is able to establish you according to my Good Tidings and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began, but is now made manifest ; and by the writings of the prophets, according to the

command of the everlasting God, made known to all
27 nations for the obedience of faith ;—unto God only wise,
— through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ages ; amen.

1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities
2 of the weak, and not seek to please ourselves. Let each
of us seek to please his neighbour, for what is good unto
3 improvement. For even Christ sought not to please him-
self ; but as it is written ; *The reproaches of them that*
4 *reproached Thee fell on me.* For whatever things were
written beforehand were written for our learning, so that
we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might
5 have hope.—And may the God of patience and comfort
grant you to think of this matter one toward another,
6 according to Christ Jesus ; that ye may with one mind
and one mouth glorify the God and father of our Lord
7 Jesus Christ. Therefore receive ye one another, as Christ
also received you into the glory of God.

8 NOW I SAY THAT JESUS CHRIST became a minister of the
circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises
9 made to the fathers ; and that the Gentiles might glorify
God for his mercy ; as it is written ; *For this cause I*
will confess to Thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto
10 *thy name.* And again it saith ; *Rejoice, ye Gentiles,*
11 *with his people.* And again ; *Praise the Lord, all ye*
12 *Gentiles ; and laud him, all ye peoples.* And again Isaiah
saith ; *There shall be a root of Jesse, and one that shall rise*
to reign over the Gentiles ; in him shall the Gentiles hope.
13 —And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through
the power of the holy spirit.

14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren,
that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all know-
15 ledge, able also to admonish one another, But I have
written more boldly to you, brethren, in part, as remind-
16 ing you, because of the grace given to me by God, that
I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles,
ministering the Good Tidings of God, that the offering up
of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by
17 the holy spirit. I have therefore a boast through Christ
18 Jesus in the things of God. For I will not dare to speak
of any of those things which Christ wrought not by me

for the Gentiles' obedience, by word and deed, through
the power of signs and wonders, through the power
of the holy spirit; so that from Jerusalem, and round
about as far as Illyricum, I have fulfilled the Good
Tidings of Christ; and thus thinking it honourable to
preach good tidings; not where Christ had been named,
lest I should build upon another man's foundation, but as
it is written; *They, to whom he was not spoken of, shall
see; and they that have not heard, shall understand.*
Therefore also I have been much hindered from coming
to you. But now having no more place in these parts,
and having had a great desire for many years to come
to you, whenever I go towards Spain, I trust to see
you as I pass by, and to be sent forward thitherward by
you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.
But now I am going to Jerusalem, ministering to the saints.
For it hath pleased Macedonia and Achaia, to make
a certain contribution for the poor of the saints in Jeru-
salem. For it hath pleased them, and their debtors are
they. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of
their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to
them in carnal things. When therefore I have performed
this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will go by
you into Spain. And I know that when I come to you I
shall come in the fulness of Christ's blessing. And I
beseech you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by
the love of the spirit, that ye strive with me in prayers
for me to God; that I may be delivered from the unbe-
lievers in Judea, and that my ministering in Jerusalem
may be well received by the saints; that I may come to
you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed
with you.—And the God of peace be with you all; amen.

I RECOMMEND TO YOU Phebe our sister, who is a ser-
vant of the church at Cenchreæ; that ye receive her in
the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in
whatever business she have need of you; for she hath
been a succourer of many, and of myself also. Greet
Prisca and Aquilas my fellow labourers in Christ Jesus,
(who have for my life laid down their necks; to whom
not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the
Gentiles;) and greet the church that is in their house.

Greet my beloved Epenetus, who is the firstfruits of Asia
6 unto Christ. Greet Mary, who laboured much for us.
7 Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen, and my fellow
prisoners, in that they are of note among the apostles,
8 and were also in Christ before me. Greet Amplias my
9 beloved in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our fellow la-
10 bourer in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. Greet
Apelles approved in Christ. Greet those who are of
11 Aristobulus's household. Greet Herodion my kinsman.
Greet those of the household of Narcissus, that are in
12 the Lord. Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour
in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who laboured
13 much in the Lord. Greet Rufus the chosen in the Lord,
14 and his mother and mine. Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon,
Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are
15 with them. Greet Philologus, and Julia, Nereus and his
sister, and Olympas, and all the saints that are with
16 them. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the
churches of Christ greet you.

17 And I beseech you, brethren, to mark those who cause
divisions and offences, contrary to the doctrine that ye
18 have learned; and avoid them. For such men serve not
our Lord Christ, but their own belly; and by good words
19 and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. For
your obedience is come abroad unto all men. Therefore
I am glad on your behalf; and I would have you wise
20 unto what is good, and harmless unto evil. And the
God of peace will bruise Satan under your feet speedily.
—The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

21 Timothy my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and
22 Sosipater, my kinsmen, greet you. I Tertius, who wrote
23 this epistle, greet you in the Lord. Gaius the host of
myself and of the whole church greeteth you. Erastus
the chamberlain of the city greeteth you, and Quartus, a
24 brother.—The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with
— you all; amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS.

1 **P**AUL, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through
2 the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the
church of God that is at Corinth, to them that are

sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, both theirs and ours; grace be unto you, and peace, from God our father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3

I thank my God always on your behalf, for God's grace which is given you in Christ Jesus; that in everything ye are enriched in him, in all words and in all knowledge, (as the witnessing of the Christ was confirmed among you;) so that ye are wanting in no gift, waiting for the revelation of Jesus Christ our Lord; who also will confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called into the fellowship of his son Jesus Christ our Lord. 4 5 6 7 9

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared to me of you, my brethren, by them that are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. And this I say, because each of you saith; 'I am of Paul;' and, 'I of Apollos;' and, 'I of Cephas;' and, 'I of Christ.' Is the Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized into the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Gaius; so that no one can say that I baptized into my own name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas; for the rest, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent me forth, not to baptize, but to preach the Good Tidings; not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of the Christ be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that are perishing, foolishness, but to us that are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written; *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the prudence of the prudent.* Where is the wise? where the scribe? where the disputer of this age? hath not God made foolish this world's wisdom? For since in the wisdom of God the world knew not God by wisdom, it pleased God by the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe. And while the Jews ask for signs, and the Greeks seek after wisdom, we indeed preach a crucified Christ, 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

to the Jews indeed a stumbling-block, and to the Gentiles foolishness ; but to them who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men ; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For ye see your calling, brethren, that not many are wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble ; but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world that he might shame the wise ; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world that he might shame the mighty ; and the base things of the world, and the despised, hath God chosen, and the things that are not, that he might bring to nought the things that are ; so that no flesh may boast in the sight of God. But of him ye are in Christ Jesus, who was made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption ; so that, as it is written, *He that boasteth let him boast in the Lord.*

And when I came to you, brethren, I came declaring to you the testimony of God, not with excellence of speech or of wisdom. For I determined not to know any thing among you save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with persuading words of wisdom, but with demonstration of spirit and power ; that your faith might not be in men's wisdom, but in God's power.

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect ; yet the wisdom not of this age, nor of the princes of this age, who are coming to nought ; but we speak the wisdom of God, which was hidden in a mystery, and which God fore-ordained before the ages unto our glory ; which none of the princes of this age knew ; for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory ; but as it is written ; *Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.* But to us God hath revealed them by his spirit ; for the spirit searcheth all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of the man which is within him ? Even so no one knoweth the things of God, save the spirit of God. Now we have received not the

spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God ; that we may know the things that are given to us by God. Which also we speak, in words not taught by man's wisdom, but taught by the spirit ; interpreting spiritual things by spiritual. And the animal man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God ; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot know them ; for they are judged of spiritually. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet is himself judged by no one. *For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him ?* And we have the mind of Christ.

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual persons, but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not with meat ; for then ye were not able to bear it. Neither yet now are ye able ; for ye are yet carnal. For whereas there is among you envy, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walking as men ? For while one saith, ' I am of Paul ;' and another, ' I am 'of Apollos ;' are ye not carnal ?

Who then is Paul, and who Apollos ? Ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he that planteth is any thing, nor he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one ; and each will receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are God's fellow labourers ; ye are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God that is given to me, as a wise master-builder, I laid a foundation, and another buildeth up ; but let each take heed how he buildeth up. For other foundation can no one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now, if on this foundation any one build up gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble ; each man's work will be made manifest ; for the day will declare it, because by fire it is laid bare ; and the fire will try each man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work that he hath built up, abide, he will receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burnt, it will suffer loss ; but he himself will be saved, and so as through fire. Know ye not that ye are God's temple, and that God's spirit dwelleth in you ? If any man hurt God's temple, him will God hurt ; for God's temple is holy ; such be ye.

18 Let no one deceive himself; if any one among you
19 thinketh that he is wise in this age, let him become
a fool, that he may be wise. For this world's wisdom
is folly with God. For it is written; *He taketh the*
20 *wise in their own craft*; and again; *The Lord knoweth*
21 *the reasonings of the wise, that they are vain*. Therefore let
22 no one boast in men; for all things are your's. Whether
Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death,
23 or things present, or things to come, all are your's; and ye
1 are Christ's; and Christ is God's. Let a man so consider
us, as Christ's ministers, and stewards of God's mysteries.
2 Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found
3 faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I
should be judged by you, or by man's day [of judgment];
4 yea I judge not myself; for I know nothing against my-
self, yet am I not hereby justified; but he that judgeth
5 me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time,
until the Lord come, who will both bring to light the hidden
things of darkness, and make manifest the counsels of the
hearts; and then will be to each his praise from God.

6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure trans-
ferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes; so that in
us ye may learn not to be wise above what is written;
so that ye may not be puffed up one for one against
7 another. For who setteth thee apart? and what hast
thou that thou didst not receive? and if thou re-
ceivedst, why dost thou boast, as if thou hadst not re-
8 ceived? Are ye already filled? Are ye already en-
riched? Have ye reigned without us? And indeed I
could wish that ye should reign, so that we also might
9 reign with you. For I think that God hath set forth
us the apostles last, as appointed to death, that we
might be a spectacle to the world, both to angels,
10 and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but
ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are
strong; ye are honoured, but we are despised. Up
11 to this present hour we hunger, and thirst, and are
naked, and are buffeted, and have no home, and labour,
12 working with our own hands; being reviled we bless;
being persecuted we bear with it; being defamed we intreat;
13 we have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring
of all things until now. I write not these things to shame
14

you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand teachers in Christ, yet ye have not many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the Good Tidings. Therefore I beseech you, be ye imitators of me. For this cause have I sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved child, and faithful in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church. Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you. But I shall come to you shortly, if the Lord will; and I will know, not the speech of them that are puffed up, but the power. For the kingdom of God is not in speech but in power. What will ye? shall I come to you with a rod, or with love and the spirit of meekness?

It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not even among the Gentiles, that a certain one hath his father's wife. And are ye puffed up? and have ye not rather mourned, so that he that hath done this deed might be taken from among you? For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have already as though present judged him that hath so done this deed; in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye and my spirit are gathered together, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver up such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your boasting is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For Christ, our passover, is slain for us; therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I have written to you in the epistle not to keep company with fornicators. Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the lascivious, or extortioners, or idolaters; for then ye must needs go out of the world. Whereas I have written to you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or lascivious, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one not to eat. For what have I to do with judging them also that are with-

13 out? No; judge ye them that are within; but them
— that are without, God will judge. *Put away from among
yourselves that wicked man.*

1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go
to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?
2 Do ye not know that the saints will judge the world?
And if the world be judged by you, are ye unfit for
3 trifling lawsuits? Know ye not that we shall judge
4 angels? how much more worldly matters! If then ye
have worldly lawsuits, do ye set up those that are thought
5 nothing of in the church? I speak to your shame. Thus
is there not among you one wise man who can judge be-
6 tween his brethren? But doth brother go to law with
7 brother, and that before unbelievers? Therefore now
it is wholly a fault among you, that ye have lawsuits with
one another. Why not rather be wronged? why not
8 rather be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud,
9 and that your brethren. Know ye not that the unright-
eous will not inherit the kingdom of God. Be not de-
ceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers,
10 nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor
thieves, nor lascivious, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor
11 extortioners, will inherit the kingdom of God. And such
were some of you; but ye have washed yourselves, but ye
have been made holy, but ye have been justified in the
name of the Lord Jesus, and in the spirit of our God.

12 'All things are lawful to me;' but all things are not
expedient. 'All things are lawful to me;' but I will not
13 be brought under the power of any. 'Meats are for the
'belly, and the belly for meats;' but God will destroy
both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication,
14 but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God
hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by
15 his power. Know ye not that your bodies are members
of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and
16 make them members of a harlot? Far from it. Know
ye not that he that is joined to a harlot is one body?
17 For *the two*, it saith, *will become one flesh*. And he that
18 is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication.
Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he
that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.
19 Know ye not that your body is a temple of the holy spirit

that is within you, which ye have from God, and ye are not your own? For ye have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. 20

Now about the things whereof ye wrote to me; 'It is good for a man not to touch a woman'; but because of fornication, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. Let the husband render to the wife what is due; and in like manner the wife to the husband. The wife hath not power over her own body, but the husband; and in like manner the husband hath not power over his own body but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except by agreement for a time, that ye may be at leisure for prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not through your incontinency. But I speak this by way of permission, not by way of command. For I wish that all men were even as I wish myself. But each man hath his proper gift from God, one after this manner, and one after that. And I say to the widowers and the widows, it is good for them if they abide even as I do. But if they cannot contain, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to be made to blush. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

And to the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, that the wife depart not from her husband; (but if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband;) and that the husband put not away his wife. But to the rest I speak, not the Lord; if any brother hath an unbelieving wife, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman that hath an unbelieving husband, and he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not put him away. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; else were your children unclean, but now they are holy. But if the unbeliever depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not bound in such cases; but God hath called us to peace. For how knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife? But as the Lord hath distributed to each, as God hath called each, so let him walk; and so I ordain in all the churches. Was any circumcised man called? let him not become uncircumcised. Was any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised. The circumcision is nothing, and the uncircum- 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

cision is nothing, but the keeping of God's commandments. Let each abide in the same calling wherein he was called. Wast thou called being a slave? care not for it; but if thou canst become free, use it rather. For the slave that is called in the Lord is the Lord's freeman; and in like manner the freeman that is called is Christ's slave. Ye were bought with a price; become not the slaves of men. Brethren, let each, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

And about those who have never been married I have no command of the Lord; yet I give my opinion, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful. I judge therefore that this is good for the coming distress, that it is good for a man so to be. Art thou bound to a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. But if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a maiden marry, she hath not sinned. But such will have trouble in the flesh; but I spare you. But this I say, brethren; the time is short; it remaineth that both they that have wives be as though they had not; and they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; and they that use this world, as though they abused it not. For the fashion of this world passeth away. And I wish you to be without care. The unmarried careth for the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord; but he that is married careth for the things of the world, how he may please his wife. There is a difference between the wife and the maiden. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit; but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare on you; but for what is becoming, and for attention to the Lord without distraction. But if any man think that he behaveth unbecomingly towards his unmarried [daughter], if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not, let them marry. But he that standeth steadfast in his own heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so determined in his heart to keep his

unmarried [daughter], doeth well. So then he that giveth in marriage doeth well, but he that giveth not in marriage doeth better. The wife is bound as long as her husband liveth ; but if her husband be dead, she is free to be married to whom she will ; only in the Lord. But in my judgment she is happier if she so abide ; and I think also that I have the spirit of God.

Now about things offered to idols, ' We know '—for we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but love buildeth up ; and if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. But if any man love God, the same is known by him. Therefore about the eating of things offered to idols, ' We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. For though there be what are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) yet to us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things and we for him ; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him.' But there is not in all men this knowledge ; for some, with conscience of the idol unto this hour, eat it as offered to an idol ; and their conscience being weak is defiled. ' And meat bringeth us not before God ; for neither if we eat are we the better ; nor if we eat not are we the worse.' But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any man see thee, that hast knowledge, lying at meat in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him that is weak be emboldened to eat the things offered to idols ? And for thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died ? And thus, when ye sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Therefore, if meat maketh my brother to sin, I will eat no flesh till the end of the age, lest I make my brother to sin.

Am I not free ? am I not an apostle ? have not I seen Jesus Christ our Lord ? are not ye my work in the Lord ? If to others I be not an apostle, at least I am to you ; for ye are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defence to those who examine me. Have not we a right to eat and drink ? Have not we a right to lead about a sister as a wife, as well as the other apostles,

6 and the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or I only
and Barnabas, have not we a right to forbear working?
7 Who is a soldier at any time at his own charge? who
planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of its fruit? or who
tendeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?
8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the
9 same also? For in the law of Moses it is written; *Thou
shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth [out the corn]*. Doth
10 God care for the oxen, or saith he it altogether for our
sakes? Why for our sakes it was written, that the plougher
should plough in hope, and the thresher be in hope of
11 partaking. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is
12 it a great matter, if we reap your carnal things? If others
partake of this power from you, should not we rather?
But we have not used this power, but bear all things, lest
we should put any hindrance to the Good Tidings of Christ.
13 Know ye not that those who minister holy things live by
the temple, and those that wait at the altar partake with
14 the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that those
who preach the Good Tidings should live by the Good
15 Tidings. But I have used none of these things.

And I have not written these things, that it should be
so done to me; for it were better for me to die, than that
16 any man should make my boast void. For if I preach the
Good Tidings, I have nothing to boast of; for a necessity
is laid on me; for alas for me is it if I preach not the Good
17 Tidings. For if I do this willingly, I have a reward;
but if I have been trusted with a stewardship unwillingly,
18 what is my reward then? So that while preaching good
tidings, I may make the Good Tidings of Christ to be of
no cost, so as not to abuse my power in the Good Tidings.
19 For being free from all men, I have made myself slave to
all, that I might gain the more men. And to the Jews
20 I became as a Jew, that I might gain Jews; to those
under a law, as under a law, (not being myself under a
21 law) that I might gain them that are under the law; to
those without a law, as without law, (not being myself
without law to God, but under the law to Christ) that I
22 might gain them that are without a law. To the weak I
became as weak, that I might gain the weak; I have
become all things to all men, that I might by all means
23 save some. And this I do for the Good Tidings' sake,

that I may be a fellow-partaker thereof. Know ye not 24
 that they who run in a race all run, but only one receiveth 25
 the prize? So run that ye may win. And every wrestler 26
 is temperate in all things. Now they do it that they may 27
 gain a corruptible, but we an incorruptible crown. I
 therefore so run, not as uncertainly; I so fight, not as
 beating the air; but I keep down my body and make it
 serve; lest when I have preached to others, I myself
 should be judged unworthy.

For I would not that ye should be ignorant, brethren, 1
 that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed 2
 through the sea, and all were baptized unto Moses in the 3
 cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual meat, 4
 and all drank the same spiritual drink, (for they drank 5
 of a spiritual rock that followed; and the rock was the 6
 Anointed [or Christ];) but with most of them God was not 7
 well pleased; for they were overthrown in the desert. 8
 Now these things were done as our examples, that we 9
 might not be covetous of evil things, as they also coveted. 10
 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is 11
 written; *The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose 12*
up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some 13
 of them committed fornication, and fell in one day three 14
 and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt the Christ, 15
 as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by 16
 the serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also 17
 murmured, and were destroyed by the destroyer. And 18
 all these things happened to them for examples, and they 19
 were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of 20
 the ages are come. Therefore let him that thinketh he 21
 standeth, take heed lest he fall. No temptation hath 22
 taken you but what is common to man; and God is 23
 faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above 24
 what ye are able; but with the temptation will also make 25
 an escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Therefore my 26
 beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men, judge 27
 ye what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it 28
 not a partaking of Christ's blood? The bread which we 29
 break, is it not a partaking of Christ's body? For we 30
 the many are one bread, one body; for we all partake 31
 of the one bread. Behold Israel after the flesh; are not 32
 they who eat the sacrifices partakers with the altar?

19 What then? Do I say, that the idol is any thing, or
20 that what is sacrificed to idols is any thing? but,—that
the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, *they sacrifice to*
demons, and not to God; and I would not that ye should
21 be partakers with the demons. Ye cannot drink the cup
of the Lord, and the cup of demons; ye cannot partake of
22 the Lord's table, and of the table of demons. Do we pro-
voke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

23 'All things are lawful.' But all things are not expe-
dient. 'All things are lawful.' But all things are not
24 improving. Let no man seek his own, but that of another.
25 Whatever is sold in the market eat, questioning nothing
26 for conscience sake; for *the earth is the Lord's, and the*
fulness thereof. If any of the unbelievers invite you, and
27 ye wish to go, eat whatever is set before you, questioning
28 nothing for conscience sake. But if any man say to you;
'This hath been sacrificed to idols;' eat not for his sake
29 that showed, and for conscience sake; conscience, I say,
not thine own, but that of the other. 'But why is my
30 'freedom judged by another's conscience? If I partake in
'thankfulness, why am I evil spoken of for that for which
31 'I give thanks?' Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or
32 do any thing, do all to the glory of God. Be void of of-
fence both to Jews, and to Greeks, and to the church of
33 God; as I also seek to please all men in all things, not
— seeking the profit of myself, but of the many, that they
1 may be saved. Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am
of Christ.

2 Now I praise you, brethren, because ye remember me
in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered to
3 you. And I wish you to know, that Christ is the head
of every man; and the man the head of the woman; and
4 God the head of Christ. Every man praying or prophesy-
ing, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.
5 But every woman praying or prophesying with her head
uncovered, dishonoureth her head; for that is one and the
6 same as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not
covered, let her also be shorn; but if it be a shame for a
7 woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. For a
man indeed ought not to cover the head, being the image
8 and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. For
9 man was not of woman, but woman of man; neither was

man created for the woman, but woman for the man. Therefore the woman ought to have power [or head-dress] on her head because of the preachers. Nevertheless neither is woman without man, nor man without woman, in the Lord. For as the woman was of the man, so is the man also by the woman ; but all things are from God. Judge among yourselves ; is it becoming for a woman to pray to God uncovered ? Doth not nature itself teach you, that if a man have long hair it is a shame to him ? but that if a woman have long hair it is a glory to her ? For the hair is given to her for a covering. But if any man thinketh to be quarrelsome, we have no such custom, neither have the churches of God.

Now in mentioning this I praise not that ye are come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first, when ye come together in church, I hear that there be divisions among you, and I believe it in part. For there must also be sects among you, that they who are approved may be shown among you. When ye come together therefore for this purpose, it is not eating the Lord's supper. For in eating each snatcheth his own supper ; and one is hungry, and one is drunken. What ? have ye not houses to eat and drink in ? Or despise ye the church of God, and shame ye them that have not ? What shall I say to you ? Shall I praise you ? In this I praise you not. For I received from the Lord, what I also have delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus, in the night in which he was betrayed, took a loaf, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said ; ' This is my body which is broken for you ; this do in remembrance of me.' And in like manner the cup, after supper, saying ; ' This cup is the new covenant in my blood ; this do, as often as ye drink, in remembrance of me.' For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye declare the Lord's death till he come. Therefore, whoever shall eat the bread, or drink the cup of the Lord, unworthily, will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and thus eat of the bread, and drink of the cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment against himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many among you are weak, and sick, and a good many are asleep. For if we discerned

32 ourselves, we should not be judged ; but when we are
33 judged by the Lord, we are chastened, that we may not be
34 condemned with the world. Therefore, my brethren, when
ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. If any one
hunger, let him eat at home ; that ye come not together unto
— judgment ; and the rest will I set in order when I come.

1 Now about spiritual things, brethren, I would not have
you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried
3 away unto dumb idols, as ye were led. Therefore I give
you to understand, that no man speaking by the spirit of God
calleth Jesus accursed ; and no man can say that Jesus is
4 the Lord but by a holy spirit. Now there are differences
5 of gifts, but the same spirit. And there are differences
6 of services, but the same Lord. And there are differences
of workings, but the same God, who worketh all things
7 in all men. And the manifestation of the spirit is given
8 to each for his profit. For to one is given by the spirit
the word of wisdom ; and to another the word of know-
9 ledge, after the same spirit ; and to another faith, in the
same spirit ; and to another the gifts of healing, in the
10 same spirit ; and to another the working of mighty works,
and to another prophecy, and to another discerning of
spirits, and to another kinds of languages, and to another
11 the interpretation of languages. But all these worketh
one and the same spirit, dividing to each man severally as
12 it will. For as the body is one, and hath many mem-
bers, and all the members of the one body, being many,
13 are one body ; so also is the Christ. For in one spirit we
were all baptized unto one body ; whether Jews or Greeks,
whether slaves or free ; and were all made to drink into
14 one spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.
15 If the foot should say ; ‘ Because I am not the hand,
‘ I am not of the body ; ’ is it therefore, not of the body ?
16 And if the ear should say ; ‘ Because I am not the eye, I
17 ‘ am not of the body ; ’ is it therefore not of the body ? If
the whole body were eye, where were the hearing ? If
18 the whole were hearing, where were the smelling ? Where-
as God hath set the members each one of them on the
19 body, as he would. And if they were all one member,
20 where were the body ? Whereas they are many mem-
21 bers, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand ; ‘ I
‘ have no need of thee ; ’ nor again the head to the feet ;

‘I have no need of you.’ But much more necessary are 22
 those members of the body which seem to be more feeble.
 And those parts of the body which we think less honour- 23
 able, upon these we bestow more abundant honour ; and
 our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness ; for 24
 our comely parts have no need. But God hath put to-
 gether the body, having given more abundant honour to 25
 the part that lacked, so that there should be no division
 in the body, but that the members should have the same
 care one for another. And whether one member suffer, 26
 all the members suffer with it ; or one member be honour-
 ed, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are Christ’s 27
 body, and members severally, and whom God hath placed 28
 in the church ; first apostles, secondly prophets [or ready
 speakers], thirdly teachers, then mighty works, then gifts 29
 of healings, helps, governments, kinds of languages. Are
 all apostles ? Are all prophets ? Are all teachers ? Are 30
 all mighty workers ? Have all gifts of healing ? Do all
 speak with languages ? Do all interpret ? But be zealous 31
 after the better gifts ; and I am showing you a yet more
 excellent way.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, 1
 and have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a tink- 2
 ling cymbal. And though I have prophecy, and under-
 stand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have 3
 all faith so as to remove mountains, and have not love, I
 am nothing. And though I give all my goods in alms, 4
 and though I give my body that I may be burned, and
 have not love, it profiteth me nothing. Love is patient, 5
 is kind ; love envieth not ; love vaunteth not itself, is 6
 not puffed up, behaveth not unseemly, seeketh not its
 own, is not provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not at 7
 injustice, but rejoiceth in truth, beareth all things,
 believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all 8
 things. Love never faileth ; but whether there be pro-
 phesyings, they will be done away ; whether languages,
 they will cease ; whether knowledge, it will be done 9
 away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part ;
 but when that which is perfect is come, then that which 10
 is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I 11
 spake as a child, I thought as a child, I reasoned as a
 child ; but when I became a man, I put away childish

12 things. For now we see in a mirror darkly ; but then face
to face. Now I know in part ; but then I shall know even
13 as I am known. Whereas faith, hope, and love, these
— three will remain ; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Follow after love, and be zealous after spiritual
2 things, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that
speaketh in a language, speaketh not to men but to God,
for no man understandeth ; but in spirit he speaketh
3 mysteries. But he that prophesieth speaketh to men for
4 improvement, and exhortation, and comfort. He that
speaketh in a language improveth himself ; but he that
5 prophesieth improveth the church. I would that ye all
spake with languages, but rather that ye prophesied ;
for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh
with languages, unless he interpret, that the church may
6 receive improvement. Whereas, brethren, if I come to
you speaking with languages, what shall I profit you,
unless I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by know-
7 ledge, or by prophesying, or by teaching ? So lifeless
things giving sound, whether a pipe or harp, unless they
give a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known
8 what is piped or what is harped ? For if a trumpet
give an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle ?
9 So also ye, unless by the tongue ye utter a word with a
meaning, how shall what is spoken be understood ? for ye
10 will be speaking to the wind. There are, it may be, so
many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them
11 without meaning ; but if I know not the meaning of the
voice, I shall be to the speaker a barbarian, and the
12 speaker a barbarian to me. Even so ye, when ye are
zealous after spiritual things, seek that ye may excel for
13 the improvement of the church. Therefore let him that
speaketh in a language pray so that he may interpret.
14 For if I pray in a language, my spirit prayeth, but my
15 understanding is unfruitful. What is it then ? I will
pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the under-
standing also ; I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing
16 with the understanding also. Else when thou shalt
bless with the spirit, how shall he that filleth the place
of the unlearned man say the 'Amen' at thy giving of
thanks ? since he understandeth not what thou sayest.
17 For thou indeed givest thanks well, but the other is not

improved. I give thanks to God, speaking with languages 18
 more than ye all; yet in a church I had rather speak 19
 five words with my understanding, so that I might teach
 others also, than ten thousand words in a language.
 Brethren, be not children in your understandings; but in 20
 malice be ye babes, and in your understandings be ye
 full grown. In the law it is written; *With men of other 21*
tongues, and with other lips will I speak to this people,
and thus they will not hear me, saith the Lord. There- 22
 fore the languages are for a sign, not to the believers,
 but to the unbelievers; but the prophesying is not for 23
 the unbelievers, but for the believers. If therefore the
 whole church be come together for this purpose, and all
 speak with languages, and there come in unlearned men,
 or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? But 24
 if all prophesy, and an unbeliever, or unlearned man,
 come in, he is convinced by all, he is examined by all,
 and the secrets of his heart are shown; and so falling 25
 on his face he will worship God, and report that God
 is really among you. How is it then, brethren? when 26
 ye come together, each of you hath a psalm, hath teach-
 ing, hath a language, hath a revelation, hath interpretation;
 let all things be done for improvement. If any man 27
 speak in a language, let it be by two, or at the most by
 three words; and portion by portion, and let one interpret.
 But if there be no interpreter, let him be silent in the 28
 church; and let him speak to himself and to God. And 29
 of the prophets let two or three speak, and let the others
 judge; and if anything be revealed to another that sitteth 30
 by, let the first hold his peace. For ye can all prophesy 31
 one by one, so that all may learn, and all may be comforted.
 And the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets; for 32 33
 He is not the God of confusion, but of peace. As in all
 the churches of the saints, let your women keep silence 34
 in the churches; for it hath not been permitted to them to
 speak, but to be under obedience, as also the law saith. And 35
 if they wish to learn any thing, let them ask their husbands
 at home; for it is a shame for women to speak in church.
 What? from you did the word of God come? or to you alone 36
 did it come? If any man think himself a prophet, or a spirit- 37
 ual person, let him acknowledge that what I write to you are
 the Lord's commands; but if any man be ignorant, let him 38

39 be ignorant. Therefore, brethren, be zealous after prophesying, and forbid not the speaking with languages ;
40 but let all things be done decently and in order.

1 And I wish you to know, brethren, as to the Good Tidings which I preached to you, and which ye received, 2 and in which ye stand, and by which ye are being saved, by what reasoning I preached to you, if ye hold it ; otherwise ye believed in vain. For I delivered to you among 3 the first things what I also received, how Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures ; and that he was 4 buried, and that he was raised on the third day, according to the scriptures ; and that he was seen by Cephas, and 5 then by the twelve. Then he was seen by above five hundred brethren at once ; of whom the greater part 6 remain until now, but some are gone to rest. Then he was seen by James ; then by all the apostles. And last 7 of all he was seen by me also, as by the one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am 8 not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. But what I am I am by the grace of 9 God ; and his grace which came upon me was not in vain, but I laboured more abundantly than they all ; yet 10 not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether I, or they, so we preach, and so ye believed. 11 Now if Christ be preached that he was raised from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection 12 of the dead ? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, Christ hath not been raised ; and if Christ hath not been 13 raised, then is our preaching vain, and your faith also vain. And we are also found false witnesses of God ; 14 because we have witnessed of God that he raised up Christ, whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead 15 are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, Christ hath not been raised ; and if Christ hath not been raised, 16 your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins. Then they also who are gone to rest in Christ are perished. If in 17 this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. Whereas Christ hath been raised from 18 the dead, the firstfruits of them that are gone to rest. 19 For since by a man came death, by a man also will come a resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even 20 so in Christ will all be made alive. But each in his own 21
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order, Christ the first fruits; then they that shall be Christ's
 at his coming; then will be the end, when he shall have
 delivered up the kingdom to the God and Father, when He
 shall have destroyed all rule and all authority and power.
 For he must reign until *He shall have put all enemies*
under his feet. Death the last enemy is being destroyed;
 for *He hath put all things under his feet.* But when
 it said; *All things are put under;* it is clear that
 He is excepted who put all things under him. And
 when all things are put under him, then will the Son
 himself also be put under Him that put all things under
 him; that God may be all in all. Else what shall they
 do who are being baptized over the dead, if the dead are
 not raised at all? why are they then being baptized over
 them? And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?
 I swear by your boast which I have in Jesus Christ our
 Lord, I die daily. If I fought with beasts in the shape
 of men, at Ephesus, what good was it to me? If the
 dead rise not, *let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we die.*
 Be not deceived, *Evil communications corrupt good man-*
ners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some
 have not the knowledge of God; I speak to your shame.

But somebody will say, 'How are the dead raised?
 'and in what body do they come?' Fool! what thou
 sowest is not brought to life, unless it die; and what thou
 sowest, thou sowest not the body that will be born, but a
 bare seed, perhaps of wheat, or of one of the others; but
 God giveth it a body as he would, and to each of the
 seeds its own body. All flesh is not the same flesh; but
 there is one flesh of men, another of beasts, another
 of fishes, and another of birds. And there are bodies
 heavenly, and bodies earthly; but the glory of the hea-
 venly is one, and of the earthly another. There is one
 glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and
 another glory of the stars; for star differeth from star in
 glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is
 sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; it is sown
 in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness,
 it is raised in power; it is sown an animal body, it is
 raised a spiritual body. There is an animal body, and
 there is a spiritual body. And so it is written; *The first*
man, Adam, was made a living soul, the last Adam a life-

46 giving spirit. Howbeit, the spiritual was not the first
 47 thing, but the animal; afterward the spiritual. The first
 48 man was of the earth, earthy; the second man, the Lord
 49 from heaven. As was the earthy, such are they also that
 50 are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also
 49 that are heavenly; and as we have borne the image of
 the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.
 Now I say this, brethren, because flesh and blood cannot
 inherit the kingdom of God, nor doth corruption inherit
 incorruption.

51 Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all go to
 52 rest, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the
 twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. For it will sound,
 and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be
 53 changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption,
 54 and this mortal put on immortality. And when this cor-
 ruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal
 shall have put on immortality, then will come to pass the
 word that is written; *Death was swallowed up in victory.*

55 *Where, O death, will be thy sting?*

Where, O hell, thy victory?

56 And the sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is
 57 the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the vic-
 58 tory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my be-
 loved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always
 abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your
 — labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Now about the collection for the saints, as I gave order
 2 to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. On the first
 day of the week let each of you lay by him, storing up as
 he may have prospered, so that when I am come, there
 3 be then no collections. And when I come, whomsoever ye
 shall approve, them will I send by letters to carry your
 4 bounty to Jerusalem. And if it be meet that I go also,
 5 they shall go with me. And I will come to you when I
 have passed through Macedonia, for I am to pass through
 6 Macedonia. And perhaps I shall abide, or even winter
 with you, that ye may send me forward wherever I go.
 7 For I will not see you now in passing; for I hope to
 8 tarry some time with you, if the Lord permit. But I shall
 9 tarry at Ephesus until the Pentecost; for a great and strong
 door is opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

Now if Timothy come, see that he be with you without 10
 fear; for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do.
 Let no man therefore despise him, but send him forward 11
 in peace, that he may come to me; for I look for him
 with the brethren. And about our brother Apollos, I 12
 greatly begged him to come to you with the brethren;
 but his will was not at all to come now; but he will come
 when he shall be at leisure. Watch ye, stand fast in the 13
 faith, be ye men, be strong, let all your doings be done in 14
 love. And I beseech you, brethren; (ye know the house 15
 of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and they
 have set themselves to the service of the saints;) that ye 16
 submit yourselves to such, and to every fellow-worker and
 labourer. And I am glad of the coming of Stephanas 17
 and Fortunatus and Achaicus; for what was lacking on
 your part they have supplied; for they have refreshed my 18
 spirit and your's; therefore esteem such men. The 19
 churches of Asia greet you. Aquilas and Priscilla greet
 you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their
 house. All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one 20
 another with a holy kiss.

The greeting of me Paul with mine own hand. If 21 22
 any one love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be
 cursed, Maran-atha. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ 23
 be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus; 24
 amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS.

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by God's will, and 1
 Timothy our brother, to the church of God that is at
 Corinth, with all the saints that are in all Achaia;
 grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father and 2
 the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 3
 the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who com- 4
 forteth us in all our trouble, that we may be able to com-
 fort those who are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith
 we ourselves are comforted by God; for as the sufferings
 of Christ abound upon us, so our comfort also aboundeth 6
 by Christ. And whether we be troubled, it is for your
 comfort and salvation; whether we be comforted, it is

for your comfort, which is effectual in enduring the
7 same sufferings, which we also suffer. And our hope for
you is stedfast; knowing that as ye are partakers of the
8 sufferings, so also will ye be of the comfort. For we
would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble
which befell us in Asia, that we were pressed out of
measure above strength, so that we despaired even of
9 life; yea, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that
we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raiseth
10 the dead; who from so great a death delivered us, and
doth deliver; in whom we trust that he yet will deliver
11 us; ye also helping in prayer for us, so that from many
mouths thanks may be given by many for us for our gift.

12 For our boast is this, the witness of our conscience,
that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wis-
dom, but in the grace of God, we have behaved ourselves
13 in the world, and especially towards you. For we are
writing none other things to you than what ye read and
esteem; and I trust that ye will esteem even to the end,
14 as also ye have esteemed us in part; that we are your
boast, as also ye will be our's in the day of the Lord
15 Jesus. And in this trust I wished to come to you before,
16 that ye might have ready a second bounty; and to pass
by you into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come
to you, and by you to be sent forward toward Judea.
17 When therefore I was thus minded did I use lightness?
Or what I purpose do I purpose according to the flesh, so
18 with me there should be Yea yea, and Nay nay? But
God be trusted, that our word toward you was not Yea
19 and Nay. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was
preached among you by us, by me and Silvanus and
Timothy, was not Yea and Nay, but in him was Yea.
20 For whatever were God's promises, in him was Yea, and
21 in him was Amen, unto the glory of God by us. And
he that establisheth us with you in Christ, and anointed
22 us, is God; who hath also sealed us, and given the
23 earnest of the spirit in our hearts. Now I call on God
as a witness against my soul, that to spare you I came
24 not yet to Corinth. Not because we are masters of your
— faith, but we are fellow-workers of your joy; for by the
1 faith ye stand. But I determined this with myself, not
2 to come again to you in grief. For if I should grieve you,

who then is to make me glad, but he that is grieved by me? And I wrote this same to you, lest when I came I should have grief from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is that of you all. For out of much trouble and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears, not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more especially toward you.

And if a certain person hath caused grief, he hath caused grief not to me, but in part (that I may not press heavily) to you all. Enough for such a man is this censure, which was by the larger part of you. So that on the contrary ye ought rather to forgive and comfort, lest such a man should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. Therefore I beseech you to confirm your love to him. For to this end also I wrote that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. But to whom ye forgive any thing, I do also; for what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven any thing, for your sakes I forgave it, speaking for Christ; lest we be overreached by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Now when I came to Troas on the Good Tidings of Christ, and a door was opened to me in the Lord, I had no rest in my spirit, on not finding Titus my brother; but taking leave of them, I went thence to Macedonia.

Now thanks be to God, who always leadeth us in triumph by Christ, and sheweth the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are being saved, and in them that are perishing; to these a savour of death unto death, and to those a savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as the many, adulterating the word of God, but as in sincerity, but as from God, in the sight of God, we speak in Christ.

Are we beginning again to recommend ourselves? Or need we, as some do, letters of recommendation either to you or of recommendation from you? Ye are our letter, written on our hearts, known and being read by all men; since ye are manifestly Christ's letter ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on fleshly tablets of the heart.

And such trust have we through Christ toward God;

5 not that we are sufficient of ourselves to count upon any
6 thing as from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God ;
7 who also hath fitted us to be ministers of a new cove-
8 nant, not of the letter, but of the spirit ; for the letter
9 killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministry of
10 death, engraven in letters upon stones, was done with
11 glory, so that the children of Israel could not look sted-
12 fastly at the face of Moses, for the glory of his face, which
13 was to be done away ; how will not the ministry of the
14 spirit be rather with glory ? For if the ministry of con-
15 demnation be glory, much more doth the ministry of
16 righteousness exceed in glory. For what was made
17 glorious was not made glorious in this respect, because
18 of the glory that overpowereth. For if what was to be
19 done away was by glory, much more what remaineth is
20 in glory. Having therefore such a hope, we use great
21 plainness of speech ; and not, as Moses put a veil over
22 his face, that the children of Israel should not look sted-
23 fastly at the end of what was to be done away. But
24 their minds were blinded ; for until this day the same
25 veil remaineth, not withdrawn, over the reading of the
26 Old Covenant, because it is done away in Christ. But
27 even until this day, when Moses is read, the veil lieth
28 on their heart. But when it shall turn to the Lord, the
29 veil will be taken away. And the Lord is the spirit ;
30 and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
31 But we all with unveiled face, reflecting back the glory
32 of the Lord, are being changed into the same image from
33 glory to glory, as from the Lord, the spirit.

1 Therefore having this ministry, as we have received
2 mercy we faint not ; but we have renounced the hidden
3 things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor adulterating
4 the word of God ; but by shewing the truth recommending
5 ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
6 But if indeed our Good Tidings be veiled, they are veiled
7 among them that are being lost. Among whom the god of
8 this age hath blinded the minds of the unbelievers, lest
9 the light of the Good Tidings of Christ's glory, who is
10 the image of God, should shine. For we preach not our-
11 selves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your
12 bond-servants for Jesus' sake. For it is God, He who
13 commanded light to shine out of darkness, that hath shone

in our hearts for the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

And we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be God's, and not from us. We are pressed on every side, but not crushed; doubtful, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be shewn in our body. For we while living are always being delivered up to death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be shewn in our mortal flesh. So death worketh in us, but life in you. And having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, *I believed, and therefore have I spoken*, we also believe, and therefore speak; knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise up us also through Jesus, and will present us together with you. For all these things are for your sakes, that the grace which abounded through the many may make the thanksgiving overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we faint not; and even if our outward man is decaying, yet the inward is renewed day by day. For the momentary lightness of our trouble worketh for us from abundance to abundance an eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things that are seen, but at those which are unseen; for the things that are seen are for a season, but the things unseen are everlasting. For we know that if our earthly house of the tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, everlasting, in heaven. For in this we groan, desiring to be covered with our dwelling which is to come from heaven. And if we are covered we shall not be found naked. For we that are in the tabernacle do groan, being burdened; for which we wish not to be unclothed, but clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now he that hath wrought us to this same end is God, who also hath given to us the earnest of the spirit. Therefore we are always of good courage, knowing that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord, (for we walk by faith, not by sight,) and we are of good courage, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. Therefore we are also ambitious, that whether at home or absent we may be well pleasing to him. For we

must all appear before the Christ's judgment seat; so that each may receive back for the things in the body according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, are we persuading as to men? But we have been made manifest to God, and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

12 For we are not again recommending ourselves to you, but are giving you occasion to boast for us; that ye may have somewhat against them who boast in face but not in heart.

13 For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God; or whether we be wise, it is to you. For the love of Christ constraineth us, because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then all died. And he died for all, that they who live should no longer live to themselves, but to him who died and was raised again for them. So that we henceforth know no one after the flesh; and though we once acknowledged a Christ after the flesh, yet now we acknowledge such no longer. So that if any one be in Christ he is a new creature; the old things are passed away, behold, all are become new. And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

19 So that God was by means of Christ reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their trespasses to them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Therefore we are ambassadors in Christ's stead, as though God besought through us; we, in Christ's stead, beseech you, 'Be ye reconciled to God.' For him who knew not sin, hath He made to be sin for us; that we by means — of him might be made the righteousness of God.

1 We then as fellow-labourers beseech you not to
2 receive the grace of God in vain. (For it saith; *I heard thee in a time of acceptance, and in a day of salvation I helped thee*; behold, now is the most acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

3 We give no offence in any thing, that the ministry
4 be not blamed; but in all things recommending ourselves as God's ministers with much patience; in
5 troubles, in necessities, in straits, in stripes, in prisons, in
6 tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, by pureness,
7 by knowledge, by patience, by kindness, by a holy spirit,
by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of

God ; through the armour of righteousness for the right hand and for the left, through glory and dishonour, 8
 through evil report and good report ; as deceivers yet trustworthy, as unknown yet well known, as dying yet 9
 behold we live, as chastened yet not killed, as sorrowful 10
 yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things.

Our mouth is opened to you, Corinthians, our heart is enlarged. 11
 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in 12
 your own bowels. Now as a repayment for the same, I speak 13
 as to my children, be ye also enlarged. Be ye not un- 14
 equally yoked with unbelievers ; for what fellowship hath righteousness and unrighteousness ? and what communion hath light with darkness ? what agreement hath Christ 15
 with Belial ? or what part hath a believer with an un- 16
 believer ? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols ? For ye are the temple of the living God ;
 as God said, *I will dwell among them, and walk among them ; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.* Therefore, *come out from among them, and be ye* 17
separate, saith the Lord, *and touch not an unclean thing, and I will receive you ; and, I will be to you as a father,* 18
and ye shall be to me as sons and daughters, saith the Lord almighty. Having therefore these promises, be- 1
 loved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Make room for us ; we have wronged no man, we have 2
 corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man. I speak 3
 not for condemnation ; for I said before, that ye are in our hearts to die together and to live together. 4
 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting for you ; I am filled with comfort, and overflow with joy under all our trouble. For when we came into Mace- 5
 donia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side ; without were fightings, within were fears. But God, who comforteth the lowly, comforted us by the 6
 coming of Titus ; and not by his coming only, but also 7
 by the comfort wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your desire, your mourning, your zeal toward me ; so that I rejoiced the more. For though I grieved 8
 you by that letter, I do not repent, though I did repent ; 9
 for I see that that letter grieved you, though but for an

9 hour. Now I rejoice, not that ye were grieved, but that
ye were grieved unto repentance ; for ye were grieved in
regard to God, so that ye were in nothing hurt by us.
10 For sorrow in regard to God worketh repentance unto
salvation which is never repented of ; but the sorrow of
11 the world worketh death. For behold, this same thing,
that ye were grieved in regard to God, what carefulness
it wrought in you ; yea what clearing of yourselves, yea
what indignation, yea what fear, yea what desire, yea
what zeal, yea what punishing ! In all things ye have
12 proved yourselves to be clear in this matter. Indeed
though I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of him
that did the wrong, nor for the sake of him that was
wronged, but that our care for you in the sight of God
13 might appear to you. Therefore we were comforted
in your comfort, and exceedingly the more rejoiced in
Titus's joy, because his spirit was refreshed by you all ;
14 for if I have boasted anything to him of you, I was not
made ashamed ; but as we spake all things to you in
truth, even so our boasting to Titus became a truth.
15 And his tenderness is more abundant toward you, whilst
he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear
16 and trembling ye received him. I rejoice that in all
— things I may have confidence in you.

1 Now we wish you to know, brethren, as to the godly
bounty which hath been given in the churches of
2 Macedonia, how in a great trial of trouble the abundance of
their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches
3 of their liberality. For up to their means, as I bear witness,
and beyond their means they did it of their own accord,
4 begging with much intreaty our favour and distribution
of the ministering to the saints ; and, as we had not
5 hoped, they gave themselves first to the Lord, and then
6 to us, by the will of God. So that we desired Titus,
that as he had begun, so he would finish among you
7 also this bounty ; and that as ye abound in every
thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and all
diligence, and in your love to us, so ye may abound in
8 this bounty also. I speak not by way of command,
but by the forwardness of others to prove the sincerity of
9 your love also. For ye know the bounty of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that he was poor for your sakes,

though rich, that ye by his poverty might be rich. And 10
 herein I give an opinion ; for this is best for you, who
 were beforehand not only in doing, but were a year be- 11
 beforehand in willing. Now therefore finish the doing, 12
 that as there was a readiness to will, so also there may 13
 be a finishing, out of what ye have. For if there be first 14
 a readiness, it is acceptable according to what a man hath,
 not according to what he hath not. Not that there 15
 should be ease to others and trouble to you, but by way 16
 of equality ; at this time let your abundance supply
 their want, so that also their abundance may supply your
 want ; so that there may be an equality ; as it is 17
 written ; *He that had much, had nothing over ; and he*
that had little, had no lack. 18

And thanks be to God who put the same care for you 19
 into Titus's heart, for indeed he accepted the exhorta- 20
 tion ; but being more diligent, he went of his own accord
 to you. And we have sent with him the brother whose 21
 praise in the Good Tidings is throughout all the churches ;
 and not only so, but who was also chosen by the 22
 churches as our fellow-traveller with this bounty, which is
 being administered by us to the glory of the Lord him-
 self ; and at our desire ; so that we avoid this, that any
 one should blame us for this abundance being administered
 by us ; for we consider what is right, not only in the sight 23
 of the Lord, but in the sight of men. And we have sent 24
 with them our brother, whom we have often proved dili-
 gent in many things, but now much more diligent from
 his great confidence in you. If ye inquire about Titus,
 he is my partner and fellow-labourer towards you ; if our
 brethren are inquired about, they are the messengers of
 the churches, the glory of Christ. Therefore shew ye to
 them, in the sight of the churches, the proof of your love,
 and of our boasting for you.

But about the ministering to the saints it is superfluous 1
 for me to write to you. For I know your readiness, for 2
 which I am boasting of you to the Macedonians, that
 Achaia was ready a year ago ; and your zeal hath stirred
 up very many. And I have sent the brethren lest our 3
 boasting of you should be in vain in this matter ; that,
 as I said, ye might be ready ; lest if the Macedonians 4
 come with me, and find you unprepared, we (not to say

5 ye) should be ashamed of this confidence. Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they should go before to you, and make up beforehand your promised blessing, that it might be ready as a blessing, and
6 not as coveted. And in this, he that soweth sparingly will reap also sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully
7 will reap also bountifully. Each do as he purposeth in his heart; not grudgingly or of necessity; for *God loveth a cheerful giver*. And God is able to make all
8 bounty abound toward yourselves, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound toward
9 every good work; as it is written; *He hath scattered, he hath given to the poor, his righteousness remaineth to the end of the age*. And *He that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food* will supply and multiply your
10 sowing, and will increase the fruits of your righteousness; that ye may be enriched in every thing to all liberality,
11 which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. For the ministering of this service not only supplieth the
12 wants of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings to God; while by the proof of this ministering they glorify God in the subjection of your profes-
13 sion to the Good Tidings of Christ, and in the liberality of the distribution to them and to all men, and in their
14 prayer for you, as they long after you for God's overflowing bounty on you. And thanks be to God for his
15 unspeakable gift.

1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, being in person lowly among you,
2 but when absent bold toward you; and I beg that I may not when present be bold with that confidence, where-
3 with I think to be bold against certain persons, who think of us as walking according to the flesh. For though we
4 walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh; (for the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but mighty
5 before God for the pulling down of strong holds,) casting down imaginations, and every height raised against
6 the knowledge of God, and leading captive every thought unto the obedience of Christ, and holding ourselves in
7 readiness to punish all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

7 Do ye look on things according to appearance? If a

certain person is persuaded in himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, so also are we. For if I should boast somewhat more abundantly of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for your improvement and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed; that I may not seem as though I would frighten you by my letters. 'For his letters,' saith 'he, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence 'weak and his speech contemptible.' Let such a one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when absent, such shall we be also in deed when present. For we dare not rank or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves; but they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are not wise. But we will boast, not of things beyond our measure, but according to the measure of the line which the God of measure hath allotted to us, that we shall reach even to you. For we do not overstretch ourselves, as though we reached not to you, for we have come as far as to you on the Good Tidings of Christ; not boasting of things beyond our measure, in other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall among you be enlarged according to our line abundantly, to preach the good tidings in the regions beyond you; not to boast in another man's line of things prepared. But *he that boasteth, let him boast in the Lord.* For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

I wish that ye would bear with me a little in my folly; and indeed ye do bear with me. For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I have fitted you for one husband, to present you as a chaste maiden to Christ; but I fear lest, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craft, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is towards Christ. For if he that is coming preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit which ye have not received, or other Good Tidings which ye have not accepted, ye may well bear with me. For I think myself not at all behind the very best of the apostles. For though I be rude in speech, yet I am not in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made manifest to you in all things. Did I com-

mit sin in humbling myself that ye might be raised, because I preached the Good Tidings of God to you
8 without payment? I robbed other churches, taking wages
9 for serving you; and when I was present with you and in want, I was a charge to nobody. For the brethren who came from Macedonia supplied my wants; and in every thing I kept myself and will keep myself from
10 being burdensome to you. As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine shall not be stopped in the regions of Achaia. Wherefore? Because I love you not? God
11 knoweth. But what I do, that I will do, so that I may cut off occasion from those who seek occasion; so that
12 wherein they boast they may be found even as we. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, changing themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder; for Satan
13 himself changeth himself into an angel of light; therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also change themselves into ministers of righteousness; whose end will be according to their works.

16 Again I say, let no man think me foolish; but if otherwise, yet receive me as foolish, that I also may boast a little. What I speak, I speak not after the Lord, but as
17 in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting. Since many boast after the flesh, I will boast also. For ye willingly
18 bear with the foolish, being yourselves wise. For ye bear with it, if one enslave you, if one devour you, if one take you, if one be overbearing, if one smite you on the face.
19 I speak as concerning dishonour, as, 'that we are weak;' but in whatever any man is bold, (I speak in foolishness,)
20 I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so
21 am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as one out of his mind,) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths
22 oft; from the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one, thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned,
23 thrice was I shipwrecked, a night and day have I passed on the deep; in journeyings often, in dangers from waters, dangers from robbers, dangers from fellow countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in cities, dangers in desert places, dangers by sea, dangers among false brethren;
24 in labour and toil, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst,

in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside these outward things my care for all the churches presseth upon me daily. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who stumbleth, and I blush not? If I must boast, I will boast of the things which concern my weakness. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ knoweth, (He that is blessed for ever,) that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under Aretas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, wishing to take me, and through a window in a basket was I let down along the wall, and escaped out of his hands.

Boasting indeed is of no use to me; but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ, who above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body I know not, or out of the body I know not, God knoweth,) was caught up, such as he was, to the third heaven. And I know that man, such as he was (whether in the body or out of the body I know not, God knoweth,) that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a man I will boast, but of myself I will not boast, except in my weaknesses. For though I should wish to boast, I should not be foolish; for I should speak the truth; but I forbear lest any one should think of me above what he seeth me, or heareth from me. And lest I should be overmuch set up by the grandeur of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan, to buffet me, lest I should be overmuch set up. For this I besought the Lord thrice that it might depart from me. And he said to me; 'My grace 'is enough for thee, for my strength is made perfect 'in weakness.' Most gladly then will I rather boast in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in straits for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

I am become foolish; ye have forced me, for I ought to have been recommended by you; for in nothing am I behind the very best of the apostles, though I be nothing. Truly the signs of an apostle have been wrought among you in all patience, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds. For what is it wherein ye were beneath the other churches, except that I myself was not burdensome to

14 you? Forgive me this wrong. Behold this third time
I am ready to come to you, and I will not be a burden
to you; for I seek not what is your's, but yourselves;
for the children ought not lay up for the parents, but
15 the parents for the children. And I will very gladly
spend and be spent for your souls; even though while
16 loving you more I should be loved less. But be it so; I
did not burden you; but being crafty, I took you with
17 guile. Did I defraud you by any of those whom I sent
to you? I desired Titus, and I sent the brother with
18 him. Did Titus at all defraud you? Walked we not in
the same spirit, in the same steps?

19 Think ye again that we excuse ourselves to you? In
the sight of God, in Christ, we speak all these things,
20 beloved, for your improvement. For I fear, lest when I
come I may find you not such as I wish, and I myself may
be found by you such as ye do not wish; lest there be de-
bates, jealousies, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings,
21 swellings, tumults; lest when I come again, my God should
humble me among you, and I should bewail many of
those who had sinned before, and have not repented of
— the uncleanness, and fornication, and lewdness, which
1 they have committed. This third time I am coming to
you. *In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every*
2 *word be established.* I have before said, and I do fore-
warn (when present, and a second time when now ab-
sent,) those that had before sinned, and all the rest, that
3 if I come again I will not spare; since ye seek a proof of
Christ speaking in me, who against you is not weak but
4 is strong among you; for though he was crucified through
weakness, yet he liveth by God's power. For we are
weak in him, but we shall live with him by God's power
5 towards you. Examine yourselves, whether ye be in
the faith; prove yourselves. Know ye not yourselves,
that Jesus Christ is in you, unless ye be judged unwor-
6 thy? And I trust that ye will know that we are not
7 judged unworthy. And I pray to God, that ye do no
evil; not so that we may appear approved, but so that
ye should do what is right, though we be as unworthy.
8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the
9 truth. For we are glad when we are weak, and ye are
10 strong; and this also we wish, your restoration. There-

fore I write these things while absent, so that when present I may not act severely; according to the power which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for destroying. Lastly, brethren, farewell; be restored, be of good comfort, be of one mind; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. 11

Greet one another with a holy kiss; all the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the partaking of the holy spirit, be with you all. 12 13 14

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS.

PAUL, an apostle, (not from men, nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead;) and all the brethren that are with me, unto the churches of Galatia; grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,—to whom be glory for ages of ages; amen. 1

I marvel that ye have so soon turned from him who called you by the grace of Christ, unto other Good Tidings; which are not other; unless there are some who trouble you, and wish to change the Good Tidings of the Christ. 2 3 4

But even though we or an angel from heaven should preach to you any other Good Tidings than what we have preached to you, let him be cursed. As we before said, so say I now again; if any one preach to you other Good Tidings than what ye have received, let him be cursed. For am I now persuading as to men? or as to God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I were yet seeking to please men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ. But I wish you to know, brethren, as to the Good Tidings which were preached by me, that they are not after man; for I neither received them nor was taught them by man, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. For ye have heard of my once walking in Judaism, how that beyond measure I persecuted God's church, and wasted it; and I got forward in Judaism among many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

17 Son in me, so that I might preach him among the Gentiles; immediately, I consulted not flesh and blood, nor went up to Jerusalem to them that were apostles before me, but I went into Arabia, and again returned to Damascus.

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to inquire
19 for Peter, and I abode with him fifteen days. And I saw
20 no other of the apostles but James the Lord's brother.
21 Now as to what I am writing to you, behold, before God
22 I lie not. Then I went into the regions of Syria and
23 Cilicia; and was unknown by face to the churches of Judea
24 which were in Christ. But they heard only that 'he
'who once persecuted us, now preacheth the faith that he
'once destroyed;' and they glorified God in me.

1 Then in the course of fourteen years I again went up to
2 Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking also Titus with me. And
I went up by revelation, and communicated to them the
Good Tidings, which I preach among the Gentiles; but
privately to them that seemed fit, lest I should run or had
3 run in vain. But not even Titus who was with me,
though a Greek, was under a necessity to be circumcised;
4 but it was because of the false brethren who had slipped
in, such as crept in to spy out our freedom which we hold
5 in Christ Jesus, so that they might enslave us; to whom
we yielded subjection not for an hour, so that the truth of
6 the Good Tidings might remain unto you. But of those
who seemed to be something, whatever they were, it is no
matter to me, (God accepteth not man's person;) for to me
7 these seemers added nothing;—but on the contrary, when
they saw that I was entrusted with the Good Tidings of
8 the uncircumcision, as Peter of the circumcision, (for he
that wrought in Peter toward the apostleship of the cir-
9 cumcision, wrought also in me toward the Gentiles;) and
when they perceived the grace that was given to me,
James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars,
gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship, so
that we might go to the Gentiles, and they to the circum-
10 cision. Only they would that we should remember the
poor; the very same thing that I have also been for-
11 ward to do. But when Peter came to Antioch, I with-
12 stood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For
before certain persons came from James, he ate with the
Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and sepa-

rated himself, fearing those of the circumcision. And the other Jews also dissembled with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away in their dissembling. But when I saw that they walked not straight with the truth of the Good Tidings, I said to Peter before them all; 'If thou, being a Jew, livest as the Gentiles, and not as a Jew, how forcest thou the Gentiles to live as Jews?'

We are Jews by nature and not sinners of the Gentiles; and we know that a man is not justified by works of law, but by faith of Jesus Christ; and we have believed on Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith of Christ, and not by works of law; for by works of law *will no flesh be justified*. 'But if while seeking to be justified by Christ we ourselves are also found sinners, Christ then is a minister of sin.' By no means. For if I build up again the things that I have pulled down, I acknowledge myself a transgressor. For I through law am dead to law, that I may live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and I myself no longer live, but Christ liveth in me. And the life that I now live in the flesh, I live in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me. I do not undo God's grace; for if righteousness is by law, then Christ died in vain.

O thoughtless Galatians! who hath bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been set forth as crucified among you? This only would I learn from you; did ye receive the spirit by works of law or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so thoughtless? Having begun in spirit, are ye now being made perfect in flesh? Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if indeed it be in vain. He therefore who ministereth to you the spirit, and worketh mighty works among you, doeth he it by works of law, or by the hearing of faith? as Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they who are of faith, the same are sons of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles through faith, preached beforehand the Good Tidings to Abraham, that *In thee will all the Gentiles be blessed*. So they who are of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham. For as many as are of the works of law are under a curse; for it is

written ; *Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law, for to do them.* But that by a law no man is justified before God is evident ; for *He that is righteous by faith, shall live.* And the law is not of faith, but *He that doeth these things shall live by means of them.* Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, becoming a curse for us ; (for it is written ; *Cursed is every one that is hanged on a tree ;*) that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles by Christ Jesus, that by faith we may receive the promise of the spirit.

Brethren, I speak after the manner of men ; no one annulleth or addeth to a covenant though but of a man, when once ratified. Now to Abraham and his seed the promises were made ; it saith not ; *And to thy seeds,* as of many ; but as of one, *And to thy seed,* who is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, which was before confirmed by God towards Christ, a law, which was four hundred and thirty years afterwards, doth not annul so that the promise should be void. For if the inheritance be of law, it is no more of promise ; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. 'Why then was there the law ?' It was given because of transgressions, until the seed should come, to whom the promise belonged, and it was ordained through angels by the hand of a mediator. Now the mediator is not of one ; but God is one. 'Is then the law against the promises of God ?' By no means ; for if a law that could have given life had been given, verily righteousness would have been by law. But the scripture hath included all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to the believers. But before the faith came, we were guarded under a law, shut up unto the faith that was afterwards to be revealed. Therefore the law was our schoolmaster unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But now that the faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all sons of God by the faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized unto Christ, have put on Christ.

*Neither is there Jew nor Greek,
Neither is there slave nor freeman,
Neither is there male and female ;*

for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye the seed of Abraham, and heirs according to the promise. And I say, as long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a slave, though he be lord of all ; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed by his father. So we, when we were children, were enslaved under the elements of the world ; but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, who came of a woman, and under law, that he might redeem those under law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth his Son's spirit into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Therefore thou art no longer a slave, but a son ; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Moreover at that time indeed, when ye knew not God, ye were slaves to those that by nature are not gods ; but now, when ye know God, or rather are known by God, how turn ye back again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye wish again to be slaves ? Do ye keep days, and months, and seasons, and years ? I am afraid for you, lest I have laboured on you in vain. Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am, for I am as ye are. Ye wronged me in nothing. And ye know that in weakness of the flesh I preached the Good Tidings to you at first ; and my trial, which was in my flesh, ye despised not, nor rejected ; but ye received me as God's messenger, as Christ Jesus. What then were your blessings on me ! for I bear you witness, that if possible ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and given them to me. So then am I become as your enemy, because I speak the truth to you ? They are zealous for you, but not well ; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might be zealous for them. And it is good to be zealous in a good matter, at all times, and not only when I am present with you, my little children, of whom I labour in birth again until Christ be formed in you ; and I could wish to be present with you now, and to change my voice ; for I am in doubt about you.

'Tell me, ye that wish to be under a law, do ye not hear the law ? for it is written, that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondmaid, the other by the freewoman. But the son of the bondmaid was born after the flesh, and the

24 son of the freewoman was by the promise. (Which
things have a second meaning ; for these women are two
25 covenants ; one from mount Sinai, bearing children unto
bondage, she is Agar ; for this Agar is mount Sinai in
Arabia, and answereth to the Jerusalem of to-day, for she
26 is in bondage with her children ; but the Jerusalem above
is free, she is our mother.) For it is written ; *Rejoice, thou*
27 *barren woman that bearest not ; break forth and cry, thou*
that travailest not ; for more are the children of the
28 *deserted woman, than of her that hath the husband.* Now
we, brethren, after Isaac, are children of the promise.
29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted
him that was after the spirit, even so it is now. Never-
30 theless what saith the scripture ? *Cast out the bondmaid*
and her son ; for the son of the bondmaid shall not be heir
31 *with the son of the freewoman.* So then, brethren, we are
— not children of the bondmaid, but of the freewoman.

1 Stand fast in the freedom wherewith Christ hath freed us,
and be not again entangled with the yoke of bondage.
2 Behold, I Paul say to you, that if ye get circumcised,
3 Christ will profit you nothing ; and I bear witness again
to every man that is being circumcised, that he is bound
4 to do the whole law. Ye are separated from Christ, who-
ever justify yourselves by a law ; ye have fallen from
5 grace. For we by spirit wait for the hope of righteous-
6 ness from faith. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision
availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision ; but faith work-
7 ing by love. Ye were running well ; who hindered you
8 from obeying the truth ? This persuasion cometh not of
9 him that called you. A little leaven leaveneth the whole
10 lump. I have confidence in you in the Lord, that ye will
not think otherwise ; but he that is troubling you will
11 bear the blame, whoever he be. And I, brethren, if I
yet preach circumcision, why am I yet persecuted ? for
12 then is the stumblingblock of the cross got rid of. I
would that they who unsettle you were also cut off.

13 For ye, brethren, have been called unto freedom ; only
use not the freedom for an occasion to the flesh, but by
14 love serve one another. For the whole law is summed up
in one word, in this ; *Thou shalt love thy neighbour as*
15 *thyself.* But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed
that ye be not consumed one by another.

And I say ; walk by the spirit, and fulfil not the desire of the flesh. For the flesh desireth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh ; and these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye do not the things that ye would. But if ye act by the spirit, ye are not under a law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest ; they are fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, strife, jealousy, wrath, quarrels, divisions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like, of which I forewarn you, as I before told you, that they who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance ; against such things there is no law. And they that are of Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires ; if we live by the spirit, by the spirit also let us walk.

Let us not be vain-glorious, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in any fault, do ye who are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness ; looking to thyself lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil Christ's law. For if a man think that he is something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself ; but let each prove his own work, and then he will have ground for boast in himself alone, and not in another ; for each will bear his own load. Let him that is being taught the word communicate in all good things to him that teacheth. Be not deceived ; God is not mocked ; for whatever a man soweth, that also will he reap ; for he that soweth to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption ; and he that soweth to the spirit will of the spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary of well-doing ; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, and chiefly to those who are of the household of the faith.

Ye see with what large letters I have written to you with mine own hand. As many as wish to make a fair show in the flesh, they force you to be circumcised ; only lest they should be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For neither do they who are being circumcised themselves keep the law ; but they wish you to be circumcised, that in your flesh they may boast. But far be it from me to

boast save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world was crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither is circumcision any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk by this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and on the Israel of God. For the rest, let no one give me trouble, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren ; amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS.

1 **P**AUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
to the saints that are in Ephesus, and to the faithful
2 in Christ Jesus ; grace be to you, and peace, from
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heaven
4 in Christ ; according as he chose us in him before the
foundation of the world, that we should be holy and
5 blameless in his sight ; having in love fore-ordained
us unto the adoption of children to himself by Jesus
6 Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the
praise of the glory of his grace, with which he favoured us
7 in the Beloved one, in whom we have the redemption
through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to
8 the riches of his grace, wherein he hath abounded toward
9 us in all wisdom and prudence ; having made known to us
the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure,
10 which he before purposed in himself for the wise govern-
ment of the fulness of the times ; to gather all things
under one head in Christ ; the things in heaven and
11 the things on earth, in him, in whom also we have
gained an inheritance, being fore-ordained according to
the purpose of Him who worketh all things according to
12 the purpose of his own will, that we might be to the praise
of his glory as having hoped in Christ ; in whom also
13 ye, when ye had heard the word of truth, the good
tidings of your salvation,—in whom also ye, when ye
had believed, were sealed with the holy spirit of the pro-
14 mise, and who is an earnest of our inheritance into the
redemption of the purchase, unto the praise of His glory.

For this I also, having heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love to all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in knowledge of him; that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, for you to know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance among the saints, and what the overflowing greatness of his power towards us who believe, according to the working of the power of his might, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead and placed him on his right hand above the heavens, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come; and *he put all things under his feet*, and gave him as a head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of Him who filleth all in all.

And you, who were dead in trespasses and sins, (wherein ye once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh among the sons of disobedience; among whom also we all once lived in the desires of our flesh, doing the will of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of wrath, as the others; but God was rich in mercy by his great love wherewith he loved us;) and us, who were dead in trespasses, hath he made alive together with Christ, (by grace ye have been saved,) and hath raised us up together, and placed us together above the heavens in Christ Jesus; that in the ages which are coming on he may show the overflowing riches of his grace in kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by his grace ye have been saved through the faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not from works; so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God before prepared that we should walk in them.

Therefore remember, that ye, being once Gentiles in the flesh; who are called the uncircumcision, by what is called the circumcision wrought by hands in the flesh;—that ye at that time were without a Christ, aliens from the citizenship of Israel, and strangers from the cove-

nants of the promise, having no hope, and without a God
13 in the world ; but now in Christ Jesus, ye who once were
14 far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is
our peace, who hath made both things one, and hath removed
15 the enmity, the middle wall of the partition ; having in
his flesh abolished the law of the commands in ordinances ;
16 that he might create the two in himself into one new man,
making peace ; and that he might reconcile them both in
one body unto God by the cross, having slain the enmity
17 thereby. And he came and preached the good tidings
of peace to you that were afar off and to them that were
18 nigh ; for through him we both have access by one spirit to
the Father. So then, ye are no longer strangers and pil-
19 grims, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the house-
20 hold of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and
prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone ;
21 by whom all the building fitly framed together groweth into
22 a holy temple in the Lord ; by whom ye also are builded
— together for an habitation of God through the spirit.

1 For this cause, I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for
2 you Gentiles,—since ye have heard of the stewardship of
3 God's grace, which was given to me for you, how by revelation
was made known to me the mystery, as I before
4 wrote in few words, about which, when ye read, ye may
understand my knowledge in the mystery of the Christ,
5 which in other generations was not made known to the
sons of men, as it is now revealed to his holy apostles
6 and prophets by the spirit ; that the Gentiles are fellow
heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise
7 in Christ, by the Good Tidings ; whereof I was made a
minister by the gift of the grace of God, given to me,
8 according to the working of his power. To me, who am
less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to
preach among the Gentiles the good tidings of the un-
9 searchable riches of Christ, and to show clearly to all,
what is the government of the mystery that for ages had
10 been hidden in God who created all things ; so that now,
through the church, the manifold wisdom of God may be
made known to the principalities and powers above the
11 heavens ; according to the purpose of the ages which he
purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord ; in whom we have
12 this boldness and access with confidence by the faith in

him ; therefore I beg you to faint not at my troubles for
 your sakes, which is your glory ;—for this cause I bow
 my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of
 whom the whole family in heaven and upon earth is
 named, that he would grant to you, according to the
 riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his
 spirit in the inner man ; that Christ may dwell in your
 hearts by means of the faith ; so that ye, being rooted and
 grounded in love, may have strength to understand with all
 the saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth,
 and height, and to know the love of Christ that passeth
 knowledge ; so that ye may be filled unto all the fulness
 of God.—And unto Him that is able to do over-abund-
 antly above all that we ask or think, according to the
 power that worketh in us, to him be glory in the church
 by Christ Jesus through all the generations of ages of
 ages ; amen.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to
 walk worthy of the calling wherewith ye were called,
 with all lowliness and meekness, with patience ; bearing
 one with another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity
 of spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and
 one spirit, even as ye were called in one hope of your
 calling ; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and
 Father of all, He that is over all, and through all, and in
 us all. And to each one of us is given the grace accord-
 ing to the measure of Christ's giving. Therefore it saith ;
*When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and
 gave gifts to men.* And this, *He ascended*, what is it,
 but that he also descended into the lower parts of the
 earth ? He that descended is the same also that ascend-
 ed far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.
 And he gave some to be apostles, and some prophets, and
 some preachers of good tidings, and some shepherds and
 teachers, for the perfecting of the saints unto the work
 of ministry, unto the building up the body of Christ ;
 till we all come into the unity of the faith, and of the
 knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto
 the measure of the stature of Christ's fulness ; so that
 we no longer be babes, tossed to and fro and carried
 about by every wind of teaching, by the sleight of men,
 by craft for the lying in wait of deceit ; but speaking

the truth in love may grow up in all things unto him,
16 who is the head, the Christ ; from whom the whole body,
fitly framed together and joined by the help of every
joint, according to the working by measure of each one
part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building
up of itself in love.

17 This therefore I say and witness in the Lord, that ye
no longer walk as the other Gentiles walk in the vanity
13 of their mind, being darkened in the understanding,
alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance
that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart ;
19 who being without remorse have given themselves up to
wantonness, to work all uncleanness in lasciviousness.
20 21 But ye have have not so learned Christ, since ye have heard
of him and been in him taught, as the truth is in Jesus,
22 to put off, according to the former course of life, the
old man, who is corrupt according to the lusts of deceit ;
23 24 and to be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and to put
on the new man, who is created after God in righteous-
ness and holiness of truth.

25 Therefore putting away falsehood, speak the truth each
man with his neighbour ; for we are members one of
26 another. *Be ye angry, but sin not* ; let not the sun go
27 down upon your wrath ; neither give place to the devil.
28 Let him that stealeth, steal no more, but rather let him
labour, working what is good with his hands, so that he
29 may have to give to him that hath need. Let no filthy
word go out of your mouth, but whatever is good for
building up what is wanting, that it may give grace to
30 the hearers. And grieve not the holy spirit of God,
whereby ye have been sealed unto the day of redemption.
31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour,
and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice ;
32 and be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one
1 another, even as God by Christ hath forgiven you. *Be ye*
2 *therefore imitators of God, as beloved children* ; and walk
in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself up for us an
offering and sacrifice to God for a savour of sweet smell.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or lasciviousness,
4 let it not be named among you, as becometh saints ; nor
filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are un-
5 becoming ; but rather giving of thanks. For know ye

this, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor lascivious man, who is an idolater, hath an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with vain words ; for because of these things cometh God's wrath upon the sons of disobedience. Be ye not therefore partakers with them. For ye were once darkness, but now are light in the Lord ; walk as children of light ; (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth ;) proving what is well-pleasing to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of the hidden things that are done by them. And all these things are being shown, being reprov'd by the light ; for whatever showeth itself is light. Therefore it saith ;

*Awake thyself, O sleeper,
and arise from among the dead,
and Christ will give thee light.*

See then that ye walk correctly, not as unwise, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore be ye not foolish, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is dissoluteness ; but be filled with the spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and chanting in your heart to the Lord ; giving thanks always for all things to our God and Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Obey one another in the fear of Christ. Wives, obey your husbands, as the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church ; he is the saviour of the body. But as the church obeyeth Christ, so also let the wives their husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church, and gave himself up for it ; that he might make it holy, cleansing it with the washing of water by the word ; that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought husbands to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself ; for no man ever hated his own flesh ; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as Christ the church ; for we are members of his

31 body, of his flesh, and of his bones; *therefore shall a man*
32 *leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife and*
33 *they two shall become one flesh.* This mystery is great;
— let each one of you so love his wife as himself; and
— let the wife reverence her husband.

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is
2 right. *Honour thy father and mother,* this is the first
3 commandment with a promise, *that it may be well with*
4 *thee, and thou mayest be long-living on the earth.* And,
fathers, provoke not your children to anger, but bring
them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

5 Slaves, be obedient to your masters according to the
6 flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart,
7 as unto Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers,
8 but as bond-servants of Christ, doing the will of God from
9 the heart; doing service with good will as to the Lord,
10 and not to men; knowing that whatever good thing each
11 man doeth, whether slave or free, for that will he receive
12 back from the Lord. And masters, do the same to them,
13 forbearing threats, knowing that ye also have a Master
14 in heaven, and *with him there is no respect of persons.*

15 Lastly, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in
16 the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of
17 God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of
18 the devil. For our wrestling is not against blood and
19 flesh, but against principalities, against powers, against
the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual
wickedness in heavenly places. Therefore take up
the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to with-
stand in the evil day, and having done all things, to
stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about
with truth, and having put on the breastplate of right-
eousness, and your feet shod with a preparation of the
Good Tidings of peace; above all, taking up the shield of
faith, wherewith ye will be able to quench all the fiery
darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salva-
tion, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of
God; praying at all times with all prayer and supplication
in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance
and supplication for all the saints; and for me, that
words may be given to me, in opening my mouth with

boldness, to make known the mystery of the Good Tidings, for which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. 20

And that ye also may know about me, what I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make known to you all things. Him I have sent to you for that purpose, that ye may know about us, and that he may comfort your hearts. 21 22

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. 23 24

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS.

PAUL and Timothy, bond-servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus that are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons; grace be to you and peace from God our father and our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 2

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, (always in every prayer of mine for you all making the prayer with joy,) for your contribution to the Good Tidings from the first day until now; being persuaded of this, that he who began the good work among you, will carry it on till the day of Jesus Christ; as it is right for me to think this of you all, because ye had me in your heart; and during my bonds and during my defence, and confirmation of the Good Tidings, ye all were contributors to me of the bounty. For God is my witness, how I long after you all with the bowels of Christ Jesus. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all judgment; that ye may approve things that excel, and may be sincere and void of offence till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruit of righteousness which is by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Now I wish you to know, brethren, that what hath happened to me hath been rather to the furtherance of the Good Tidings; inasmuch as my bonds were seen to be for Christ, in all the Prætorian camp, and all the other places; and most of the brethren in the Lord, emboldened by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. Some indeed preach Christ even out of envy 12 13 14 15

16 and strife, and some also out of good will ; these out of
17 love, knowing that I am appointed to speak the defence
18 of the Good Tidings ; and those out of quarrelsomeness
19 preach Christ, not sincerely, thinking to add trouble
20 to my bonds. What then ? notwithstanding, every way,
21 whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached ; and
22 therein I rejoyce, yea, and will rejoyce. For I know
23 that this will turn to my safety, through your prayer
24 and the help of the spirit of Jesus Christ, according
25 to my expectation and hope, that in nothing I shall be
26 ashamed, but that with all boldness of speech, as always,
27 so now, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether
28 by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to
29 die, gain. But whether this living in the flesh would be
30 to me fruit for the labour, and which I shall choose, I
31 will not say. And I am in a strait betwixt the two,
32 having a desire to depart and be with Christ ; for that is
33 far better ; but to abide in the flesh is more needful for
34 your sakes. And being persuaded of this, I know that
35 I shall abide and continue with you all for your fur-
36 therance and joy of the faith ; so that your boasting may
37 abound in Christ Jesus, by me, through my presence
38 with you again.

39 Only behave worthy of the Good Tidings of Christ,
40 that whether I come and see you, or be absent, I may
41 hear about you, that ye stand fast in one spirit, striving
42 together with one soul, for the faith of the Good Tidings,
43 and in nothing terrified by the adversaries ; which is to
44 them an evidence of ruin, but to you of safety, and that
45 from God. For to you it is granted on behalf of Christ,
46 not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him ;
47 having the same conflict which ye saw in me and now
48 hear to be in me. If therefore there is any comfort in
49 Christ, if any soothing of love, if any partaking of spirit,
50 if any bowels and mercies, fill ye my joy, so that ye be
51 of one mind, having the same love, being of one soul,
52 thinking of the one thing ; doing nothing in strife or
53 vain glory, but in lowliness of mind each esteeming the
54 other better than himself ; each looking not after his own
55 good, but each also that of others. For let this mind be
56 in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the
57 form of God, thought not the being as God a thing to be

seized, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a slave, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in condition as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore also God hath set him on high, and given him a name that is above every name; so that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do, of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings; that ye may be blameless and harmless, children of God without reproach in the midst of a crooked and misguided generation, among whom ye shine as luminaries in the world, holding forth the word of life; as a boast for me in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, nor laboured in vain.

Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy and rejoice with you all; and for this also do ye joy and rejoice with me. And I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly to you, that I also may be of good heart, when I know about you. For I have no man of like mind who will really care about you; for they all seek their own affairs, not those of Jesus Christ. But of him ye know the proof, that as a son with a father, he hath with me served in the Good Tidings. Him therefore I hope to send, as soon as ever I shall see through my own affairs. But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly. And I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow-labourer and fellow-soldier, but your messenger and helper of my wants; since he longed after you all, and was uneasy because ye had heard that he was sick. For indeed he was sick almost to death; but God pitied him; and not him only, but me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. I have sent him therefore the more readily, that when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and I be less sorrowful. Receive him therefore in the Lord with all

30 gladness ; and hold such men in honour ; because for the
work of Christ he was nigh to death, having endangered
— his life to supply the remainder of your services to me.

1 Lastly, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the
same things to you is not irksome to me, and to you is safe.

2 Beware of the Dogs, beware of the evil-doers, beware
3 of the concision. For we are the circumcision, who serve
God in spirit, boasting in Christ Jesus, and not trusting
4 in the flesh. Although I might have trust even in the
flesh. If any other man thinketh to trust in the flesh, I
5 might more ; circumcised on the eighth day, of the race of
Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew from Hebrews ;
6 according to the law, a Pharisee ; as for zeal, a persecutor
of the church ; as for righteousness under the law, being
7 blameless. But what things were gain to me those I
8 counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, I count all things
to be a loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ
Jesus my Lord ; for whom I have suffered the loss of all
things. And I count them as filth, that I may win Christ,
9 and may be found in him, not having as my righteous-
ness that which is from a law, but that which is by
faith in Christ, the righteousness from God by the faith ;
10 that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection,
and the partaking of his sufferings, being made conform-
11 able to his death, if I could but attain to the resur-
12 rection of the dead. Not that I have already attained,
or am already perfect ; but I follow on, if that I may lay
hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ.
13 Brethren, I count not myself to have laid hold, but for-
getting the things behind, and stretching after the things
14 before, I pursue one thing according to plan, for the prize
of God's calling from above in Christ Jesus. Let us
15 therefore, as many as be perfect, think of this ; and if in
any thing ye think otherwise, that also will God reveal
16 to you. However, whereunto we have attained, let us
17 walk therein. Be ye imitators of me, brethren, and mark
18 them that so walk as ye have us for a pattern. For many
walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even
19 weeping, they are enemies of the cross of Christ ; whose
end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose
20 glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things. For our
citizenship is in heaven, from whence also we look for a

saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mean 21
 body into a likeness of his glorious body, according to the
 working whereby he is able even to put all things under —
 himself. Therefore, my brethren, beloved and longed for, 1

I beseech Evodia, and I beseech Syntyche, that they be 2
 of the same mind in the Lord. Nay, I entreat thee also, 3
 true yoke-fellow, help those women; in that they strove
 for me in the Good Tidings, both with Clement, and with
 my other fellow-labourers, whose names are in the book
 of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. 4
 Let your mildness be known to all men. The Lord is at 5
 hand; be over careful about nothing; but in every thing 6
 by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your
 requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, 7
 which passeth all understanding, will guard your hearts
 and your minds in Christ Jesus. Lastly, brethren, what- 8
 soever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,
 whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure,
 whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of
 good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise,
 think on these things; and what ye have learned and 9
 received, and heard, and seen in me, those things do ye;
 and the God of peace will be with you.

And I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last ye 10
 have renewed your care for me; wherein also ye were
 careful, but lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in 11
 respect of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I
 am, to be content. And I know what it is to be brought 12
 low, and I know what it is to abound. Every where and
 in all things I have been taught both to be well fed and to
 be hungry, both to abound and to be in want. I am 13
 strong in all things through Him that strengtheneth
 me. Notwithstanding, ye did well in contributing to me 14
 in my trouble. And ye also know, O Philippians, that 15
 in the beginning of the Good Tidings, when I departed
 from Macedonia, no church had fellowship towards me
 in the matter of giving and receiving, but ye only. For 16
 even in Thessalonica ye sent both once and a second time
 unto my necessity. Not because I desire the gift, but I 17
 desire the fruit that aboundeth to your account. And 18
 I have all and overflow; I am full, having received

from Epaphroditus the things from you, an odour of sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God.

19 And my God will supply all your need, according to his
20 riches in glory, in Christ Jesus.—And to our God and
Father be glory for ages of ages, amen.

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who
22 are with me greet you ; all the saints, and chiefly those
23 of Cæsar's household, greet you. The grace of our Lord
— Jesus Christ be with you all, amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS.

1 **P**AUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
2 and Timothy our brother, to the holy and faithful
brethren in Christ at Colossæ ; grace be to you and
peace from God our Father.

3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
4 Christ, always praying for you ; having heard of your
5 faith in Christ Jesus, and love towards all the saints, for
the hope that is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye
6 heard before in the word of the truth of the Good Tidings,
which are come upon you as upon all the world, and bear
7 fruit and increase, as among you, since the day that ye
heard and knew the grace of God in truth ; as also ye
8 learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant, who
is for you a faithful minister of Christ, who also hath
9 declared to us your love in the spirit. For this we
also, since the day we heard it, do not cease praying for
you, and desiring that ye may be filled with the knowledge
10 of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding ; to
walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in
every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God ;
11 being strengthened with all strength, according to the
power of his glory, unto all patience and long-suffering with
12 joy ; giving thanks to the Father who hath made us meet
for the share of the saints' inheritance in light.

13 And He delivered us from the power of darkness,
and removed us into the kingdom of the Son of his love ;
14 by means of whom we have the redemption, the forgive-
15 ness of sins ; who is an image of the unseen God, the
16 firstborn of all creation ; for by means of him were created
all things, those in heaven and those on earth, the seen

and the unseen, whether thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers ; all were created through him and for him ; and he is before all, and by means of him all are held together ; and he is the head of the body, of the church ; he is the beginning, firstborn from the dead, that among all he may be chief ; for He was well pleased that in him all fulness should dwell ; and having made peace through the blood of his cross, through him to reconcile all things to Himself ;—through him, whether things on earth, or things in heaven. And you, who were once aliens and enemies in mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight ; if indeed ye continue grounded and settled in the faith, and not moved away from the hope of the Good Tidings which ye have heard, which were preached to every creature under heaven ; whereof I Paul was made a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and I fill up what was wanting of Christ's troubles in my flesh for his body, which is the church ; of which I was made a minister, according to God's stewardship which was given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God, the mystery which was hidden from ages and from generations, but is now made manifest to his saints, to whom God wished to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles ; the which is Christ in you, the hope of glory, whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, so that we may present every man perfect in Christ ; whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working which worketh in me with power.

For I wish that ye knew how great a struggle I have about you and those in Laodicea, and such as have not seen my face in the flesh ; that their hearts may be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of the understanding, unto a knowledge of the mystery of God ; in which are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And this I say lest any one should beguile you with enticing words. For though I be absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of

6 your faith in Christ. As therefore ye have received
7 Christ Jesus as the Lord, walk in him, being rooted and
built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have
been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man kidnap you through philosophy
and empty deceit, after the tradition of men, after the
9 rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in
him dwelleth all the fulness of the godhead in a bodily
10 form; and ye are complete in him, who is the head of
all principality and power; in whom also ye were cir-
11 cumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in
putting off the body of the flesh by the circumcision of
12 Christ, being buried with him in the baptism; in which
ye have also been raised with him through faith in the
13 working of God, who raised him from the dead. And
you, being dead in your sins, and in the uncircumcision
of your flesh, hath He made alive with him, having for-
14 given us all our trespasses; blotting out the handwriting
that was against us by the ordinances, that was contrary
to us. And he took it out of the way, nailing it to the
15 cross; having stripped off from himself the principalities
and powers he made a show of them openly, leading them
in triumph on it.

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink,
or in respect of a festival, or a new moon, or sabbaths;
17 which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body
is Christ's. Let no one triumph over you by voluntary
18 humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into things
that he hath not seen, being vainly puffed up by the
19 mind of his flesh, and not holding to the Head, from
whom all the body, by joints and bands nourished and
20 knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. If
ye are dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world,
why, as though living in the world, do ye impose on
21 yourselves ordinances, 'Touch not,' 'taste not,' 'handle
22 'not,' all which are to perish by using; after the com-
23 mands and doctrines of men? Which things, having a
show of wisdom in will-worship and humility and ne-
glecting of the body, not in any honour, are for satisfy-
— ing the flesh.

1 If then ye have been raised with Christ, seek the
things above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of

God ; think of the things above, not the things on earth. 2
 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 3
 When Christ, our life, hath appeared, then will ye also 4
 appear with him in glory.

Slay therefore your members as to things on earth, 5
 fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and lascivi- 6
 ousness, which is idolatry ; for which God's wrath is com- 7
 ing on the children of disobedience ; among whom ye also 8
 once walked, when ye lived among them. But now do 9
 ye also put away all these, anger, wrath, malice, evil 10
 speaking, filthy words, out of your mouth. Lie not one 11
 to another, since ye have put off the old man with his 12
 deeds, and have put on the new man, who is renewed un- 13
 to knowledge after the image of his creator ; where there 14
 is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircum- 15
 cision, Barbarian nor Scythian, slave nor free ; but Christ 16
 is all, and in all. Be clothed therefore, as chosen of God, 17
 holy and beloved, with bowels of mercy, kindness, hum-
 bleness, meekness, patience ; (bearing one with another, 18
 and forgiving one another, if any one have a quarrel 19
 against another ; and as Christ forgave you, so also do 20
 ye ;) and above all these with love, which is the bond of 21
 perfectness. And let the peace of Christ rule in your 22
 hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body ; and 23
 be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you 24
 richly ; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one 25
 another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with 26
 grace singing in your hearts to God. And whatever ye 27
 do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, 28
 giving thanks to our God and Father through him.

Wives, obey your husbands as is fit in the Lord. Hus- 18 19
 bands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.
 Children, obey your parents in all things ; for this is 20
 well pleasing in the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your 21
 children lest they be discouraged. Slaves, obey in all 22
 things your masters in the flesh, not with eye-service, as 23
 men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing the 24
 Lord. And whatever ye do, do it from your soul, as to 25
 the Lord, and not as to men ; knowing that from the 26
 Lord ye will receive the reward of the inheritance ; for 27
 ye serve the Lord Christ. And he that wrongeth will 28
 receive back for what he wronged ; *and there is no respect* ---

1 *of persons.* Masters, give to your slaves what is just and fitting, knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

2 Give yourselves continually to prayer, watching at it
3 with thanksgiving ; praying at the same time also for us,
4 that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak
5 the mystery of Christ, for which also I am in bonds ; so
6 that I may show it, as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom
7 towards those without, redeeming the time. Let your words
8 be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know
9 how ye ought to answer every man.

10 All my affairs will Tychicus make known to you, the
11 beloved brother, and faithful minister and fellow-servant
12 in the Lord ; whom I have sent to you for this purpose,
13 that he might know your affairs and comfort your
14 hearts ; with Onesimus the faithful and beloved brother,
15 who is one of you ; they will make known to you all
16 things done here. Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner
17 greeteth you, and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas, about
18 whom ye have received commands ; (if he come to you,
19 receive him ;) and Jesus, who is called Justus ; who
20 being of the circumcision, are the only fellow-workers
21 unto the kingdom of God who have been a comfort to
22 me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a bond servant of Christ,
23 greeteth you, always striving for you in prayers, that
24 ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.
25 For I bear him witness, that he hath great labour for
26 you, and for those in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis,
27 Luke the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.
28 Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas,
29 and the church in his house. And when this epistle hath
30 been read among you, cause that it be read also in the church
31 of the Laodiceans, and that ye also read that from Laodicea.
32 And say to Archippus ; ‘Look to the ministry that thou
33 ‘hast undertaken in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.’

34 The greeting of Paul by mine own hand. Remember
— my bonds. Grace be with you.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS.

1 **P**AUL and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of the
2 Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
3 Christ ; grace be to you and peace from God our Father
4 and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God always for you all, making mention of you
 in our prayers without ceasing, remembering your work
 of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope of our
 Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of our God and Father ;
 knowing, brethren beloved by God, your election. For
 our Good Tidings came not to you in word only, but
 also in power, and in holy spirit, and in much assurance ;
 as ye know what we became among you for your sake.
 And ye became imitators of us and of the Lord, having
 received the word in much trouble with joy of holy spirit ;
 so that ye became patterns to all the believers in Mace-
 donia and Achaia. For from you hath been sounded
 out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and in
 Achaia ; but also in every place your faith towards God
 is gone forth ; so that we have no need to speak any
 thing. For they themselves shew of us what an entrance
 we had to you, and how ye turned to God from the
 idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his
 Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus,
 who is delivering us from the coming wrath.

For, brethren, yourselves know our entrance unto you,
 that it was not in vain ; but when we had suffered before,
 and been reviled, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold
 in our God to speak to you the Good Tidings of God
 with much striving. For our exhortation was not of
 deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile ; but as we have
 been approved by God to be intrusted with the Good
 Tidings, even so we speak ; not as seeking to please
 men, but God, who trieth our hearts. For we never used
 words of flattery, as ye know ; nor a cloak of lascivious-
 ness, God is witness ; nor sought we glory of men,
 neither from you, nor from others ; (when we might have
 been a burden, as apostles of Christ ;) but we were gentle
 among you. As a nurse would cherish her children, so
 we, longing after you, were willing to give you, not only
 the Good Tidings of God, but also our own lives, because
 ye were dear to us. For ye remember, brethren, our
 labour and toil ; working night and day, so as not to be
 a burden to any of you, we preached to you the Good
 Tidings of God. Ye are witnesses and God, how holily
 and justly and unblameably we behaved to you that
 believed ; as ye know how we exhorted and comforted

12 each one of you, as a father doth his children, and
13 charged you to walk worthily of God, who calleth you
14 into his kingdom and glory. For this also we thank
15 God without ceasing, because when ye received the word
16 of God by hearsay from us, ye received it not as the
17 word of men, but, as in truth it is, as the word of God,
18 who also worketh in you that believe. For ye became
19 imitators, brethren, of God's churches that are in Judea
20 in Christ Jesus; for ye also suffered the same things
21 from your own countrymen, even as they did from the
22 Jews; who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and
23 persecuted us, and seek not to please God, and are contrary
24 to all men, forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they
25 might be saved; so as to fill up their sins always. But
26 the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

27 But we, brethren, having been taken away from you at
28 an hour's notice, in person not in heart, have very earnestly
29 endeavoured to see your face with great desire. There-
30 fore we wished to come to you, (that is, I Paul did,)
31 both once and also a second time, but Satan hindered
32 us. For what will be our hope, or joy, or crown of
33 boasting, (will it not be ye?) before our Lord Jesus
34 Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and
35 joy. Therefore when we could no longer forbear, we
36 thought it good to be left at Athens alone, and sent
37 Timothy, our brother, and fellow-labourer under God
38 in the Good Tidings of Christ, to establish you, and
39 comfort you about your faith, that no one should be
40 shaken by these troubles; for yourselves know that unto
41 this we were appointed; for when we were with you,
42 we foretold to you that we were to be troubled, even as
43 it came to pass and ye know. For this cause, when I
44 could no longer forbear, I also sent to know your faith,
45 whether the tempter have tempted you, and lest our la-
46 bour should have been in vain. And now, when Timothy
47 came to us from you, and brought us good tidings of your
48 faith and love, and that ye have good remembrance of us
49 always, desiring to see us, as we also do to see you; for
50 this, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our trouble
51 and distress, by your faith; for now we live, since ye stand
52 fast in the Lord. For what thanks can we return to God
53 for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy because of you

before our God; night and day praying exceedingly to see
 your face, and to finish what is wanting of your faith?
 And may our God and Father himself and our Lord
 Jesus Christ guide our way to you; and may the Lord
 make you increase and abound in love one toward
 another, and toward all men, even as we do toward
 you; unto the establishing your hearts unblameable in
 holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our
 Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Lastly then, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in
 the Lord Jesus, that as ye received from us how ye
 ought to walk and please God, so ye would abound yet
 more. For ye know what commands we gave you through
 the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your holiness;
 that ye abstain from fornication; that each of you know
 how to possess his vessel in holiness and honour, not in
 the passion of lust, as the Gentiles who know not God;
 that no one overreach and cheat his brother in this matter;
 for the Lord is the punisher for all these things, as we
 also forewarned you and bare witness. For God called
 us not to uncleanness but in holiness. He therefore,
 that scorneth, scorneth not man, but God, who hath
 given his holy spirit unto us.

And about brotherly love ye need not that I write to
 you; for ye yourselves are heaven-taught to love one
 another; for ye do it toward all the brethren in all
 Macedonia. But we beseech you, brethren, to abound
 yet more; and to be ambitious to be quiet, and to do
 your own business, and to work with your own hands,
 as we commanded you; so that ye may walk becomingly
 towards those without, and may have need of nothing.

And we would not have you ignorant, brethren, about
 them that are gone to rest, so that ye grieve not, even as
 the others who have no hope. For if we believe that
 Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who are at
 rest will God by Jesus bring with him. For this we say
 to you, by the word of the Lord, that we, who remain
 alive till the coming of the Lord, shall not get before
 those that are at rest. For the Lord himself will come
 down from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an
 archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in
 Christ will rise first; when we who remain alive shall be

caught up with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air ; and so we shall ever be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need
2 that I write to you ; for yourselves know perfectly that
the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
3 When men say ; ‘ Peace and safety ; ’ then sudden destruction
cometh on them, as pangs on a woman with child ;
4 and they will not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in
darkness, so that that day should overtake you as a thief.
5 For ye are all sons of light, and sons of day, we are not of
6 night nor of darkness. So then, let us not sleep as the others ;
7 but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep
by night ; and they that be drunken, are drunken by night ;
8 but let us, who are of day, be sober, having put on the breast-
plate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.
9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to the earning
10 of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for
us ; so that whether we wake or sleep we may live together
11 with him. Therefore comfort one another, and build up
each one the other,—even as ye are doing.

12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them that
labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and
13 admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love
for their work’s sake. Be at peace among yourselves.
14 And we exhort you, brethren, warn the unruly, comfort
the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient towards
15 all. See that none return evil for evil to any one ; but
ever follow what is good both one toward another, and
16 17 toward all men. Rejoice always ; pray without ceasing ;
18 in every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God in
19 20 Christ Jesus towards you ; quench not the spirit ; de-
21 spise not prophesyings ; and prove all things ; hold to
22 23 what is good ; abstain from every form of evil. And
may He, the God of peace, sanctify you wholly, and may
your spirit and soul and body be kept sound without blame
24 at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He
who calleth you,—and he will do it.

25 26 Brethren pray for us. Greet all the brethren with a
27 holy kiss. I adjure you by the Lord that the epistle be
28 read to all the holy brethren. The grace of our Lord
— Jesus Christ be with you.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS.

PAUL and Sylvanus and Timothy, to the church of the
Thessalonians in God our Father and our Lord Jesus
Christ ; grace be to you and peace from God our Father
and our Lord Jesus Christ.

We ought to thank God always for you, brethren, as is
meet, because your faith groweth exceedingly, and the
love of each one of you all toward each other aboundeth ;
so that we ourselves boast of you in God's churches for
your patience and faith in all your persecutions and troubles
which ye endure ; which is a token of God's righteous
judgment ; so that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom
of God, for which also ye suffer. Since it is a righteous
thing with God to repay trouble to them that trouble
you ; and to you who are troubled rest with us, at the
revealing of the Lord Jesus from heaven, with the angels
of his power, in a flame of fire, bringing punishment
on them that know not God, and that obey not the Good
Tidings of our Lord Jesus Christ ; who will suffer
punishment, everlasting destruction from the face of the
Lord, and from the glory of his strength, when he shall
come to be glorified among his saints, and to be wondered
at among all believers, (because our witness was believed
among you,) in that day. For which also we pray always
for you, that our God may count you worthy of the calling,
and may fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and
the work of faith, with power ; so that the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him,
according to the grace of our God, and of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Now we beseech you, brethren, for the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ, and for our gathering together unto
him, that ye be not hastily shaken from your mind, or
troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as
from us, as though the day of the Lord were at hand.
Let no man deceive you by any means ; for the falling
off must first come, and then the Man of sin be laid bare,
the son of perdition, who is opposing and exalting himself
against every so-called god or object of worship, so that
he sitteth down in the temple of God, shewing him-

5 self that he is a god. Remember ye not, that when I
6 was yet with you I told you these things? And now
7 ye know what hindereth, so that he may be laid bare
8 in his own time. For the mystery of iniquity already
9 worketh; only there is one now hindering until he be
10 taken out of the way. And then will *the Wicked one* be
11 laid bare, whom the Lord Jesus *will consume with the*
12 *breath of his mouth*, and will destroy with the appear-
13 ance of his coming. And his coming is according to the
14 working of Satan with all power and signs and wonders
15 of falsehood, and with all deceit of unrighteousness among
16 them that are perishing; because they received not the love
17 of the truth that they might be saved. And for this will God
18 send to them a working of deceit, that they may believe the
19 falsehood; so that they may all be condemned who believed
20 not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

21 But we ought to thank God always for you, brethren
22 beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning
23 chose you to salvation in holiness of spirit and belief of
24 truth; whereunto he called you by our Good Tidings, to
25 the earning the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then,
26 brethren, stand fast and hold the lessons that ye have
27 been taught, whether by our word or letter. And may
28 our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and our God and Father,
29 who loved us and gave us in grace comfort everlasting
30 and a good hope, comfort your hearts, and establish you
31 in every word and good work.

32 Lastly, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord
33 may run and be glorified, even as with you, and that we
34 may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for
35 all have not the faith. But the Lord is faithful, who will
36 establish you and guard you from evil. And we trust
37 in the Lord for you, that ye both are doing, and will do, what
38 we command you. And may the Lord guide your hearts
39 into the love of God, and into the patience of Christ.

40 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our
41 Lord Jesus Christ, to withdraw yourselves from every
42 brother that walketh disorderly, and not according to the
43 lesson that they received from us. For yourselves know
44 how ye ought to imitate us; for we were not disorderly
45 amongst you, nor ate any man's bread without payment;
46 but with labour and toil we worked night and day, not to

be a burden to any of you. Not because we have not power; 9
 but to make ourselves a pattern for you to imitate us. 10
 For even when we were with you, this we commanded 10
 you; If any one will not work, neither let him eat. 11
 For we hear that there are some who walk among you 12
 disorderly, working not at all, but are busy bodies. Now 12
 such men we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus 13
 Christ, that they work with quietness, and eat their own 14
 bread. But ye, brethren, be not weary in well-doing. 13
 And if any one obey not our word by this epistle, note 14
 him, and keep not company with him, so that he may 15
 be ashamed; yet count him not as an enemy, but ad- 15
 monish him as a brother. And may the Lord of peace 16
 himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord 16
 be with you all.

The greeting of Paul with mine own hand, which is 17
 the token in every epistle; thus I write. The grace 18
 of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all; amen. —

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY.

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by command of God 1
 our saviour, and of Christ Jesus our hope, to Timothy 2
 my true child in faith; grace, mercy, peace from God 2
 our Father, and Christ Jesus our Lord.
 Abide still in Ephesus, as I besought thee when I went to 3
 Macedonia, that thou mayest charge certain persons not 4
 to teach other doctrines, nor to give heed to fables and 4
 endless genealogies, which bring on questions rather than 5
 God's wise government which is in faith.

Now the end of the command is love, out of a pure 5
 heart and a good conscience and faith unfeigned, from 6
 which some having swerved have turned aside to vain 6
 jangling, wishing to be teachers of the law, understanding 7
 neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. But we 8
 know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully, and 9
 he understand this, that a law lieth not against the 9
 righteous, but against the lawless and disobedient, the 10
 ungodly and sinful, the unholy and profane, the mur- 10
 derers of fathers and murderers of mothers, man-slayers, 11
 fornicators, defilers of themselves with mankind, men- 11
 stealers, liars, oath-breakers, and if there be any thing 12

11 else contrary to the sound doctrine, according to the
12 Good Tidings of the glory of the blessed God, that
13 were intrusted to me. And I thank him that strengthened
14 me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he thought me
15 faithful, putting into the ministry one who was before
16 a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious; but I
17 obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.
18 And the grace of our Lord was very abundant with faith
19 and love which is in Christ Jesus. The saying is faithful
20 and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into
21 the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. But for this
22 I obtained mercy, that in me, as chief, Jesus Christ might
23 show forth the whole forbearance for a pattern to them that
24 were hereafter to believe on him unto life for ages;—and
25 to the King of the ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only
26 God, be honour and glory for ages of ages, amen.

27 This command I intrust to thee, son Timothy, accord-
28 ing to the prophecies which went before on thee, that
29 by them thou mightest fight the good fight, having
30 faith and a good conscience, which some having put
31 away have been shipwrecked as to the faith; of whom is
32 Hymenæus and Alexander, whom I delivered up to
33 — Satan, that they might be taught not to blaspheme.

34 I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications,
35 prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all
36 men; for kings and all that are in authority; so that we
37 may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and
38 honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight
39 of God our saviour; who willeth all men to be saved,
40 and to come to a knowledge of truth. For there is
41 one God, and one mediator between God and men, a
42 man, Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all;
43 the testimony in his own times, unto which I was made
44 a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth, I lie not,)
45 a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I advise
46 therefore that in every place the men should pray, lifting
47 up holy hands without wrath and disputing. In like
48 manner also let the women adorn themselves in decent
49 apparel, with modesty and sobriety, not with braids or
50 gold, or pearls, or costly array; but, as becometh women
51 professing godliness, with good works. Let the woman
52 learn in silence with all submission. But I suffer not the

woman to teach, nor to set herself over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 13
 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being 14
 deceived was in transgression; but she will be saved 15
 through childbearing, if they continue in faith and love
 and holiness with sobriety.

The saying is faithful; if a man aim at being a bishop, 1
 he desireth a good work. A bishop then should be 2
 blameless, the husband of one wife, watchful, sober,
 decent, hospitable, ready to teach; not a wine-bibber, 3
 not a striker; but patient, not a fighter, not fond of
 money; ruling well his own house, having his children 4
 in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not 5
 how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of
 God's church?) not newly converted, lest being puffed 6
 up he fall into the Devil's condemnation. And he should 7
 have a good character from those that are without, lest
 he fall into reproach and the Devil's snare. In like man- 8
 ner let deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given
 to much wine, not greedy of base gain, holding the 9
 mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let 10
 these also first be tried, and when found blameless then
 let them be deacons. In like manner let women be 11
 grave, not slanderers, watchful, faithful in all things. Let 12
 deacons be husbands of only one wife, ruling their chil- 13
 dren and their own houses well; for they that have been
 deacons honourably earn for themselves an honourable rank
 and great freedom of speech in the faith of Christ Jesus.

These things write I to thee, hoping to come to thee 14
 shortly; but if I tarry, that thou mayest know how 15
 to behave in the house of God, which is the church of
 the living God, as a pillar and support of the truth.
 And confessedly great is the mystery of godliness. One who 16
 was made manifest in flesh, was justified in spirit, was seen
 by preachers, was proclaimed among the Gentiles, was
 believed on in the world, was received up in glory.

And the spirit expressly saith, that in the latter times 1
 some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing 2
 spirits and doctrines of demons, with the hypocrisy of 3
 liars, who have their conscience seared, who order not
 to marry, to abstain from meats which God created to be
 received with thanksgiving by those who believe and

4 acknowledge the truth. Because every creature of God
is good, and nothing is to be refused, when received with
5 thanksgiving; for it is made holy by the word of God
6 and by prayer. If thou remind the brethren of these
things, thou wilt be a good minister of Jesus Christ,
7 nourished up in the words of the faith and of the good
doctrine to which thou hast attained. But refuse pro-
fane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself unto
8 godliness. For bodily exercises are profitable for a little;
but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise
9 of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. The
saying is faithful and worthy of all acceptance. For unto
10 this we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust
in the living God, who is the saviour of all men, especially
11 of believers. These things command and teach.

12 Let no one despise thy youth; but be thou a pattern to
believers, in word, in behaviour, in love, in faith, in purity.
13 Till I come, give attention to the reading, to the comforting,
14 to the teaching. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which
was given to thee by prophecy, with the laying on of hands
15 by the body of elders. Take care of these things, be
wholly in them, so that thy improvement may be seen in
16 all things. Give heed to thyself and to the teaching;
continue in them; for so doing thou wilt save both
— thyself and thy hearers.

1 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and
2 younger men as brethren; elder women as mothers; the
younger as sisters in all purity.

3 4 Support widows that are wholly widowed. But if any
widow have children or grandchildren, let these learn first
to show piety at home, and to requite their parents; for
5 that is acceptable in the sight of God. But she that is
wholly widowed, and left alone, hopeth in God and con-
6 tinueth in supplication and prayers night and day. But
she that liveth in wantonness is dead while she liveth.
7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blame-
8 less. And if any one provide not for his own, and
especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the
9 faith and is worse than an unbeliever. Let not a widow
be taken on the list unless of sixty years of age, having
10 been the wife of one husband, and well reported of for good
works; whether she have brought up children, or lodged

strangers, or washed the saints' feet, or relieved the afflicted, or have followed up any good work. But refuse younger widows; for if they should grow wanton against Christ, they wish to marry, bearing blame, because they have cast off their first faith. And moreover they learn to be idle, going about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busy-bodies, speaking things that they ought not. I advise therefore the younger ones to marry, bear children, guide the house, give no occasion for slander to the adversary. For already some have turned aside after Satan. If any believing man or woman have widows, let such relieve them, and let not the church be burdened; so that it may relieve those that are wholly widowed.

Let elders who rule well be counted worthy of double reward, especially those who labour in word and in teaching. For the scripture saith; *Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out [the corn]*; and *The labourer is worthy of his hire*. Against an elder receive not an accusation, unless it be by two or three witnesses. Them that sin rebuke before all, so that the others also may fear. I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the chosen preachers, that thou observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality. Lay hands hastily on no man, nor be partaker of another man's sins.

Keep thyself pure. Be no longer a water drinker, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thy frequent weaknesses. Some men's sins are open, leading to judgment; those of others follow after. In like manner also some good works are open, and those that are otherwise cannot be hid.

Let such as are slaves under a yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, so that the name of God and the teaching be not evil spoken of. And let them that have believing masters not disregard them because they are brethren; but let them serve the more because the partakers of the benefit are believers and beloved. These things teach and exhort.

If any one teach other things, and hold not to the wholesome words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the teaching which is according to godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof come envy, strife, evil speaking, wicked

5 surmising, perverse disputes of men corrupt in mind
and destitute of truth, who suppose that godliness is a
6 source of gain; from such men withdraw thyself. But
7 godliness with contentment is a great source of gain; for
we brought nothing into the world, and it is plain that
8 we can take nothing out. Having therefore food and
9 covering, let us be content therewith. But they that plan
to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many
foolish and hurtful desires, which drown men in destruction
10 and ruin. For the love of money is the root of all evil;
which some reaching after have wandered from the faith
11 and pierced themselves with many sorrows. But do thou,
O man of God, flee these things, and follow righteousness,
12 godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the
good fight of faith, lay hold on the life everlasting, where-
unto thou wast called, and hast professed the good pro-
13 fession before many witnesses. I charge thee in the
sight of God, who giveth life to all things, and of Christ
Jesus, who witnessed before Pontius Pilate the good pro-
14 fession, that thou keep the command unspotted, unrebuked,
15 until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; which in
his own times He will show, who is the blessed and only
16 Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, who only
hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable,
whom no man hath seen, nor can see;—to whom be
honour and power everlasting;—amen.

17 Charge the rich in this age not to be puffed up; nor to
trust in the uncertainty of riches, but in the living God,
18 who giveth us richly all things for our enjoyment; to
do good, to be rich in good works, ready to distribute,
19 eager to communicate, storing up for themselves a good
foundation against the future, that they may lay hold on
the real life.

20 O Timothy, guard the entrusted charge, avoiding
profane babblings, and [antitheses of Gnosticism, or]
21 oppositions of Science falsely so called; in professing
which some have erred concerning the faith. Grace be
— with thee.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY.

1 **P**AUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
2 according to the promise of the life in Christ Jesus, to

Timothy my beloved child ; grace, mercy, peace, from
 God our Father, and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God, whom I serve after my forefathers with a
 clear conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance
 of thee in my prayers by night and day, desiring to see
 thee, remembering thy tears, that I may be filled with
 joy ; calling to mind the unfeigned faith that is in thee,
 which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy
 mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in thee also.

For which cause I remind thee to kindle up the gift
 of God which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
 For God hath not given us a spirit of fear, but of power,
 and of love, and of wisdom. Be not therefore ashamed
 of witnessing to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner ; but
 partake in the afflictions of the Good Tidings, according
 to the power of God, who saved us and called us with a
 holy calling, not according to our works, but according
 to his own purpose and the grace given to us in Christ
 Jesus before the time of the ages, and now made manifest
 by the appearing of our saviour Jesus Christ, who hath
 destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light
 through the Good Tidings, unto which I was appointed
 a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles ;
 for which cause also I suffer these things ; but am not
 ashamed. For I know whom I have believed, and I am
 persuaded he that is able to guard my intrusted charge
 until that day. Keep to the form of sound words which
 thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in
 Christ Jesus. The good intrusted charge do thou guard
 by the holy spirit which dwelleth in us.

This thou knowest, that all those in Asia turned from
 me ; of whom are Phygellus, and Hermogenes. May the
 Lord give mercy to the house of Onesiphorus ; for he oft
 refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain ; but
 when he was in Rome he sought me out very diligently
 and found me ; (may the Lord grant to him to find mercy
 from the Lord in that day ;) and in how many things he
 served me in Ephesus thou knowest very well.

Thou therefore, my child, be strong in the grace that
 is in Christ Jesus ; and what thou hast heard from me
 by many witnesses, the same intrust thou to faithful men,
 who will be able to teach others also. Do thou there-

fore endure hardship, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
4 No man when he is a soldier entangleth himself in the
5 affairs of life ; so that he may please him that enlisted
6 him. And if a man strive in the games, he is not crowned,
7 unless he strive according to the rules. The husband-
8 man that laboureth ought to be first partaker of the fruits.
9 Consider what I say ; and may the Lord give thee under-
10 standing in all things. Remember Jesus Christ of the
11 seed of David, who was raised from the dead according
12 to my Good Tidings ; wherein I suffer trouble unto bonds,
13 as an evil-doer ; but the word of God is not bound.
14 Therefore I bear patiently all things for the sake of the
15 chosen people, so that they also may obtain the salvation
16 which is in Christ Jesus with glory everlasting. The
17 saying is faithful ; if we be dead with him, we shall also
18 live with him ; if we bear patiently, we shall also reign
19 with him ; if we deny him, he will also deny us ; if we
20 have no faith, he remaineth faithful ; he cannot deny
21 himself.

22 Remind them of these things, charging them before the
23 Lord not to fight about words for no profit, to the sub-
24 verting of the hearers. Endeavour to present thyself
approved to God, a workman that needeth not to be
ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But
shun profane babblings, for they will increase unto more
ungodliness, and their word will eat as a canker ; of whom
is Hymenæus and Philetus ; who have erred about the
truth, saying that the resurrection is already past ; and
they overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless God's
foundation standeth sure having this seal ; *The Lord
knoweth them that are his* ; and, *Let every one that nameth
the name of the Lord depart from iniquity*. But in a
great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver,
but also of wood and of earth ; and some for honour and
some for dishonour. If a man therefore cleanse himself
from these things, he will be a vessel for honour, made
holy, and useful to the master, prepared for every good
work. Flee also the lusts of youth ; and follow right-
eousness, faith, love, peace with those who call upon the
Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and unlearned
questions avoid, knowing that they gender strifes. And
a bond-servant of the Lord ought not to strive, but to be

gentle to all men, apt to teach, patient of wrong, in meekness instructing those that oppose; if perhaps God may grant to them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth, and that unto his will they may rescue themselves from the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him. 25 26

Know this also, that in the last days perilous times will come. For men will be selfish, fond of money, boasters, proud, evil-speakers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, without natural affection, covenant-breakers, slanderers, intemperate, fierce, enemies of what is good, traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying its power. And from such men turn away. For of these are they who creep into houses, and enslave silly women, that are laden with sins, led away by various passions, ever learning, yet never able to come to a knowledge of truth. And as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these men withstand the truth; men corrupt in mind, worthless concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further; for their folly will be clear to all, as was that of those men also. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, afflictions, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea and all who wish to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But evil men and impostors will wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But continue thou in what thou hast learned and been assured of, knowing from whom thou learnedst, and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through the faith in Christ Jesus. All writing inspired by God is also profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; so that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly fitted for every good work. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

I charge thee before God and Jesus Christ, who is about to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and by his kingdom; preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; confute, rebuke, exhort, 1 2

3 in all patience, and teaching. For a time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own desires, having itching ears, will they multiply to themselves teachers; and they will turn away their ears from the truth, and will be turned towards the fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of a preacher of Good Tidings, fulfil thy ministry.

6 For I am already sacrificed, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith; for the rest, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will give me on that day; and not to me only, but to all that love his appearing.

9 10 Do thy best to come to me soon: For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved the present age, and is gone to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Take Mark and bring him with thee; for he is useful to me for the ministry. 11 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus. And the bag which I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring; and the books, especially the parchments. 12 13 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil; may the Lord reward him according to his works. And do thou guard against him, for he hath greatly withstood our words. 14 At my first defence no man stood with me, but 15 all forsook me; may it not be laid to their charge. But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fulfilled, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was delivered out of the lion's 16 mouth. And the Lord will deliver me from every wicked work, and will save me unto his heavenly kingdom;—to whom be glory for ages of ages, amen.

19 Greet Prisca and Aquilas, and the household of Onesiphorus. Erastus remained at Corinth; but Trophimus I left at Miletus sick. Do thy best to come before the winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, 21 and Claudia, and all the brethren. The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. 22

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TITUS.

PAUL, a bond-servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging the truth which is after godliness, in hope of life everlasting, which God, who speaketh not falsely, promised before the time of the ages, and at fit times showed his word in the preaching which was intrusted to me according to the command of God our saviour,—to Titus my true child after the common faith ; grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our saviour.

For this cause I left thee in Crete, that thou mightest set in order the things wanting, and appoint elders in each city as I ordered thee, if any one be blameless, the husband of one wife, having children that are believers, and are not accused of riot or unruly. For the bishop ought to be blameless, as God's steward ; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not a winebibber, nor a striker, nor given to base gain, but hospitable, a lover of good ; wise, just, holy, temperate ; holding fast the true word according to the teaching, so that he may be able both to exhort by sound doctrine, and to rebuke the gainsayers.

For there are also many unruly persons, vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of circumcision, whose mouth must be stopped ; who overturn whole houses, teaching what they ought not, for base gain's sake. One of themselves, a prophet [or poet] of their own said ; *Cre- tans are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies*. This witnessing is true ; therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not holding to Jewish fables and the commands of men who turn from the truth. To the pure all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure, but both their mind and conscience are defiled. They profess to know God, but in their deeds they deny him, being hateful, and disobedient, and approved in no good work.

But speak thou things that become sound doctrine ; that aged men be sober, grave, wise, sound in faith, in love, in patience ; that aged women in like manner be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not slanderers, not enslaved to much wine, teachers of good ; that they may

5 teach the young women to love their husbands, to love
6 their children, to be wise, chaste, keepers at home, good,
7 obedient to their husbands, that the word of God be not
8 evil spoken of. Exhort the young men in like manner to
9 be wise, in all things showing thyself a pattern of good
10 works, uncorruptedness in doctrine, gravity, sound speech,
11 which cannot be condemned ; so that he who is of the con-
12 trary may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of us.
13 Let slaves be obedient to their own masters, let them be
14 well pleasing in all things, not contradicting, not purloin-
15 ing, but showing all good faithfulness ; so that they may
adorn the doctrine of God our saviour in all things.
For the grace of God, which bringeth salvation to all
men, hath appeared, teaching us that, denying ungodliness
and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, and righteously,
and godly, in this age, waiting for the blessed hope, and
the appearing of the glory of the great God and of our
saviour Jesus Christ ; who gave himself for us, that he
might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto him-
self a peculiar people, zealous for good works. Speak
these things, and exhort and rebuke with all authority.
— Let no man despise thee.

1 Remind them to be obedient to principalities and
2 powers, to obey authority, to be ready for every good
3 work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle,
4 shewing all meekness towards all men. For we ourselves
5 also were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to
6 divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy ;
7 spiteful, hating one another. But when the kindness and
8 love of God our saviour toward man appeared, not by
9 works of righteousness which we had done, but according
10 to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of a second birth,
11 and the renewing of the holy spirit, which he shed on us
12 abundantly through Jesus Christ our saviour ; so that
13 having been justified by his grace, we may be heirs
14 according to the hope of life everlasting. The saying is
15 faithful ; and about these things I wish thee to affirm
strongly, so that they who have believed in God may be
careful to stand forward in good works. These are the
things which are good and profitable to men. But avoid
foolish questions, and genealogies, and disputes, and strife
about the law ; for they are unprofitable and vain.

Reject after the first and second admonition a man that maketh divisions; knowing that such a one is gone astray, and sinneth, being self-condemned. 19 21

When I shall send Artemas to thee, or Tychicus, be careful to come to me to Nicopolis; for there have I determined to winter. Send forward carefully Zenas the teacher of the law, and Apollos, that nothing be wanting to them. And let our's also learn to be forward in good works for necessary uses, so that they be not unfruitful. All that are with me greet thee; greet them that love us in faith. Grace be with you all. 12 13 14 15

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO PHILEMON.

PAUL, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved and fellow-labourer, and to the beloved Apphia, and to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in thy house; grace to you, and peace, from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 2 3

I thank my God always, making mention of thee in my prayers, hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and for all the saints; that the fellowship of thy faith may become effectual in the acknowledging of every good that is in us toward Christ Jesus. For we have great joy and comfort in thy love, because the bowels of the saints have been refreshed by thee, brother. 4 5 6 7

Therefore, though I might have much boldness in Christ to command thee what is fit, for love's sake I rather beseech, being such a one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ; I beseech thee for my child, whom I have begotten in my bonds, Onesimus; who was once useless to thee, but is now useful to thee and to me, whom I have sent back; and do thou receive him, that is, mine own bowels. Whom I did mean to keep with me, that in thy stead he might minister to me in the bonds of the Good Tidings; but without thy mind would I do nothing, so that thy kindness should be not as of necessity, but willingly. For perhaps for this he departed for a season, that thou shouldst receive him for ever; no longer as a slave, but above a slave, as a 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

brother beloved, especially by me, but how much more
 17 by thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord. If therefore
 18 thou count me a partner, receive him as myself. And
 if he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee aught, put that to
 19 my account; I Paul have written it with mine own hand,
 I will repay it; albeit I say not to thee that thou owest
 20 to me even thine own self besides. Yea, brother, let me
 have joy of thee in the Lord; refresh my bowels in Christ.
 21 Having trust in thy obedience I have written to thee,
 knowing that thou wilt do even more than I say.

And withal prepare me also a lodging; for I hope
 22 that by your prayers I shall be given to you. There
 23 salute thee, Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus;
 24 Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow-labourers.
 25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS.

1 **G**OD, who at many times and in many manners spake
 2 in time past to the fathers by the prophets, hath at the
 last of these days spoken to us by a Son, whom he hath
 appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the
 3 ages. Who being a ray of his glory, and an image im-
 pressed from his substance, and upholding all things by
 the word of his power, when he had by himself made a
 cleansing of our sins, sat down on the right hand of the
 4 Majesty on high; becoming so much better than the angels,
 5 as he hath inherited a more excellent name than they. For
 to which of the angels did He ever say; *Thou art my son;*
this day have I begotten thee? And again, *I will be to*
 6 *him as a father, and he shall be to me as a son?* And
 again, when he bringeth the first begotten into the world,
 7 it saith; *And let all the angels of God worship him.* And
 of the angels it saith; *Who maketh his angels spirits, and*
 8 *his ministers a flame of fire;* but of the Son; *Thy*
throne, O God, is for ages of ages; a sceptre of right-
 9 *eousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*—*Thou hast loved*
righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, even
 10 *thy God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above*
thy fellows. And, *Thou, Lord, in the beginning foundedst*
 11 *the earth; and the heavens are the works of thy hands,*
They will perish, but thou remainest, and they all will

wax old as a cloak, and as a robe wilt thou fold them and they will be changed ; but thou art the same, and thy years will not fail. But to which of the angels said He ever ; *Sit thou on my right hand until I make thine enemies a footstool for thy feet ?* Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for the sake of them who are about to inherit salvation ?

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest we fall off. For if the word spoken through angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just retribution ; how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which had its beginning in being spoken through the Lord, and was confirmed to us by them that heard him, God witnessing with them by signs and wonders and divers mighty works and gifts of holy spirit according to his will ? For unto angels He put not in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. But one somewhere witnessed, saying ; *What is man that thou art mindful of him ? or Son of man that thou visitest him ? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels ; thou crownedst him with glory and honour ; thou hast put all things under his feet.* For in putting all things under him, He left nothing not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was *made a little lower than the angels,* for the suffering of death *crowned with glory and honour ;* that by God's grace he should taste of death for every man. For it became Him for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the leader of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of One ; for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying ; *I will declare Thy name to my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise to Thee ;* and again ; *I will put my trust in Him ;* and again ; *Behold, I and the children that God hath given me.* Since then the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself in the same manner partook of the same, that through death he might destroy him that hath the power of death, that is the devil, and might deliver such as were all their lifetime held in slavery by the fear

16 of death. For verily it taketh not hold of angels, but
17 taketh hold of the seed of Abraham. Therefore in all
things it behoved him to be made like to his brethren,
that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in
things concerning God, to make propitiation for the sins
18 of the people. For in whatever he himself suffered when
— tempted, he is able to help them that are tempted.

1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly
calling, consider the apostle and high priest of our pro-
2 fession, Jesus; who was faithful to Him that appointed
3 him, even as Moses was, in all His house. For this one
was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inas-
4 much as he that built the house hath more honour than
the house. For every house is built by some one, but
5 he that built all things is God. And Moses truly was
faithful in all His house, as a servant, in witness of the
6 things which were to be spoken; but Christ as a son
over His house; whose house we are, if we keep the
boldness and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit saith; *To-day, if ye*
8 *will hear his voice, harden not your hearts as in the*
provocation, in the day of temptation in the desert;
9 *when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my*
10 *works for forty years. Therefore I was grieved with*
that generation, and said; They always err in their
11 *heart, and they know not my ways. So I swear in my*
12 *wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.* Take heed,
brethren, lest there be in any one of you an evil heart
13 of unbelief, in the departing from the living God. But
exhort one another daily, while it is called *To-day*;
lest any of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of
14 sin. For we have been made partakers of Christ, if we
hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast until the
15 end; while it is said; *To-day, if ye will hear his voice,*
16 *harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.* For who
when they heard did provoke? Yea, did not all they who
17 came out of Egypt under Moses? And with whom was
He grieved for forty years? Was it not with them that
18 had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the desert? And to
whom swear He that they should not enter into his rest,
19 but to them that believed not? So we see that they
— could not enter in because of unbelief.

Let us therefore be afraid, lest, a promise being left of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For we have received good tidings, as also did they; but the word which was heard did not profit them, not being mixed with the faith of them that heard it. For we who have believed do enter into the rest, as it is said; *So I swear in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest*, even from the works that were finished indeed at the foundation of the world. For it somewhere spake about the seventh day thus; *And God rested on the seventh day from all his works*; and in this again; *They shall not enter into my rest*. Since therefore, it remaineth that some are to enter therein, and they to whom the good tidings were first preached entered not because of unbelief; it again marketh out a certain day, *To-day*, saying in David, after such a time; as it is said; *To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts*. For if Joshua had given them rest, it would not have spoken of another day afterwards. There remaineth therefore a sabbath-rest for God's people. For he that is entered into his rest, hath also ceased from his works, as God from his own. Let us therefore endeavour to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even unto the separating of life and breath, and of joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and meanings of the heart; and no creature is unseen in his sight, but all things are naked and laid open to the eyes of him of whom we are speaking.

As then we have a great high priest, who is passed into heaven, Jesus the son of God; let us hold fast our profession. For we have not a high priest who cannot feel with our weaknesses; as he was tempted in like manner in all things, except sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace for help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things belonging to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can feel for the ignorant and the wandering, since he also is compassed with weakness; and for this he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to

4 make offering for sins. And no one taketh this honour to
5 himself, but one that is called by God, as was Aaron. So
also Christ honoureth not himself as being made a high
6 priest, but He that said of him ; *Thou art my son, this
day have I begotten thee* ; as it also saith in another place ;
Thou art a priest for ever, of the order of Melchisedec.
7 And he in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up
prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears
unto Him that was able to save him from death, and being
8 heard for his devotion, though being a son, learned
9 obedience from what he suffered ; and being made
perfect, he became the author of everlasting salvation
10 to all that obey Him ; being proclaimed by God a high
priest of the order of Melchisedec.

11 And of him we have much to say and hard to be ex-
plained, since ye are become dull of hearing. For though
by this time ye ought to be teachers, ye have again need
of one to teach you what are the first principles of the
oracles of God ; and ye are become such as have need of
13 milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth
milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness ; for he is a
14 babe ; for strong meat is for the full grown, who by habit
— have their senses exercised to the discernment both of
1 good and evil. Therefore leaving the first principles of
the doctrine of Christ, let us come to the perfection ; not
laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works,
2 and of belief in God, of the doctrine of washings, and of
the laying on of hands, and of the rising again from the
3 dead, and of everlasting judgment. And this we will do
4 if God permit. For it is impossible as to those who have
been once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift,
5 and been made partakers of the holy spirit, and have
tasted the good word of God and the mighty works of the
6 age that is to come, when they fall away, to renew them
again to repentance ; since they again crucify to themselves
7 the Son of God and put him to shame. For the land
which drinketh the rain that cometh oft upon it, and
bringeth forth herbs useful to them for whom it is tilled,
8 receiveth a blessing from God ; but that which beareth
thorns and briars is worthless, and is nigh to a curse ;
9 whose end is to be burned. But, beloved, we are per-
suaded better things of you, and things that belong to

salvation, if we may so speak. For God is not unjust, so as to forget your work and the love which ye shewed toward his name, in having ministered and in now ministering to the saints. And we desire each of you to shew the same diligence towards the completion of the hope until the end ; that ye be not slothful, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, saying ; *Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.* And thus having been patient he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by Him who is greater, and the oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, wishing more abundantly to shew to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of his will, confirmed it with an oath ; so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to deceive, we might have a strong consolation, having fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us ; which we hold as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth the place within the veil, whither as a forerunner for us Jesus is entered, who is made a high priest of the order of Melchisedec until the end of the age.

For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, (who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all ;) first being translated *King of righteousness*, and then *King of Salem*, which is *King of Peace*, without father, without mother, without genealogy, neither having beginning of days, nor end of life, but made like to the Son of God, remaineth a priest for the future. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. And verily they of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of priest, have a command to take tithe from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they came out of the loins of Abraham ; but he, though not having his genealogy from them, took tithes from Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without any contradiction the less is blessed by the greater. And here men that die receive tithes ; but there one of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

9 And so to speak, Levi also who receiveth tithes paid tithes
10 through Abraham ; for he was yet in the loins of his
11 father when Melchisedec met him. If therefore perfection
were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people
received the law,) what further need was there for another
12 priest to arise of the order of Melchisedec, and not be
called of the order of Aaron ? For the priesthood being
13 changed, of necessity a change of the law is also made.
14 For he of whom these things are spoken belonged to
another tribe, of which none waited on the altar. For it
is certain that our Lord sprang from Judah, of which
tribe Moses spake nothing about priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more certain, if after the likeness of
16 Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, who is made not
after the law of a fleshly command, but after the power of
17 an endless life. For it witnesseth ; *Thou art a priest for
13 ever of the order of Melchisedec.* For there is truly an
annulling of the former command, because of its weakness
19 and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect ;
and there is a bringing in of a better hope, by which
20 we draw near to God. And inasmuch as it is not with-
21 out an oath, (for they were made priests without an oath,
but he with an oath from Him that said of him, *The
22 Lord sware, and he will not repent ; Thou art a priest for
ever of the order of Melchisedec*;) by so much has Jesus
23 been made a surety of a better covenant. And those
priests truly were many, because by death they were
24 hindered from continuing ; but he because of his continu-
25 ing for ever hath a priesthood that passeth not to another ;
therefore he is able also to save them wholly who come
through him to God, since he ever liveth to intercede for
26 them. For such a high priest became us, who is holy,
harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher
27 than the heavens ; who hath not daily need, as the high
priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins and then
for the people's ; for this he did once for all when he of-
28 fered up himself. For the law maketh high priests men
who have weakness ; but the word of the oath, which is
— since the law, a Son made perfect to the end of the age.

1 Now this is the sum of what hath been said ; we have
such a high priest, who is set at the right hand of the
2 throne of the Majesty in heaven ; a minister of the Holies,

and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord fixed, and not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices ; therefore it is necessary that this one also have somewhat that he may offer. For if he were on earth he would not be a priest, since they are the priests who offer the gifts according to the law ; such as serve after the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was warned when he was about to make the tabernacle ; for *See, it saith, that thou make all things after the pattern shewed to thee on the mountain.* Whereas he hath obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is mediator of a better covenant, which hath been established on better promises. For if that first had been faultless, no place had been sought for a second. For when finding fault it saith to them ; *Behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, when I will complete a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah ; not after the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt ; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord : I will put my laws into their mind, and will write them on their hearts, and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. And they shall not teach each man his fellow-citizen and each man his brother, saying ; Know the Lord ; for all shall know me from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.* In saying *New*, he hath made the first to be old ; and that which is old and aged is near its disappearing.

Then indeed the first had also ordinances of worship and the holy furniture. For there was made the first tabernacle wherein was the lamp-stand, and the table, and the offering of the bread ; this is called the Holy. And behind the second veil a tabernacle called the Holy of Holies, which held the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid all over with gold, wherein was a golden pot holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant ; and over it cherubim of glory, overshadowing the place of propitiation ; of which things we cannot now speak particularly. Now these being thus

prepared, the priests enter at all times into the first tabernacle, performing the services ; but into the second the high priest alone entereth once a year, not without blood, which he offereth for himself, and for the people's sins of ignorance ; the holy spirit signifying this, that the way into the Holies hath not yet been made manifest, while the first tabernacle is yet standing ; which is a figure for the time present, during which are offered both gifts and sacrifices, which cannot make perfect in conscience him that doth the service, except as to meats and drinks, and divers washings, ordinances of the flesh, appointed until the time of reformation. But Christ being come, a high priest of the good things that are to be, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, (that is, not of this Creation) neither by blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, he entered once for all into the Holies, having gained everlasting redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctify to the purity of the flesh ; how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works unto the service of the living God!

And for this he is a mediator of a new covenant, that a death having taken place for a redemption of the transgressions against the first covenant, they who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. For where a covenant [or testament] is, a death must be brought forward of the covenanter ; for a covenant is binding upon those who are dead, but while the covenant-er liveth it is of no force. Whence the first was not dedicated without blood. For when the whole command had been spoken according to law by Moses, to the whole people, he took the blood of the calves and goats with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and the whole people, saying ; *This is the blood of the covenant which God hath enjoined on you.* And he in like manner sprinkled with the blood the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law cleansed by blood, and without shedding of blood is no forgiveness. It was therefore necessary that the copies of the things in heaven should be cleansed by these ; but the heavenly things themselves by better

sacrifices than these. For Christ entered not into Holies 24
 made with hands, the resemblance of the true, but into
 heaven itself, now to appear before the face of God for us.
 Not that he should offer himself often, as the high priest 25
 entereth the Holies every year with the blood of others ;
 for then he must have often suffered since the foundation 26
 of the world ; but now once for all at the completion of the
 ages hath he appeared for the removal of sin by the
 sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed to men to 27
 die once, and after this the judgment ; so also Christ, 28
 having been once for all offered for the taking away of
 the sins of many, will be seen a second time without sin
 by those who look to him for salvation.

For the law having a shadow of the good things to come, 1
 not the very image of them, can never, by those yearly
 sacrifices that they offer for the future, make the comers
 thereto perfect. Then would they not have ceased to be 2
 offered, because of the worshippers once cleansed having no
 longer conscience of sins? But in these is a remembrance of 3
 sins each year. For it is not possible for the blood of bulls 4
 and goats to take away sins. Therefore one coming into 5
 the world saith ; *Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldst not,*
but a body hast thou prepared for me ; in burnt-offerings 6
and sin offerings Thou hast had no pleasure. Then said 7
I, Lo, I come (in the beginning of the book it is written
of me) to do thy will, O God. When he first said ; Sacri- 8
sifice and offering and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
Thou wouldst not, neither hadst pleasure therein, which 9
 are offered according to the law ; then he said ; *Lo, I*
come to do thy will. He taketh away the first, that he
 may establish the second. By which *will* we have been 10
 made holy through the offering of Jesus Christ's body
 once for all. And every priest standeth daily minister- 11
 ing and offering often the same sacrifices, which can
 never take away sins. But he, having offered one sacri- 12
 fice for sins, for the future sat down at the right hand of
 God, waiting after this *till his enemies were made a foot-* 13
stool for his feet. For by one offering he hath made 14
 perfect for the future those that are being made holy.
 And the spirit also witnesseth for us. For after it 15
 was first said ; *This is the covenant that I will make* 16
with them, after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my

laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; then, *Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.* Now where forgiveness of these things is, there is no more offering for sin.

Having therefore, brethren, by the blood of Jesus, liberty of entrance into the Holies, which he dedicated for us as a new and living way, through the veil, (that is, his flesh,) and having a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in fulness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience; and having the body washed with pure water, let us hold the profession of our hope unwavering; (for He that promised is faithful,) and let us consider one another that we may provoke to love and good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting to it; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.

For if we sin wilfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remaineth a sacrifice for sins; but a certain fearful waiting for judgment, and a fiery anger which is to devour its adversaries. Any one that hath broken the law of Moses dieth without mercy under two or three witnesses; of how much sorer punishment, think ye will he be thought worthy who hath trodden down the Son of God, and hath accounted common the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified, and hath insulted the spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, *Punishment is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord;* and again; *The Lord will judge his people.* It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

But remember the former days in which when enlightened ye endured a great fight of sufferings; partly while ye were made a gazing-stock both by reproaches and afflictions, and partly while ye became companions of them that were so treated. For ye had compassion on those who were in bonds, and ye took with joy the spoiling of your goods, knowing that ye have for yourselves in heaven a better and a lasting substance. Cast not away therefore your boldness, which hath a great reward. For ye have need of patience; that after doing the will of God ye may receive the promise. For yet a little while, and *he that is coming will come, and will*

not tarry.—*And he that is righteous by faith, shall live;* 39
 —and, *if he draw back, my soul will have no pleasure in*
him. But we are not of the drawing back into destruc- 30
 tion, but of the faith unto the saving of the soul. —

Now faith is a confidence of things hoped for, a con- 1
 viction of things unseen. For by it the elders obtained 2
 a good report. By faith we understand that the ages 3
 were framed by the word of God; so that the things 4
 which are seen arose not out of things visible. By faith 4
 Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, by 5
 which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God 5
 witnessing of his gifts; and by it he being dead yet 5
 speaketh. By faith Enoch was changed so as not to see 5
 death; and he was not found, because God had changed 6
 him; for before his change it was witnessed of him that 6
 he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to 6
 please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that 6
 He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that seek him. 7
 By faith Noah, being warned about the things not yet 7
 seen, being moved with awe, prepared an ark for the 7
 saving of his house; and by it he condemned the world, 7
 and became heir of the righteousness that is by faith. 8
 By faith Abraham, when called to go out into the place 8
 which he was afterwards to receive as an inheritance, 8
 obeyed; and went out, not knowing whither he went. 9
 By faith he journeyed into the land of the promise, as 9
 into a strange land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and 9
 Jacob, the fellow-heirs of the same promise; for he 10
 looked for the city that hath foundations, whose builder 10
 and maker is God. By faith also Sarah herself received 11
 strength to conceive seed, even when she was past age, 11
 because she judged Him that promised faithful. There- 12
 fore even from one man, and for this as good as dead, 12
 were born children, as the stars of heaven in multitude, 13
 and as the unnumbered sand which is on the sea 13
 shore. These all died in faith, not having received 13
 the promised blessings, but having seen them afar off 14
 and saluted them; and having acknowledged that they 14
 were strangers and pilgrims in the land. For they, 14
 who say such things, shew that they are seeking a coun- 15
 try for themselves. And truly if they had been mindful 15
 of that from whence they had come out, they might

15 have had an opportunity to return ; whereas they are
reaching after a better, that is a heavenly one. There-
17 fore God is not ashamed of them to be called their
God ; for he prepared for them a city. By faith Abra-
ham when tried, offered up Isaac ; and he that had re-
18 ceived the promises offered up his only begotten, of whom
19 it was said, *In Isaac shall thy seed be called* ; accounting
that God was able to raise him even from the dead ; from
20 whence also, to speak in a figure, he received him. By
faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau about things to come.
21 By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed both the sons of
Joseph, *and bowed in worship upon the top of his staff*.
22 By faith Joseph, when dying, mentioned the departure of
the children of Israel, and gave orders about his bones.
23 By faith Moses, when born, was hid for three months by
his parents, because they saw that he was a graceful child ;
24 and they feared not the king's command. By faith Moses,
when grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's
25 daughter ; choosing rather to be ill-treated with the people
of God, than to enjoy the advantages of sin for a season ;
26 thinking the reproach of being the Anointed greater riches
than the treasures of Egypt ; for he looked forward to
27 the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's
28 wrath ; for he endured, as seeing Him that is unseen. By
faith he made the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood,
29 so that He that destroyed the first-born might not touch
them. By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry
30 land ; of which when the Egyptians made trial they were
swallowed up. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down
31 after they had been compassed about for seven days. By
faith the harlot Rahab perished not with the unbelievers
32 when she received the spies in peace. And what more
shall I say ? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon,
and of Barak and Samson and Jephthah, and of David
33 and Samuel, and of the prophets ; who through faith sub-
dued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises,
34 stopped lions' mouths, quenched the strength of fire,
escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made
strong, waxed valiant in fight, overturned the camps of
35 strangers ; women received their dead by being raised
again ; and some men were tortured, not accepting the
deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection ;

and others had trial of mockings and scourging, yea more- 26
 over of bonds and imprisonment; they were stoned, were 27
 sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword;
 they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, desti- 38
 tute, afflicted, ill-treated, (of whom the world was not
 and in caves and holes of the earth. And these all, having 39
 received a good report through faith, received not the
 promise, God having provided some better thing for us, 40
 that without us they might not be made perfect. —

Therefore, since we also have so great a cloud of wit- 1
 nesses set around us, let us lay aside every weight, and
 the besetting sin, and let us run with patience the race 2
 that is set before us, looking to Jesus the beginner and
 finisher of the faith; who for the joy that was set before
 him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated 3
 at the right hand of God's throne. For consider him
 that endured such contradiction from sinners against him- 3
 self, so that ye may not be wearied, fainting in your minds.

Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against 4
 sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which 5
 speaketh to you as sons; *My son, despise not the chastening*
of the Lord, nor faint when rebuked by him; for whom 6
the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and he scourgeth every son
whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth 7
 with you as sons; for what son is there whom his father
 chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastening, where- 8
 of all were made partakers, then ye are base-born and
 not sons. Have we then had fathers of our flesh who 9
 chastened us, and whom we revered; shall we not much
 rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live?
 For they verily for the sake of a few days chastened us 10
 as they thought fit; but He for our profit, that we might
 be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the 11
 present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless
 afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness
 to them that are exercised thereby.

Therefore *set right the hanging hands, and the enfeebled* 12
knees; and make straight paths for your feet, that lame- 13
 ness be not turned aside, but rather be healed. Follow 14
 peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man
 will see the Lord; looking carefully lest any man 15

fall short of the grace of God ; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled ;
16 lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau,
17 who sold his birthright for one meal. For ye know that afterwards, when he wished to inherit the blessing, he was rejected ; for he found no place for a change of mind,
18 though he sought it carefully with tears. For ye are not come to the mountain that could be touched, and that burned with fire, nor to blackness, and darkness, and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words ; the hearers of which begged that the word should
19 not be spoken to them any more ; for they could not bear what was commanded, *If even a beast touch the mountain it shall be stoned*, and so terrible was the sight, Moses
20 said, *I exceedingly fear and tremble*. But ye are come to Mount Sion, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to tens of thousands of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, and to God the judge of all,
21 and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better than Abel. See that ye neglect not Him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who neglected Him when warning upon earth, how much less we, if we turn from Him when warning from heaven ;
22 whose voice then shook the earth ; but now He hath promised, saying ; *Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also the heavens*. And this, *Yet once more*, pointeth to the changing of the things shaken, as of things made, that those unshaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive an unshaken kingdom, let us have thankfulness, whereby we may serve God acceptably with
23 reverence and awe. For *our God is a consuming fire*.

1 2 Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful of hospitality ; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
3 Remember the prisoners, as being fellow-prisoners ; those that are ill-treated, as being yourselves also in the body.
4 Let marriage be honourable among all, and the bed be undefiled ; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. Let your behaviour be without greediness for money ; be content with what ye have ; for He hath said ; *I will never leave thee, no, I will never forsake thee*. So that we may boldly say ;
6

The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear ; what can man do to me ? Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken to you the word of God ; whose faith imitate, considering the end of their way of life. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Be not carried away by divers and strange doctrines ; for it is good that the heart be established in grace, not in meats ; in which those that walk are not profited. We have an altar, off which they who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the Holies by the high-priest as a sin-offering, are burned without the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us therefore go forth to him without the camp, bearing his reproach ; for here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Through him therefore let us offer up the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips acknowledging his name. But to do good and to distribute forget not ; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey them that rule over you, and submit ; for they watch over your souls, as having to give an account ; so that they may do it with joy and not with grief ; for that is unprofitable to you. Pray for us ; for we trust that we have a good conscience, in all things wishing to live honestly ; and I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

And may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the shepherd of the sheep, great by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will ; working in you what is well-pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ ; —to whom be glory for ages of ages ; amen.

And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation ; for I have written to you in a few words. Know that our brother Timothy is set at liberty, with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you. Greet all who rule over you, and all the saints. They from Italy salute you. Grace be with you all ; amen.

THE GENERAL EPISTLES.

THE EPISTLE OF JAMES.

1 **J**AMES, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus
Christ, to the twelve tribes who are in the dispersion,
greeting.

Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into
3 divers temptations; knowing that the trying of your
4 faith worketh patience. And let patience have perfect
work, so that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting in
5 nothing. And if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of
God who giveth freely to all and upbraideth not; and it
6 will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, nothing
doubting. For he that doubteth is like a wave of the sea
7 blown and tossed. For let not that man think that he
8 shall receive any thing from the Lord. A man of two
minds is unstable in all his ways.

9 10 Let the lowly brother rejoice in his height; and the
rich in his lowliness; for as a flower of grass will he
11 pass away. For the sun riseth with its scorching, and
withereth the grass, and its flower falleth off, and the
grace of its form perisheth; so also will the rich man
fade away in his ways.

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when
he hath been tried, he will receive the crown of life,
which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
13 Let no man, when tempted, say, 'I am tempted by
'God;' for God cannot be tempted by evil, and he
14 tempteth no man. But every man is tempted, when
15 drawn away and enticed by his own lust. Then when
lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when
16 finished, bringeth forth death. Be not deceived, my
17 beloved brethren; every good giving and every perfect
gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the
18 Lights, with whom is no change of [noonday] height or
[hourly] turning shadow. Of his own will he begat us
with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-
19 fruits of his creatures. Therefore, my beloved brethren,
let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to
20 wrath. For the wrath of man worketh not the righte-
21 ousness of God. Therefore, laying aside all filthiness and

superfluity of naughtiness, receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

And be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a mirror; for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law, which is one of liberty, and continueth, not being a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man will be blessed in his deed. If any man seem to be religious, and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep one's self unspotted from the world.

My brethren, hold not the faith of Jesus Christ, our Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come into your synagogue a man with a gold ring, in gay clothing, and there come in also a poor man in vile clothing, and ye look up to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say, 'Sit thou there, honourably;' and say to the poor man, 'Stand thou there,' or, 'Sit here under my footstool;' then are ye not partial among yourselves, and judges with evil thoughts? Hearken, my beloved brethren; hath not God chosen the poor of the world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to them that love him? But ye have dishonoured the poor. Do not the rich men oppress you, and drag you to judgment? Do not they speak ill of that worthy name by which ye are called? If indeed ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, *Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself*, ye do well; but if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convicted under the law as transgressors. For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet sin in one point, is guilty of all. For He that said, *Do not commit adultery*, said also, *Do not kill*. Now if thou commit no adultery, but do kill, thou art become a breaker of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment is merciless to him that hath shewed no mercy; mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say that he
15 hath faith, and have not works? can the faith save him?
16 If a brother or sister be naked, and in want of daily food,
17 and one of you say to them, 'Depart in peace, be ye
18 'warmed and filled,' but give not to them the things
19 needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so the
20 faith, if it hath not works, is in itself dead. Yea, a man
21 may say; 'Thou hast faith, and I have works; shew me
22 'thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my
23 'faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one
24 'God; thou doest well; the demons also believe and
25 'tremble. But wouldst thou know, O vain man, that the
26 'faith without the works is dead? Was not Abraham
— 'our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac
27 'his son upon the altar? Thou seest how the faith
28 'wrought with his works, and by the works was the
29 'faith made perfect. And the scripture was fulfilled
30 'which saith; *Abraham believed God and it was counted*
31 '*to him for righteousness*, and he was called a friend of
32 'God.' Ye see that by works a man is justified, and not by
33 faith only. In like manner also was not Rahab the harlot
34 justified by works when she received the messengers and
35 sent them out another way? For as the body without
— breath is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

1 Be not many teachers, my brethren, knowing that we
2 shall receive a heavier condemnation. For in many
3 things we all sin. If any man sin not in word, he is a
4 perfect man, able to bridle even the whole body.
5 Behold, we put horses' bits into their mouths, to make
6 them obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
7 Behold also the ships, though so great and driven by
8 strong winds, yet are they turned about by a very small
9 rudder, whithersoever the skill of the steersman wisheth.
10 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth
11 greatly. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
12 And the tongue is a fire, the world of iniquity; so the
13 tongue becometh among our members, defiling the
14 whole body, and setting on fire the course of nature, and
15 being set on fire by the Gehenna. For every kind of
16 beasts, and of birds, and of creeping things, and of fishes,
17 is tamed, and hath been tamed by mankind; but the
18 tongue no man can tame; it is an unruly evil, full of

deadly poison. By it we bless our God and Father ;
 and by it we curse men, who are made after the likeness
 of God ; out of the same mouth cometh blessing and
 cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
 Doth a fountain send forth sweet and bitter from the
 same opening ? Can a fig-tree, my brethren, bear olives,
 or a vine figs ? So a salt spring cannot yield sweet water.

Who among you is wise and hath understanding ?
 let him shew out of good behaviour his works with
 meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envy and
 strife in your hearts, do ye not boast, and lie against the
 truth ? This wisdom cometh not down from above, but
 is earthly, animal, demoniacal. For where is envy and
 strife, there is confusion and every evil work. But the
 wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle,
 easily persuaded, full of mercy and good fruits, without
 partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of right-
 eousness in peace is sown by them that practise peace.

From whence come wars and fightings among you ?
 come they not hence, from your pleasures that war in
 your members ? Ye covet, and have not ; ye kill, and
 envy, and cannot obtain ; ye fight and war ; ye have not
 because ye ask not ; ye ask and receive not because ye
 ask amiss, that ye may spend upon your pleasures. Ye
 adulterers, and adulteresses, know ye not that friendship
 with the world is enmity with God ? Whoever, there-
 fore, would be a friend of the world becometh an enemy
 of God. Or think ye that the scripture saith in vain,
The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy ? But it
 giveth more grace ; therefore it saith ; *God resisteth the
 proud, but giveth grace to the lowly.* Submit yourselves
 therefore to God ; resist the devil, and he will flee from
 you ; draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you ;
 cleanse your hands, ye sinners ; and purify your hearts,
 ye double-minded, Grieve and mourn and weep ; let
 your laughter be turned to mourning, and joy to heaviness.
 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and
 he will lift you up.

Speak not one against another, brethren. He that speak-
 eth against his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh
 against the law, and judgeth the law ; and if thou judge
 the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

12 There is One, the lawgiver and judge, who is able to save
and to destroy ; but who art thou that judgest another ?

13 Go to now, ye that say, 'To-day and to-morrow let us
14 'go into such a city and be busy there a year, and trade
'and get gain ;' being such as know not about to-morrow ;
15 (for what is your life ? for it is a vapour, that appeareth
16 for a little time, and then disappeareth ;) instead of your
saying, 'If the Lord will, and we shall live, then let us do
15 'this or that.' But now ye rejoice in your boastings. All
17 such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth
— to do right and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

1 Go to now, ye rich, weep with howling for your griefs
2 that are coming on. Your riches are corrupted, and your
3 garments are become moth-eaten. Your gold and silver
are rusted, and the rust of them will be a witness against
you, and will eat your flesh like fire. Ye have hoarded
4 up for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers
who have reaped your fields, which is by you kept back,
crieth ; and the cries of them that have gathered the
harvest are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.
5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and wantoned ;
ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.
6 Ye have condemned, ye have killed the Righteous One ;
he doth not resist you.

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, until the coming of the
Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious
fruit of the earth, having patience for it, until it receive
8 the early and the latter rain ; be ye also patient ; esta-
blish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth
9 nigh. Murmur not one against another, brethren, lest ye
be judged ; behold, the judge standeth before the doors,
10 As an example of bearing affliction and of patience, my
brethren, take the prophets, who spake in the name of the
11 Lord. Behold, we count the patient happy. Ye have
heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the
Lord ; that the Lord is full of pity and of tenderness.

12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither
by heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath ; but
let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay ; lest ye fall
under judgment.

13 Is any among you afflicted ? let him pray ; is any
14 cheerful ? let him sing psalms. Is any among you sick ?

let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him ; and if he have committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Acknowledge your trespasses one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed ; the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elijah was a man with like passions to us, and he prayed in prayer that it might not rain ; and it rained not on the land for three years and six months ; and again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the land brought forth its fruit. Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him, let him know, that he who converteth a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER.

PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the pilgrims of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ ; grace and peace be multiplied unto you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and unfading, reserved in heaven for you that are being kept by God's power through faith unto a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last season. Wherein rejoice ye, having just now for a short time, if need be, been made to grieve in manifold temptations, so that your faith, when tried, being more precious than gold that perisheth though it be tried by fire, may be found unto praise and honour and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ ; whom having not seen, ye love ; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory ; receiving the end of your faith, salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets, who prophesied of the grace toward you, searched out and inquired, inquiring to whom or to what season the spirit of Christ in them did point, when it

witnessed beforehand of the sufferings for Christ and the glory therewith. To whom it was revealed that not for themselves but for you they ministered those things, which were now told to you through those who preached the Good Tidings to you with holy spirit sent from heaven ; which things angels desire to look into.

Therefore girding up the loins of your mind, being sober, hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought upon you at the revelation of Jesus Christ ; as children of obedience, not fashioning yourselves after the former lusts in your ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, so be ye holy in all behaviour ; because it is written ; *Be ye holy, for I am holy.* And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to each man's work, pass the time of your pilgrimage in fear ; knowing that ye were redeemed from your vain behaviour after the tradition of your fathers, not by corruptible things, by silver or gold, but by the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb faultless and spotless ; who indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but shewn in these late times for you that through him believe on God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory ; that your faith and hope might be toward God. Having purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit unto unfeigned brotherly love, love one another fervently with a pure heart ; being born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, by the word of the living and enduring God. *For all flesh is as grass, and all its glory as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and its flower falleth off ; but the word of the Lord abideth to the end of the age.* And this is — the word which hath been preached to you.

Therefore putting away all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil-speakings, as newborn babes, seek ye the sincere milk of the word, so that thereby ye may grow unto salvation ; if ye have *tasted that the Lord is gracious.* To whom coming, as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but by God *chosen, valuable,* ye also as living stones are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, well pleasing to God through Jesus Christ. For it is contained in the scripture ; *Behold, I lay in Sion a top*

corner-stone, chosen, valuable ; and he that believeth on it shall not be ashamed. Unto you then who believe is the *value*, but to the unbelievers, *the stone that the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence ;* they stumble, obeying not the word whereunto they were appointed. But ye are a chosen race, a *royal priesthood, a holy nation,* a people for a purpose, that ye may show forth the goodness of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light ; *who once were not a people, but now are God's people ; who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy,*

Beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshy lusts, that war against the soul ; having your behaviour among the Gentiles honest ; so that in whatever they speak against you as evil-doers, they may, by your good works that they behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves therefore to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king, as supreme, or to governors, as sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers and the praise of well-doers, (for so is the will of God, that the well-doers may silence the ignorance of foolish men,) as free, not using freedom for a cloak to malice, but as bond-servants of God. Honour all men ; love the brotherhood ; fear God ; honour the king.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if under a consciousness of God a man endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if when in fault and buffeted ye be patient ? But if, when ye do well and suffer, ye be patient, this is thankworthy with God. For hereunto were ye called ; because Christ also suffered for you, leaving to you an example that ye should follow his steps ; *who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth ;* who, when he was reviled, reviled not again ; when he suffered, threatened not ; but gave himself up to Him who judgeth righteously ; who his own self bare our sins in his own body to the tree, so that we, being removed from sins, should live to righteousness ; *by whose scars ye were healed.* For *ye were as sheep going astray,* but are now returned to the shepherd and overseer of your souls.

1 In like wise ye wives, be subject to your husbands ; so
2 that if any obey not the word, they may without a word
3 be won by the behaviour of their wives, beholding your
4 behaviour chaste with fear. Their's should not be the
5 outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and binding on of
6 gold, or putting on of apparel ; but the hidden man of
7 the heart, in the incorruptibleness of a meek and quiet
8 spirit, which is of great price in the sight of God. For
9 thus of old, the holy women also, who trusted in God,
10 adorned themselves, being subject to their husbands ; as
11 Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord ; and her
12 children ye are while ye do well and fear with no alarm.
13 In like wise ye husbands, dwell according to knowledge
14 with the womanly as the weaker vessel, dividing the
15 honour, as being also joint partakers of the grace of life ;
16 that your prayers be not hindered.

17 Lastly, be ye all of one mind, compassionate, loving as
18 brethren, pitying, humble, not returning evil for evil, or
19 railing for railing ; but contrariwise blessing, knowing
20 that thereunto ye were called ; so that ye may inherit a
21 blessing. *For he that would love life, and see good days,
22 let him keep his tongue from evil, and his lips that they
23 speak no guile. Let him turn from evil, and do good ; let
24 him seek peace, and follow after it. For the eyes of the
25 Lord are on the righteous, and his ears with their prayer ;
26 but the face of the Lord is against evil-doers.* And who
27 is he that will harm you, if ye be imitators of what is
28 good ? Yea, if ye even suffer for righteousness, happy
29 are ye. *And fear not with their fear, neither be troubled ;
30 but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts ;* and be ready
31 always with an answer to every man that asketh you a
32 reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and
33 fear ; having a good conscience ; so that in whatever they
34 should speak against you as evil-doers, they may be
35 ashamed when reproaching your good behaviour in Christ.
36 For it is better, if the will of God will it, that ye suffer
37 for well-doing than for evil-doing. For Christ also once
38 for all suffered for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,
39 so that he might bring us to God ; he was put to death in
40 the flesh, but made alive in the spirit ; by which also he went
41 and preached to the spirits in prison, who once were dis-
42 obedient, when God's forbearance waited in the days of

Noah, while the ark was a preparing, in which a few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. And baptism the copy of this now saveth us, (not the putting away dirt from the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ; who is on the right hand of God, gone to heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him.

Since then Christ suffered for us in flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, (for he that hath suffered in flesh hath ceased from sin,) so as no longer to live the remaining time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of life is enough for us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, drunkenness, revellings, drinkings, and wicked idolatries; wherein they think it strange, speaking ill of you who run not to the same excess of riot; but they will give an account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For thereto were the Good Tidings preached even to the dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but might live according to God in the spirit.

And the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all have a fervent love among yourselves; for *love will cover a multitude of sins*. Be hospitable one to another without murmurs; as each hath received a gift, minister the same one to another, as good stewards of God's manifold bounty. If any man speak, let it be as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let it be as of the ability which God giveth; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ;—to whom is the glory and dominion for ages of ages; amen.

Beloved, think it not strange of the fiery trial which is among you to try you, as though some strange thing were happening to you. But, as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; so that also at the revealing of his glory ye may rejoice joyfully. If ye be reproached in Christ's name happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth on you; on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or thief, or evil-doer, or as a spy. But if he suffer as a Christian, let him not be

17 ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the
time is come that the judgment must begin with the house
of God ; and if it begin with us, what will the end be of
13 them that obey not the Good Tidings of God? And *if the*
righteous man scarcely be saved, where will the ungodly
19 *and the sinner appear?* Therefore let them that suffer
according to the will of God commit their souls to him in
— well-doing as to a faithful Creator.

1 The elders that are among you I exhort, I who am a
fellow-elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings, and a
2 partaker of the glory that is about to be revealed ; tend
God's flock which is among you, overseeing not by con-
straint, but willingly ; not for base gain, but readily ;
3 not as being lords of the heritage, but being patterns to
4 the flock ; and when the chief shepherd appeareth, ye
5 will receive the unfading crown of glory. Likewise, ye
younger, submit to the elders. Yea, all of you submit
one to another, and be clothed with humility ; for *God*
resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.
6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of
7 God, that he may exalt you in due time ; *casting all your*
8 *cares upon him, for he careth for you.* Be sober, be watch-
ful ; your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh
9 about seeking whom he may devour ; him resist sted-
fast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are
accomplished on your brotherhood in the world.

10 And may the God of all grace, who hath called us to his
eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after ye have suffered a while,
himself make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you.
11 To him be glory and dominion for ages of ages ; amen.

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother to you, as I suppose,
I have written briefly, exhorting, and witnessing, that
13 this is the true grace of God, wherein ye stand. The
chosen church at Babylon greeteth you ; so doth Mark
14 my son. Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace
be with you all that are in Christ Jesus.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER.

1 **S**IMON PETER, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus
Christ, to them that have obtained a like precious faith
with us in the righteousness of our God and of our

saviour Jesus Christ; grace and peace be multiplied unto you in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

As his divine power hath given to us all things that belong to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by glory and virtue; by which were given to us the very great and precious promises, so that by these ye may become partakers of a divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust; and for this very cause giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you to be neither idle nor unfruitful towards the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he that lacketh these things is blind, short-sighted, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore the rather, brethren, endeavour to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye will never fall. For so will be given to you abundantly the entrance to the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

Therefore I will not neglect to remind you always of these things, though ye know and be established in the present truth, And I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by reminding; knowing that I must shortly put off this tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. And I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. For we followed not clever fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eye-witnesses of his greatness. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the majestic glory; 'This is my beloved Son, 'in whom I am well pleased.' And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him on the holy mount, and so we have more sure the word of prophecy; whereto ye do well to hold, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For prophecy

— came not of old by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as moved by the holy spirit.

1 And there were false prophets also among the people, even as there will be among you false teachers, who will bring in heresies of destruction, and will deny the Master who bought them, and bring upon themselves swift
2 destruction. And many will follow their lewd ways, by reason of whom the way of truth will be evil spoken of.
3 And in lasciviousness will they gain you over by smooth words; against whom the former judgment lingereth
4 not, and their destruction slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but in bonds of darkness casting them down to hell delivered them up
5 reserved for judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah, with seven others, as a preacher of righteousness, bringing the flood upon the world of the ungodly;
6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, leaving them an
7 example to those that should afterwards live ungodly; and delivered just Lot, when vexed with the behaviour of the
8 wicked in filthiness; (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous
9 soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous till a day of judgment to be
10 punished; but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Daring, self-willed, they tremble not to speak ill of dignities;
11 whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, bring not a railing accusation against them before the Lord.
12 But these as senseless beasts, animals made to be taken and destroyed, speak ill of what they understand not, and will be destroyed in their own corruption, receiving the
13 reward of unrighteousness. They count riot by day as pleasure; they are spots and blemishes, sporting themselves
14 in their own deceits while feasting with you; having eyes full of adultery, and that cease not from sin; beguiling unstable minds, having a heart exercised in lasciviousness,
15 children of cursing, having forsaken the right way, they are gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness,
16 but had the rebuke of his own iniquity; the dumb ass

speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. These men are wells without water, and clouds driven along by a whirlwind; to whom is reserved the mist of darkness to the end of the age. For when they speak high-sounding words of vanity, they allure by lusts of the flesh, by wantonness, those that were scarcely escaped from them that live in error; promising freedom to them, being themselves slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, to that is he also enslaved. For if, after they have escaped from the pollutions of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it were better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after knowing it, to turn from the holy command delivered to them. But it is happened to them according to the true proverb; *The dog is turned again to his own vomit*; and, *The sow that was washed, to her wallowing in the mire.*

This second epistle, beloved, I now write to you; in both which I stir up your pure mind by reminding; that ye remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets, and the command of our apostles of the Lord and saviour; knowing this first, that in the latter days will come scoffers in scoffing, walking after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers went to their rest, all things remain as they were from the beginning of the creation.' For this they are wilfully ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth formed out of water and by means of water; by which the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished. But the heavens and the earth which are now are by His word kept in store, reserved unto fire until the day of judgment and of destruction of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord of the promise is not slow, as some men count slowness; but is patient towards us, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. For the day of the

Lord will come as a thief; in it the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with heat, the earth also and the works therein will be
11 burned up. Since then all these things are to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be? in holy
12 behaviour and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire will be dissolved, and the elements will melt with
13 heat. But let us look, according to his promise, for *new heavens and a new earth*, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
14 Therefore, beloved, looking for these things, endeavour to be found by him in peace, spotless and blameless,
15 and count our Lord's forbearance as salvation, even as our beloved brother Paul according to the wisdom given
16 to him wrote to you; as he did also in all his Epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which things are
17 some hard to be understood, which the unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, to
18 their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, foreseeing, beware lest, being led away by the deceit of the wicked,
19 ye fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.
—To him be glory both now and until the day of the end of the age; amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN.

1 **W**HAT was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked
2 on, and our hands have handled, about the word of life; and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear
3 witness and declare to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us;—what we
4 have seen and heard we declare to you, so that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship
5 is with the Father, and with his son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you, that your joy may be full.
6 And these are the tidings which we have heard from him, and declare to you, that God is light, and in him
7 is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and yet walk in darkness, we speak falsely, and do not the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in

the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him speak falsely, and his word is not in us. My children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any one sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is a propitiation for our sins, and not for our's only but for the whole world.

And hereby we know that we have known him, if we keep his commands. He that saith, 'I have known him,' and keepeth not his commands, speaketh falsely, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him is the love of God truly made perfect; hereby we know that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. Beloved, I write no new command to you, but an old command which ye had from the beginning. The old command is the word which ye heard from the beginning. Again a new command I write to you, which thing is true in him and in you; because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother, is even yet in darkness. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and in him is no cause of stumbling. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because the darkness hath blinded his eyes.

I write to you, children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. I write to you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning; I write to you, young men, because ye have overcome the evil one; I write to you, children, because ye have known the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one. Love not the world, nor the things in the world. If any one love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh,

and the lust of the eyes, and the pomp of living, is not of
17 the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth
away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of
18 God abideth till the end of the age. Children, it is the
last hour; and as ye have heard that the antichrist
cometh, even now there are many antichrists; thereby we
19 know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but
they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would
have continued with us; but it was that they might be
20 made manifest that they are not all of us. But ye have an
anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written to you because ye know not the
truth, but because ye know it, and because no falsehood
22 is of the truth. Who speaketh falsely, but he that
denieth that Jesus is the Christ? Such a one is the
23 antichrist, he denieth the Father and the Son. Whoever
denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father; he that
24 acknowledgeth the Son, hath the Father also. What there-
fore ye have heard from the beginning, let that abide in
you. If what ye have heard from the beginning shall
abide in you, then ye will abide in the Son and in the
25 Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised
26 us, eterral life. These things have I written to you con-
cerning them that deceive you. But the anointing which
27 ye received from him abideth in you, and ye need not
that any one teach you; but as the same anointing teach-
eth you about all things, and is to be trusted, and is not
28 false; and as it taught you, ye will abide in him. And
now, children, abide in him; that when he shall appear,
we may have confidence, and not be put to shame by him
at his coming.

29 If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every
1 one who doeth righteousness is born of him. Behold,
what love the Father gave us, that we should be called
children of God. For this the world knoweth us not,
2 because it knew not him. Beloved, now are we children
of God, and it appeareth not yet what we shall be; but
we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him;
3 for we shall see him as he is. And every one that hath
this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.
4 Whoever committeth sin committeth also a breach of the
5 law; for sin is the breach of the law. And ye know that

he was manifested to take away our sins ; and in him is no sin. Whoever abideth in him sinneth not ; whoever sinneth hath not seen him, nor known him. 6

Children, let no one deceive you ; he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil, for the devil hath been sinning from the beginning. For this was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever is born of God committeth not sin, for His seed remaineth in him ; and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil. Whoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, as also he that loveth not his brother. For these are the tidings that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another ; not as Cain, who was of evil, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him ? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hateth you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brethren. He that loveth not his brother, abideth in death. Whoever hateth his brother is a murderer ; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Herein we have known his love ; because he laid down his life for us ; and we ought to lay down our lives for our brethren. But whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him ? My children, let us not love in word, nor in the tongue, but in deed and in truth. 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

And herein we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him ; for, if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, we have confidence toward God, and whatever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do what is pleasing in his sight. And this is his command, that we should believe on the name of his son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us command. And he that keepeth his commands dwelleth in him, and he in him ; and hereby we know that he dwelleth in us, by the spirit which he hath given us. 19 20 21 22 23 24

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits 1

whether they be of God ; for many false prophets are gone
2 out into the world. Hereby ye know the spirit of God.
Every spirit that acknowledgeth that Jesus is the Christ
3 come in the flesh, is of God ; and every spirit that ac-
knowledgeth not Jesus, is not of God ; and this is the
spirit of the antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it is
4 coming, and now it is already in the world. Ye are of God,
children, and have overcome them ; because greater is he
5 that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of
the world ; therefore they speak of the world, and the
6 world heareth them. We are of God ; he that knoweth God,
heareth us ; he that is not of God, heareth not us. Hereby
we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of deceit.

7 Beloved, let us love one another ; for love is of God, and
every one that loveth is born of God, and understandeth
8 God. He that loveth not knoweth not God ; for God is
9 love. In this was manifested God's love toward us,
because God sent his only begotten Son into the world,
10 that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that
we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to
be a propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved
11 us, we ought also to love one another. No one hath ever
12 seen God. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us,
13 and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we
dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his
14 spirit. And we have seen and bear witness that the Father
15 sent the Son to be a saviour of the world. Whoso shall
acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth
16 in him and he in God. And we have known and believed
the love that God hath towards us. God is love ; and he
that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
17 Herein hath love with us been made perfect, that we may
have boldness in the day of judgment ; because as he is,
18 so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but
perfect love casteth out fear ; because fear hath torment ;
19 and he that feareth is not made perfect in love. Let us
20 love him, because he first loved us. If any one say, ' I
' love God,' and hateth his brother, he speaketh falsely ;
for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen,
21 how can he love God whom he hath not seen ? And
this command have we from him, that he that loveth
— God love his brother also.

Whoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God ; and whoever loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love God's children, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome ; for whatever is born of God overcometh the world ; and this our faith is the victory that overcometh the world. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus the Christ; not in the water only, but in the water and the blood ; and it is the spirit that beareth witness, because the spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness, the spirit and the water and the blood ; and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater ; for this is the witness of God which he hath witnessed of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God, hath the witness in himself ; he that believeth not God, hath made him false ; because he hath not believed the witness that God hath witnessed of his Son. And this is the witness, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son, hath the life ; he that hath not the Son of God, hath not the life. These things have I written to you, that ye may know that ye who believe on the name of the Son of God have everlasting life.

And this is the confidence that we have towards Him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us ; and if we know that he hear from us what we ask, we know that we have the requests that we asked of him. If any one see his brother sin a sin not unto death, he shall ask, and He will give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death ; I do not say that he should beg for that. All unrighteousness is sin ; but there is a sin not unto death. We know that whoever is born of God, sinneth not ; but he that is born of God keepeth himself, and the Wicked One toucheth him not. We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us understanding, that we may know Him that is true ; and we

are in him who is true, in his son Jesus Christ. This is
21 the true God and the eternal life. Children, keep your-
selves from the idols.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN.

1 **T**HE ELDER unto the elect lady and her children, whom
I love in truth, (and not only I, but also all who
2 know the truth,) because of the truth which dwelleth
in us ; and may it be with us to the end of the age ;
3 with you be grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father,
and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the son of the Father,
in truth and love.

4 I rejoiced greatly that I found some of thy children
walking in truth, as we received command from the
5 Father. And now I beseech thee, lady, not as writing a
new command to thee, but that which we had from the
6 beginning, that we love one another. And this is love,
that we walk after his commands. This is the command,
as ye heard from the beginning, that ye might walk in
7 it. For many deceivers are entered into the world, who
acknowledge not that Jesus is the Christ come in the
8 flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. Look to
yourselves, so that we lose not what we have wrought,
9 but receive a full reward. Whoso transgresseth, and
abideth not in the doctrine of the Christ, hath not God.
He that abideth in the doctrine of the Christ, he hath
10 both the Father and the Son. If any one come to you,
and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your
11 house, neither bid him farewell. For he that biddeth
him farewell is partaker of his evil deeds.

12 Having many things to write to you, I would not do
it with paper and ink ; for I hope to come to you and
13 to speak face to face, that our joy may be full. The
children of thy elect sister greet thee.

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN.

THE ELDER unto the beloved Gaius, whom I love in
truth.

2 Beloved, in all things I wish that thou mayest prosper
3 and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. For I re-
joiced greatly, when the brethren came and witnessed to

thy truth, even as thou walkest in truth. Greater joy than this I have none, to hear that my children walk in truth.

Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatever thou doest to the brethren, and to the strangers, who have borne witness to thy love in the sight of the church ; whom if thou send forward after a godly sort thou wilt do well. Because for his name they went forth, taking nothing from the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we may be fellow-workers in the truth.

I have written to the church ; but Diotrefes who wisheth to be first among them heedeth us not. Therefore, if I come, I will make him remember the works which he doeth, prating against us with evil words ; and not content therewith, he himself heedeth not the brethren, and forbiddeth and casteth out of the church them that would. Beloved, imitate not evil but good. The well-doer is of God ; the evil-doer hath not seen God. Unto Demetrius testimony is borne by all, and by the truth itself ; and we also bear testimony, and ye know that our testimony is to be trusted.

I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to thee with ink and pen. But I hope to see thee shortly, and we will speak face to face. Peace be with thee. The friends greet thee. Greet the friends by name.

THE EPISTLE OF JUDAS.

JUDAS, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified in God the Father, and by Jesus Christ preserved, and called ; mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

Beloved, making all haste to write to you, about the common salvation, I had need to write and exhort you to strive for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. For certain men are crept in, who were fore-ordained of old to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Sovereign, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I wish therefore to remind you, though ye once knew it, how the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterwards destroyed them that believed not ; and the angels that kept not their first estate, but left

7 their own habitation, he hath kept in everlasting chains
8 under darkness unto the judgment of the great day ; as
9 Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them, in like
10 manner giving themselves up to fornication, and going
11 after strange flesh, stand forth as an example, suffering
12 the punishment of eternal fire. Nevertheless in like
13 manner these dreamers also defile the flesh, despise do-
14 minion, and speak ill of dignities. Yet Michael the
15 archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed
16 about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a
17 railing accusation, but said ; *The Lord rebuke thee.*

18 But these men speakevil of things which they know not ;
19 but what they understand naturally, as senseless beasts,
20 in those things they corrupt themselves. Alas for them !
21 for they have gone in the way of Cain, and are fallen into
22 the error of Balaam's hire, and perished in the gainsaying
23 of Korah. These men are spots among your love-feasts,
feasting with you without fear, taking care of them-
selves ; clouds without water, carried along by winds ;
trees withered, fruitless, twice dead, rooted up ; raging
waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame ; wander-
ing stars, for whom is kept the blackness of darkness to
the end of the age. Enoch also, the seventh from
Adam, prophesied of these men, saying ; *Behold, the
Lord is come with his holy tens of thousands, to execute
judgment against all, and to convict all that are ungodly
among them, of all the deeds of their ungodliness which
they have committed, and of all the hard words which
ungodly sinners have spoken against him.* These men
are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own
lusts ; and their mouth speaketh swelling words, admiring
men's persons for gain's sake. But do ye, beloved,
remember the words which were before spoken by the
apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ ; how they told you that
in the last time there would be scoffers, walking after
the lusts of their own ungodliness. These are they who
separate themselves, sensual, not having the spirit.

20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most
21 holy faith, praying with holy spirit, keep yourselves in the
22 love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus
23 Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion,
making a difference ; but others save in fear, snatching

them out of the fire ; hating even the undercoat defiled by the flesh.

And unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to place you in the sight of his glory, faultless with joy, the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now, and throughout all ages ; amen.

THE REVELATION.

THE revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to him, to show to his bond-servants what must shortly come to pass, and he sent and signified it by his angel to his bond servant John ; who bare witness to the word of God, and to the witnessing of Jesus Christ, of what he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things written therein ; for the time is at hand.

JOHN TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES which are in Asia ; grace be to you and peace from him that is, and that was, and that is to come ; and from the seven spirits that are before his throne ; and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

Unto him who loveth us, and washed us from our sins in his blood, (and he made us to be a kingdom, and priests unto his God and Father,) to him be glory and power for ages of ages ; amen. Behold, he cometh with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even they who pierced him ; and all the tribes of the earth will wail over him ; even so, amen. ‘I am Alpha and Omega,’ saith the Lord God, ‘He that is, and that was, and that is to come, the Almighty.’

I John, your brother and companion in the affliction and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the witnessing of Jesus Christ. I was in spirit on the Lord’s day ; and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying ; ‘What thou seest, write in a book, and send to the seven churches, to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamus, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.’ And I turned to see the voice that spake

with me; and being turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands; and in the midst of the seven lamp-stands one like a son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the breast with a golden girdle; and his head and his hair were white like white wool, like snow; and his eyes like a flame of fire; and his feet were like fine brass, as if burned in a furnace; and his voice as a voice of many waters; and he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword; and his face was as the sun shineth in its strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead; and he laid his right hand on me, saying; 'Fear not; I *am the first, and the last, and the living one*; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for ages of ages; and I have the keys of death and hell. Write therefore the things which thou hast seen, and which are, and which are to be hereafter; the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden lamp-stands. The seven stars are the preachers of the seven churches; and the seven lamp-stands are — the seven churches.

1 'To the preacher of the church in Ephesus, write;
 2 'Thus saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his
 3 'right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven
 4 'golden lamp-stands; I know thy works, and thy labour,
 5 'and thy patience, and that thou canst not bear evil
 6 'men; and thou hast tried them which say they are
 7 'apostles, and are not; and hast found them false; and
 8 'thou hast patience, and hast borne for my name's sake,
 9 'and art not weary. But I have somewhat against thee,
 10 'because thou hast left thy first love. Remember there-
 11 'fore whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first
 12 'works; or else I will come to thee quickly, and will
 13 'remove thy lamp-stand out of its place, unless thou
 14 'repent. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds
 15 'of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.' He that hath
 16 an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith to the churches.
 17 'To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of
 18 'life, which is in the paradise of my God.

19 'And to the preacher of the church in Smyrna write;
 20 'Thus saith the first and the last, who was dead,
 21 'and is alive; I know thy works and trouble and poverty,

‘(but thou art rich,) and the evil speaking of them who
 ‘say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue
 ‘of Satan. Fear not the things which thou art about
 ‘to suffer ; behold, the devil is about to cast some of you
 ‘into prison, that you may be tried ; and ye will have
 ‘trouble for ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and
 ‘I will give thee the crown of life.’ He that hath an
 ear, let him hear what the spirit saith to the churches.
 ‘He that overcometh will not be hurt by the second death.

‘And to the preacher of the church in Pergamus write ;
 ‘Thus saith he that hath the sharp two-edged sword ; I
 ‘know thy works and where thou dwellest, where Satan’s
 ‘throne is ; and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not
 ‘denied my faith, even in the days wherein Antipas was
 ‘my faithful witness, who was slain among you, where
 ‘Satan dwelleth. But I have a few things against thee,
 ‘because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of
 ‘Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling-block
 ‘before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to
 ‘idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them
 ‘that in like manner hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes.
 ‘Repent therefore ; or else I will come to thee quickly,
 ‘and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.’
 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith
 to the churches. ‘To him that overcometh will I give
 ‘some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white tile,
 ‘and on the tile a new name written, which no one
 ‘knoweth but he that receiveth it.

‘And to the preacher of the church in Thyatira
 ‘write ; Thus saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes
 ‘as a flame of fire ; and his feet are like fine brass ; I
 ‘know thy works and love and faith and service, and thy
 ‘patience, and thy works, the last greater than the first.
 ‘But I have against thee that thou sufferest thy wife
 ‘Jezebel, who calleth herself a prophetess, and she teacheth
 ‘and misleadeth my bond-servants to commit forni-
 ‘cation, and to eat things sacrificed to idols. And I gave
 ‘her time to repent, and she will not repent of her forni-
 ‘cation. Behold, I cast her into a bed, and them that
 ‘commit adultery with her into great trouble, unless they
 ‘shall repent of her deeds. And I will kill her children
 ‘with death ; and all the churches shall know that *I am*

24 'he that searcheth the reins and hearts; and I will give to
 'you each according to your works. But to you I say,
 'the rest in Thyatira, such as have not this doctrine, in
 'that they have not known the depths of Satan, (as they
 25 'say,) I will put on you no other burden; but what ye
 26 'have, hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh,
 'and keepeth my works to the end, to him will I give
 27 'power over the Gentiles; and he shall *rule them with a*
 '*rod of iron, as earthen vessels are shattered,* as I have
 28 'received from my Father; and I will give him the
 29 'morning star.' He that hath an ear, let him hear what
 — the spirit saith to the churches.

1 'And to the preacher of the church in Sardis write;
 'Thus saith he that hath the seven spirits of God,
 'and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast
 2 'a name that thou livest, but art dead. Be watchful
 'and strengthen the remaining things that were about to
 'die; for I have not found thy works fulfilled before
 3 'my God. Remember therefore how thou hast received
 'and heard, and hold fast and repent. If therefore thou
 'shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou
 4 'wilt not know what hour I shall come on thee. But
 'thou hast a few names in Sardis which have not defiled
 'their garments; and they shall walk with me in white,
 5 'for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same
 'shall be clothed in white garments; and I will not
 'blot his name out of the book of life, and I will acknow-
 'ledge his name before my Father, and before his angels.'
 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith
 to the churches.

7 'And to the preacher of the church in Philadelphia
 'write; Thus saith he that is holy, he that is true,
 'he that hath *David's key, he that openeth and no one*
 8 '*shutteth, and shutteth and no one openeth;* I know thy
 'works; behold, I have set before thee an open door,
 'which no one can shut; for thou hast a little strength,
 'and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.
 9 'Behold, I make them of the synagogue of Satan, who
 'say they are Jews, and are not, but speak falsely; be-
 'hold, I will make them to come and worship before thy
 'feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou
 'hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee

‘from the hour of trial, which is about to come on the
 ‘whole world, to try the dwellers on the earth. I come 11
 ‘quickly ; hold what thou hast, that no one take thy
 ‘crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in 12
 ‘the temple of my God, and he shall no more go out; and
 ‘I will write on him the name of my God, and the name
 ‘of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh
 ‘down out of heaven from my God ; and my new name.’
 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit 13
 saith to the churches.

‘And to the preacher of the church in Laodicea write ; 14
 ‘Thus saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness,
 ‘the beginning of God’s creation ; I know thy works, 15
 ‘that thou art neither cold nor hot ; I would thou wert
 ‘cold or hot. So because thou art lukewarm, and neither 16
 ‘hot nor cold, I am about to spit thee out of my mouth.
 ‘Because thou sayest, I am rich and wealthy and have 17
 ‘need of nothing ; and thou knowest not that thou art
 ‘wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked ;
 ‘I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that 18
 ‘thou mayest be rich ; and white raiment, that thou
 ‘mayest be clothed, and the shame of thy nakedness
 ‘appear not ; and salve to anoint thine eyes, that thou
 ‘mayest see. As many as I love I rebuke and chasten ; 19
 ‘be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the 20
 ‘door and knock ; if any man hear my voice and open
 ‘the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and
 ‘he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to 21
 ‘sit with me on my throne, even as I overcame, and am
 ‘seated with my Father on his throne.’ He that hath 22
 an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith to the
 churches.

AFTER THIS I LOOKED, and behold, a door was opened 1
 in the heavens ; and the first voice, which I heard as a
 trumpet talking with me, said ; ‘Come up hither, and I
 ‘will shew thee what must be hereafter.’ And imme- 2
 diately I was in the spirit ; and behold, a throne was set
 in the heavens, and on the throne One seated. And He 3
 that sat was to look on like a jasper and sardonyx ; and
 there was a rainbow round the throne like an emerald
 to look on. And round the throne were twenty-four 4
 thrones ; and on the twenty-four thrones elders sitting,

clothed in white raiment; and on their heads were golden
5 crowns. And from the throne went out lightnings and
voices and thunderings; and before the throne were burn-
ing seven lamps of fire, which are the seven spirits of
6 God. And before the throne was as it were a sea of
glass, like crystal; and in the midst of the throne and
7 round the throne four living creatures full of eyes before
and behind. And the first living creature was like a
lion, and the second living creature like a calf, and the
8 third living creature had the face of a man, and the fourth
living creature was like a flying eagle. And the four
living creatures had each of them six wings; they were
full of eyes about and within; and they have no rest day
and night; saying, 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty,
9 'He that was, and is, and is to come.' And when the living
creatures shall give glory and honour and thanks to Him
10 that sitteth on the throne, who liveth for ages of ages, the
twenty-four elders will fall down before Him that sitteth
on the throne, and will worship Him that liveth for ages
of ages, and will cast their crowns before the throne, say-
11 ing; 'Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and
'honour and power; for thou createdst all things, and for
-- 'thy pleasure they were, and were created.'

1 And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the
throne a book written within and on the back, sealed
2 with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel crying with
a loud voice; 'Who is worthy to open the book and to
3 'loose its seals?' And no one in heaven, nor on earth,
nor under the earth, was able to open the book, nor to
4 look thereon. And I wept much, because no one was
found worthy to open the book, nor to look thereon.
5 And one of the elders saith to me; 'Weep not; behold,
'the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, hath
6 'prevailed to open the book and its seven seals.' And I
saw between the throne and the four living creatures, and
in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing as though
slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the
7 seven spirits of God sent forth to all the earth. And he
came and took the book out of the right hand of Him
8 that sat on the throne. And when he took the book, the
four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down
before the Lamb, each having harps, and golden bowls

full of odours, which are the prayers of the saints. And 9
they sang a new song, saying ;

‘Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open its seals ;
‘For thou wast slain, and hast bought us to God by thy blood,
‘Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
‘And thou hast made them kings and priests unto our God ; 10
‘And they will reign upon the earth.’

And I looked, and heard the voice of many angels 11
round the throne and the living creatures and the elders ;
and the number of them was ten thousands of ten
thousands, and thousands of thousands, saying with a 12
loud voice ; ‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to
‘receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and
‘honour and glory and blessing.’ And every creature 13
which is in the heavens, and on the earth, and under the
earth, and such as are in the sea, and all things that are
in them, heard I saying ; ‘To Him that sitteth on the
‘throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honour and 14
‘glory and power for ages of ages.’ And the four living
creatures said ; ‘Amen ;’ and the elders fell down and
worshipped. —

And I looked when the Lamb opened ONE OF THE SEVEN 1
SEALS ; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying,
as it were the voice of thunder ; ‘Come and see.’ And I 2
looked ; and behold a white horse ; and he that sat on it
had a bow ; and a crown was given to him, and he went
forth conquering and to conquer.

And when he opened the SECOND SEAL, I heard the second 3
living creature say ; ‘Come.’ And there went forth 4
another horse, red ; and to him that sat thereon it was
given to take peace from the earth, and that they should
kill one another ; and to him was given a great sword.

And when he opened the THIRD SEAL, I heard the third 5
living creature say ; ‘Come and see.’ And I looked ; and
behold a black horse ; and he that sat on it had a pair of
balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst 6
of the four living creatures say ; ‘A chœnix [or two pints]
‘of wheat for a Denarius [or eight pence], and three
‘chœnixes of barley for a Denarius ; and cheat not as to
‘the oil and the wine.’

And when he opened the FOURTH SEAL, I heard the 7
fourth living creature say ; ‘Come and see.’ And I looked ; 8
and behold a pale horse ; and his name that sat on it

was Death ; and Hell followed after him. And power was given to him over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword and with hunger, and with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

9 And when he opened the FIFTH SEAL, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God,
10 and for the testimony which they held ; and they cried with a loud voice, saying ; ‘ How long, O sovereign, holy and
‘ true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them
11 ‘ that dwell on the earth ? ’ And a white robe was given to them, and it was told to them, that they should rest yet awhile, until their fellow-servants also, and their brethren that were to be killed as they had been, should be fulfilled.

12 And I looked when he opened the SIXTH SEAL, and there came a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the full moon became as blood, and the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig-tree shaken
13 by a great wind casteth her untimely figs. And the heavens were removed as a scroll rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
14 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the chief captains, and the rich men, and the mighty men, and every slave, and every freeman, hid themselves in the caves
15 and in the rocks of the mountains. *And they say to the mountains and rocks ; ‘ Fall on us, and hide us from the*
16 *‘ face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the*
17 *‘ Lamb’s wrath, for the great day of his wrath is come ;*
— *‘ and who is able to stand ? ’*

1 And after this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, so that no wind should blow on the earth, nor on the sea,
2 nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God ; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it
3 was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying ; ‘ Hurt
‘ not the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees, till we have
‘ sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.’
4 And I heard the number of them that were sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand were sealed out of all the tribes of the children of Israel.
5 Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand,

of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand,
of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand, 6
of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand,
of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand,
of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand, 7
of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand,
of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand,
of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand, 8
of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand,
of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

After this I looked, and behold, a great crowd, which no 9
one could number, of all nations and tribes and peoples
and tongues, stood before the throne and before the
Lamb, clothed in white robes and with palm branches in
their hands. And they cry with a loud voice, saying; 10
‘Salvation to our God who sitteth on the throne, and to
‘the Lamb.’ And all the angels stood round the throne 11
and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell before
the throne on their faces and worshipped God, saying; 12
‘Amen; blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks-
‘giving and honour and power and might be unto our God
‘for ages of ages; amen.’ And one of the elders answered, 13
saying to me; ‘What are these who are clothed in white
‘robes, and whence came they?’ And I said to him; 14
‘My Lord, thou knowest.’ And he said to me; ‘These
‘are they who came out of the great affliction, and washed
‘their robes and whitened them in the Lamb’s blood.
‘Therefore are they before God’s throne, and they 15
‘serve him day and night in his temple; and He that
‘sitteth on the throne will spread his tent over them.
‘*They will hunger no more, nor thirst more; neither will* 16
‘*the sun strike on them, nor any heat.* For the Lamb that 17
‘is in the midst of the throne will *tend them, and will*
‘*lead them to fountains of waters of life; and God will*
‘*wipe away all tears from their eyes.*’ —

And when he opened the SEVENTH SEAL, there was 1
silence in the heavens for about half an hour. And I 2
saw the seven angels that stood before God; and to them
were given seven trumpets. And another angel came 3
and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and to
him was given much incense, that he should offer it
with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar

4 before the throne. And the smoke of the incense went
up from the angel's hand with the prayers of the
5 saints, before God. And the angel took the censer, and
filled it from the fire of the altar, and cast it on the
earth; and there came voices and thunders and
6 lightnings and an earthquake. And the seven angels who
had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 And the **FIRST SOUNDED**; and there followed hail and
fire mingled with blood, and they were cast on the
earth; and the third part of the earth was burnt up, and
the third part of the trees were burnt up, and all green
grass was burnt up.

8 And the **SECOND ANGEL** sounded; and as it were a great
mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea, and
9 the third part of the sea became blood; and the third
part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had
life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

10 And the **THIRD ANGEL** sounded; and a great star, burn-
ing like a lamp, fell from heaven, and fell on the third
part of the rivers, and on the fountains of the waters.

11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood; and the
third part of the waters became wormwood; and many
men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the **FOURTH ANGEL** sounded; and the third part of
the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and
the third part of the stars; so that the third part of
them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third
13 part of it, and the night likewise. And I looked, and
heard an eagle flying through mid-heaven, saying with
a loud voice; 'Alas, alas, alas, for the inhabitants of
'earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of
— 'the three angels, that are about to sound!'

1 And the **FIFTH ANGEL** sounded; and I saw a star fall
from heaven to earth; and to him was given the key of
2 the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit;
and out of the pit arose a smoke, as the smoke of a great
furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the
3 smoke of the pit. And out of the smoke came forth
locusts on the earth; and to them was given power, as
4 the scorpions of the earth have power; and it was com-
manded them that they should not hurt the grass of the
earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but the men

who have not the seal of God on their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when it striketh a man. And in those days men will seek death, and will not find it; and will desire to die, and death will flee from them. And the likenesses of the locusts were like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads were as it were golden crowns, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as lions' teeth, and they had breastplates as breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they have tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails, and their power was to hurt men for five months. They have over them a king, the angel of the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek his name is Apollyon, [or Destroyer]. One woe is past; behold, two more woes are coming hereafter.

And the SIXTH ANGEL sounded; and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet; 'Loose the four angels that are bound at the great river 'Euphrates.' And the four angels were loosed, who were prepared for the hour, and day, and month, and year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the horse-soldiers was twenty thousands of tens of thousands; I heard their number. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and of brimstone. And the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions, and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three plagues was the third part of men killed, by the fire and smoke and brimstone which issued out of their mouths. For the power of the horses is in their mouth, and in their tails; for their tails are like snakes, and have heads; and with them they do hurt. And the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, so that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold and silver and brass and stone and wood, which can neither see, nor hear, nor

21 walk ; neither repented they of their murders, nor of their
— sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

1 And I saw another mighty angel coming down from
heaven, clothed with a cloud ; and the rainbow was on his
head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of
2 fire. And he had in his hand a little book open ; and he set
3 his right foot on the sea, and his left on the land ; and
he cried with a loud voice, as a lion roareth. And when
4 he cried, the seven thunders spake their voices. And
when the seven thunders spake, I was about to write,
and I heard a voice from heaven, saying ; ‘ Seal up what
5 ‘ the seven thunders spake, and write it not.’ And the
angel, whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land,
6 raised his right hand to heaven, and swore by Him that
liveth for ages of ages, who created the heavens and the
things therein, and the earth and the things therein, and
the sea and the things therein ; ‘ The time shall not yet
7 ‘ be ; but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel,
‘ when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God
‘ will be finished, as he declared to his bond-servants the
8 ‘ prophets.’ And the voice which I heard from heaven
spake with me again, and said ; ‘ Go, take the little book
‘ which is open in the hand of the angel that standeth
9 ‘ on the sea and on the land.’ And I went to the angel,
telling him to give me the little book. And he saith
to me ; ‘ Take it and eat it up ; and it will make thy
‘ belly bitter, but in thy mouth it will be sweet as honey.
10 And I took the little book out of the angel’s hand, and
ate it up ; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey ; and
11 when I ate it my belly was made bitter. And he saith
to me ; ‘ Thou must prophesy again before peoples and
— ‘ nations and tongues and many kings.’

1 And a reed like a rod was given to me, and he said ; ‘ Rise,
‘ and measure the temple of God, and the court of the altar,
2 ‘ and [the courts of] them that worship therein. But the
‘ court without the temple leave out, and measure it not,
‘ for it is given to the Gentiles ; and the holy city shall
3 ‘ they tread under foot for forty-two months. And I will
‘ grant to my two witnesses that they shall prophesy for
‘ one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in
4 ‘ sackcloth.’ These are *the two olive trees, and the two*
5 *lamp-stands standing before the Lord of the earth.* And

if any man wisheth to hurt them, fire cometh out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies; and if any man wisheth to hurt them, he must thus be killed. These 6
 have power to shut heaven, that the rain rain not in the days of their prophecy; and have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have 7
 finished their witness, the beast that cometh up out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, and overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies will 8
 lie in the open square of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. And some of the peoples and tribes and tongues 9
 and nations will see their dead bodies for three days and a half, and will not let their dead bodies be put into a tomb. And the dwellers on the earth will rejoice over 10
 them, and will make merry, and send gifts one to another, because these two prophets tormented the dwellers on the earth. And after three days and a half, the spirit 11
 of life from God entered into them; and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on them that saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven, saying to 12
 them; 'Come up hither.' And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies beheld them. And 13
 in the same hour there came a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain seven thousand names of men; and the rest were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The 14
 second woe is past; behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

And the SEVENTH ANGEL sounded; and there came great 15
 voices in heaven, saying; 'The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and 16
 he shall reign for ages of ages.' And the twenty-four elders who sat on their thrones before God, fell on their faces, and worshipped God, saying; 'We give thanks to 17
 thee, O Lord God almighty, who art, and wast, because thou hast taken thy great power and hast begun to reign. 18
 And the Gentiles were angry; and thy wrath is come; and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward to thy bond-servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear thy name, small and great, and shouldest destroy them that

19 'are destroying the earth.' And the temple of God was opened in the heavens, and the ark of the Lord's covenant was seen in his temple ; and there came lightnings and — voices and thunderings and an earthquake and great hail.

1 And a great sign was seen in the heavens, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on 2 her head a crown of twelve stars. And she being with 3 child crieth, travailing and pained to be delivered. And another sign was seen in the heavens, and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his 4 heads seven diadems. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth ; and the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered, for to eat up her child as soon as it was born. 5 And she brought forth a man child, who is *to rule all the Gentiles with a rod of iron* ; and her child was caught up 6 to God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the desert, where she hath a place prepared there by God, that there they should feed her for a thousand two huu- 7 dred and sixty days. And there arose a war in heaven ; Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And 8 the dragon fought and his angels ; and he prevailed not, 9 nor was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, the serpent of old that is called the Devil and Satan, who misleadeth the whole world, he was cast out to the earth, and his angels were cast out 10 with him. And I heard a loud voice in the heavens, saying ; ' Now is come the salvation, and strength, and ' kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ ; for ' the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accused 11 ' them before our God day and night. And they over- ' came him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word ' of their witnessing ; and they loved not their lives even 12 ' unto death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that ' dwell therein. Alas for the earth and for the sea, be- ' cause the devil is come down to you, having great wrath, 13 ' knowing that he hath a short season.' And when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted 14 the woman who brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of the great eagle, that she might fly into the desert into her place, where she is being nourished for a season and seasons and half a season,

from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out 15
of his mouth after the woman water as a river, that he
might cause her to be carried away by the river. And 13
the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its
mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon cast
out of its mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the 17
woman, and went forth to make war against the rest of
her seed, who kept the commandments of God, and held
the witnessing of Jesus.

And I stood on the sand of the sea, and I saw a Beast 1
[Vespasian] rise up out of the sea, having ten horns and
and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and on
his heads names of evil speaking. And the beast which 2
I saw was like a leopard, and his feet as of a bear, and
his mouth as the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave
him his power, and his throne and great authority; and 3
I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and
his wound of death was healed, and all the earth wondered
after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon that 4
gave power to the beast, and they worshipped the beast,
saying; 'Who is like the beast? and who can war against
'him?' And there was given to him a mouth speaking 5
great things and evil words; and power was given to him
to do for forty-two months. And he opened his mouth 6
in evil speaking against God, to speak evil of his name,
and of his tabernacle, and of them that dwell in heaven.
And it was given to him to make war on the saints, and 7
to overcome them; and power was given him over
every tribe, and people, and tongue, and nation. And 8
all that dwell on the earth will worship him, they whose
name is not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain
from the foundation of the world. If any one hath an 9
ear, let him hear. If any one leadeth into captivity, he 10
shall go into captivity; if any one killeth with the sword,
he must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience
and the faith of the saints.

And I beheld another Beast [Titus] rise up out of the 11
earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as
a dragon. And he is exercising all the power of the first 12
beast before his face; and he causeth the earth and them
that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly
wound was healed. And he maketh great signs, and fire 13

to come down from the heavens to the earth in the sight
14 of men. And he deceiveth them that dwell on the earth
by the signs which were given him to do in the sight of
the beast; telling them that dwell on the earth to make
an image to the beast, which hath the wound by the
15 sword and lived. And to him was given to give breath
to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast
should both speak, and cause that as many as would not
16 worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he
causeth all, both small and great, both rich and poor,
both freemen and slaves, that they should give them-
selves a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead;
17 and that no man may buy or sell, save that he hath the
mark, the name of the beast, or the number of his name.
18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count
the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man,
and his number is six hundred and sixty-six, [or Ch. X.
— F.]

1 And I looked; and behold, the Lamb stood on mount
Sion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand,
having his name, and his father's name written on their
2 foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the
voice of many waters, and as the voice of great thunder;
and the voice which I heard was as the voice of harpers
3 harping on their harps. And they sang a new song
before the throne, and before the four living creatures and
the elders; and no one could learn the song but the
hundred and forty-four thousand, who were redeemed
4 from the earth. These are they who were not defiled with
women, for they had never been married; these are they
who follow the Lamb wherever he goeth; these were
redeemed from among men, as firstfruits to God and to
5 the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no falsehood;
for they are blameless.

6 And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having
the everlasting Good Tidings to preach to them that sit on
the earth, and to every nation, and tribe, and tongue, and
7 people; saying with a loud voice; 'Fear God, and give
'glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come;
'and worship Him that made the heavens and the earth
8 'and the sea and the fountains of waters.' And another
angel followed, saying; '*The great Babylon is fallen, is*

'fallen ; because she made all nations drink of the wine
 'of the wrath of her fornication.' And another, a third
 angel followed them, saying with a loud voice ; 'If any
 'man worship the Beast and his image, and receive a
 'mark on his forehead or on his hand, then the same
 'shall drink of the wine of God's wrath, which is poured
 'out unmixed in the cup of his anger, and he shall be
 'tormented with fire and brimstone in the sight of the
 'holy angels and in the sight of the Lamb. And the
 'smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ages of ages ;
 'and they have no rest day or night, that worship the
 'Beast and his image, and whoever receiveth the mark
 'of his name. Here is the patience of the saints that
 'keep God's commandments, and the faith of Jesus.'
 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying ; 'Write,
 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth ;
 'yea,' saith the spirit, 'that they may rest from their
 'labours ; and their works follow with them.'

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and on the
 cloud One sitting like a son of man, having on his head
 a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And
 another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud
 voice to him that sat on the cloud ; 'Thrust in thy sickle,
 'and reap ; for the time of the reaping is come, for the
 'harvest of the earth is ripe.' And he that sat on the
 cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth ; and the earth was
 reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which
 is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another
 angel came out from the altar, having power over the fire,
 and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp
 sickle, saying ; ,Thrust in thy sharp sickle and gather
 'the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are
 'ripe.' And the angel thrust in his sickle on the earth,
 and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast into the
 great winevat of God's wrath. And the winevat was
 trodden without the city ; and blood came out of the
 winevat, up to the horses' bridles over one thousand six
 hundred furlongs.

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvel-
 lous, seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in
 them was filled up God's wrath. And I saw as it
 were a sea of glass mingled with fire, and the conquerors

of the Beast, and of his image, and of the number of his name, standing by the sea of glass, having harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying ;

‘Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God almighty ;
‘just and true are thy ways, thou King of the Gentiles.

4 ‘Who shall not fear thee, O Lord,
‘and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy.

‘For all nations shall come and worship before thee ;
‘for thy judgments have been made manifest.’

5 And after this I looked ; and the temple of the tabernacle
6 of the testimony in heaven was opened ; and the seven
angels, who have the seven plagues, came out of the temple,
clothed in pure bright linen, and girded round the breast
7 with golden girdles. And one of the four living creatures
gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the
8 wrath of God who liveth for ages of ages. And the
temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and
from his power ; and no one could enter the temple till
— the seven plagues of the seven angels were ended.

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple, saying to
the seven angels ; ‘Go, and pour out the seven bowls of
2 ‘God’s wrath on to the earth.’ And the first went, and
poured out of his bowl on the earth ; and there fell a
noisome and grievous sore on the men who had the mark
of the Beast, and on them who worshipped his image.
3 And the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea ; and
it became blood as of a dead man ; and every living soul
4 died in the sea. And the third poured out of his bowl
on the rivers and on the fountains of waters ; and they
5 became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say ;
‘Righteous art Thou who art and wast, O Holy one, be-
6 ‘cause thou judgedst thus. For they poured out the blood
‘of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood
7 ‘to drink ; they are worthy.’ And I heard [a voice from]
the altar say ; ‘Yea, Lord God almighty, true and
8 ‘righteous are thy judgments.’ And the fourth poured
out his bowl on the sun ; and to him was given to scorch
9 men with fire. And the men were scorched with a great
scorch, and they spake ill of the name of God, who hath
power over these plagues ; and they repented not, so as to
10 give him glory. And the fifth poured out his bowl on

the throne of the Beast ; and his kingdom was darkened ;
 and they bit their tongues for pain, and spake ill of the 11
 God of heaven because of their pains and their sores ;
 and they repented not of their deeds. And the sixth 12
 poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates ; and
 its water was dried up, that the way of the kings of the
 east might be prepared. And I saw out of the mouth of 13
 the dragon, and out of the mouth of the Beast, and out of
 the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like
 frogs. For they are spirits of demons, working signs ; 14
 which go forth to the kings of the whole world, to gather
 them to the battle of that great day of God almighty.
 ‘Behold, I come as a thief ; blessed is he that watcheth, 15
 ‘and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they
 ‘see his shame.’ And he gathered them together into a 13
 place called in Hebrew Armagedon. And the seventh 17
 poured out his bowl on the air ; and a great voice came
 out from the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying ;
 ‘It is done.’ And there came lightnings and voices 18
 and thunders, and there came a great earthquake, such
 as was not since men were on the earth, so mighty an
 earthquake, so great. And the great city was divided 19
 into three parts ; and the cities of the Gentiles fell. And
 the great Babylon was remembered before God, to give
 to her the winecup of the fierceness of his wrath. And 20
 every island fled, and the mountains were not found.
 And a great hailstone as of a Talent’s [or seventy pounds] 21
 weight fell from heaven upon men ; and men spake evil
 of God because of the plague of the hail ; for the plague
 thereof was very great.

And there came one of the seven angels who had the 1
 seven bowls, and talked with me, saying ; ‘Come, I will
 ‘shew to thee the judgment of the great harlot that sitteth 2
 ‘on the many waters ; with whom the kings of the earth
 ‘committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth 3
 ‘were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.’ And
 he carried me in spirit into the desert ; and I saw a woman
 sitting on a scarlet beast, covered with names of evil
 speaking, having seven heads and ten horns. And the 4
 woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and gilded with
 gold and precious stones and pearls, holding a golden cup
 in her hand, full of abominations and the filthiness of her

5 fornication, and on her forehead a name written, which is
a mystery ; **BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE**
6 **HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** And I saw
the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and
with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And seeing
7 her I wondered with a great wonder. And the angel
said to me ; ‘ Wherefore didst thou wonder ? I will tell
‘ thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that
‘ carrieth her, that hath the seven heads and the ten horns.
8 ‘ The beast that thou sawest was, and is not, and is about
‘ to come up out of the bottomless pit, and to go into
‘ destruction ; and they that dwell on the earth will
‘ wonder, (whose names are not written in the book of
‘ life from the foundation of the world,) when they behold
‘ the beast that was, and is not, and will come.
9 ‘ Here is the mind that hath wisdom. The seven heads
10 ‘ are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And
‘ there are seven kings ; the five have fallen, [Augustus,
‘ Tiberius, Caius, Claudius, and Nero] the one [Vespasian]
‘ is, the other is not yet come, and when he cometh he
11 ‘ must continue a short time. And the beast that was, and
‘ is not [Nero] even he is the eighth ; and he is one of
12 ‘ the seven, and he goeth into destruction. And the ten
‘ horns that thou sawest are ten kings, who have received
‘ no kingdom yet, but receive power as kings for one hour
13 ‘ with the beast. These have one mind, and give their
14 ‘ power and authority to the beast. These will make war
‘ against the Lamb ; and the Lamb will overcome them ;
‘ because he is Lord of lords, and King of kings ; and they
‘ that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.’
15 And he saith to me ; ‘ The waters which thou sawest,
‘ where the harlot sitteth, are peoples, and crowds, and
16 ‘ nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which thou
‘ sawest, and the beast, these will hate the harlot, and
‘ will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh,
17 ‘ and burn her with fire. For God hath put into their
‘ hearts to do his will, and to be of one will, and to give
‘ their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God be
18 ‘ fulfilled. And the woman that thou sawest is the great
— ‘ city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.’

1 And after this I saw another angel coming down from
heaven, having great power ; and the earth was lightened

with his glory. And he cried out with a strong voice, saying; *'The great Babylon is fallen, is fallen, and is become a dwelling of demons, and a cage of every unclean spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hated bird. For all the Gentiles have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are enriched through the abundance of her delicacies.'*

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying; *'Come, out of her my people, that ye partake not of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded, and double unto her the double according to her works; in the cup in which she poured pour to her the double. As much as she hath glorified herself and lived delicately, so much torment and sorrow give to her. For she saith in her heart; I sit as a queen, and I am not a widow, and shall not see sorrow. Therefore will her plagues come in one day, death and mourning and famine; and she will be burnt up with fire; for the Lord God who judged her is strong. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived delicately with her, will bewail and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, and stand afar off for fear of her torment, saying; Alas, alas, the great city, Babylon, the mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, for their merchandise no man buyeth more; merchandise of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls, and of linen and purple, and silk and scarlet; and all incense wood; and every ivory vessel, and every vessel of precious wood and of brass and of iron and of marble; and cinnamon, and ginger, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and wheaten flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep; and horses, and chariots, and slaves; and men's souls. And the fruits of thy soul's desire are departed from thee, and all the dainty and glittering things are perished from thee, and thou wilt find them no more. The merchants of these things, who were enriched by her, will stand afar off for fear of her torment, weeping, and wailing, and saying; Alas, alas, the great city*

‘clothed in linen and purple and scarlet, and gilded with
17 ‘gold and precious stones and pearls ! for in one hour so
‘great riches are come to nought.’

And every ship-master, and every one who saileth to the
place, and sailors, and such as trade by sea, stood afar off,
18 and cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying ;
19 ‘What city is like the great city !’ And they cast dust on
their heads, and cried out, weeping and wailing, saying ;
‘Alas, alas, the great city, wherein all who had ships on the
‘sea were enriched by her costliness ! for in one hour is she
20 ‘come to nought. Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye
‘saints, and apostles, and prophets, for God hath judged your
21 ‘condemnation on her.’ And a mighty angel took up a stone
like a great mill-stone, and threw it into the sea, saying ;
‘Thus with violence shall be thrown Babylon the great
22 ‘city, and shall be found no more. And voice of harpers
‘and musicians and pipers and trumpeters shall be heard
‘in thee no more, and no craftsman of any craft shall be
‘found in thee more, and sound of millstone shall be heard
23 ‘in thee no more, and light of lamp shall shine in thee no
‘more, and voice of bridegroom and bride shall be heard
‘in thee no more ; for thy merchants were the great men
‘of the earth, for by thy sorcery were all the Gentiles de-
24 ‘ceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets and
— ‘saints, and of all that were slain on the earth.’

1 After this I heard as it were a great voice of a great
crowd in heaven, saying ; ‘Allelu-ia ; the salvation and
2 ‘glory, and power of our God ; for true and righteous
‘are his judgments ; for he judged the great harlot, who
‘corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he avenged
3 ‘the blood of his bond-servants at her hand.’ And a se-
‘cond time they said ; ‘Allelu-ia ; and her smoke riseth up
4 ‘for ages of ages.’ And the twenty-four elders and the
four living creatures fell down and worshipped God, who
5 sitteth on the throne, saying ; ‘Amen ; Allelu-ia.’ And
a voice came out from the throne, saying ; ‘Praise our
‘God, all ye his bond-servants, and ye that fear him, small
6 ‘and great.’ And I heard as it were a voice of a great
crowd, and as a voice of many waters, and as a voice of
mighty thunderings, saying ; ‘Allelu-ia ; for the Lord
7 ‘our God almighty reigneth. Let us rejoice and be glad,
‘and give glory to him ; for the marriage of the Lamb

'is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.' And 8
to her was granted that she should be arrayed in linen,
white and clean. For the linen is what is appointed for
the saints. And he saith to me ; 'Write, Blessed are 9
'they who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'
And he saith to me ; 'These words of God are true.'
And I fell before his feet to worship him. And he saith 10
to me ; 'See ; no ; I am a fellow-servant with thee, and
'with thy brethren that hold the witnessing of Jesus ;
'worship God.' For the witnessing of Jesus is the spirit
of prophecy.

And I saw the heavens opened, and lo a white horse ; 11
and he that sat on it was called faithful and true, and in
righteousness he judgeth and maketh war. His eyes 12
were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many
diadems ; and he had a name written that no one knew,
but himself. And he was clothed with a cloak dipped 13
in blood, and his name is called The word of God. And 14
the armies in heaven followed him on white horses,
clothed in white clean linen. And out of his mouth goeth 15
a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the Gentiles,
and he *will rule them with a rod of iron* ; and he treadeth
the winevat of the fierceness of God almighty's wrath.
And he hath on his cloak and on his thigh a name written, 16
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an 17
angel standing in the sun ; and he cried with a loud voice,
saying to all the fowls that fly in mid-heaven ; 'Come,
'gather yourselves together to God's great supper, that 18
'ye may eat flesh of kings, and flesh of captains, and
'flesh of mighty men, and flesh of horses and of them
'that sit on them, and flesh of all men, both free and
'slaves, both small and great.' And I saw the Beast, 19
and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered
together to make war against him that sat on the horse,
and against his army. And the Beast was taken, and the 20
false prophet [Apollonius] that was with him, who
wrought the signs in his sight, with which he deceived
them that had received the mark of the Beast, and them
that worshipped its image. These both were cast alive
into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the 21
rest were slain with the sword of him that sat on the
horse, which proceeded out of his mouth ; and all the —

1 fowls were filled with their flesh. And I saw an angel
2 come down from heaven, having the key of the bottom-
3 less pit and a great chain his hand. And he seized the
4 dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan,
5 and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the
6 bottomless pit, and locked and set a seal on him, that he
7 might deceive the Gentiles no more, till the thousand
8 years were ended; and after that he must be loosed
9 a little while.

4 And I saw thrones, (and some sat on them, and power
of judgment was given to them,) and the souls of them
that were beheaded for the witnessing of Jesus, and for
the word of God, and whosoever worshipped not the
Beast nor his image, nor received the mark on their
foreheads nor on their hands; and they lived and reigned
5 with Christ the thousand years. (But the rest of the
6 dead lived not till the thousand years were ended.) This
7 is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath
8 part in the first resurrection; on these the second death
9 hath no power, but they will be priests of God and
10 of Christ, and will reign with him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be
8 loosed out of his prison, and will go out to deceive the
9 nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog,
10 to gather them to battle, of whom the number is as the
11 sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of
12 the earth, and encircled the camp of the saints, and the
13 beloved city; and fire came down out of heaven from God
14 and ate them up. And the devil that deceived them was
cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where both the
Beast and false prophet are; and they will be tormented
day and night for ages of ages.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on
it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled, and no
12 place was found for them. And I saw the dead, small
and great, stand before the throne, and books were opened;
and another was opened, which is the book of life; and
the dead were judged out of what was written in the
13 books, according to their works. And the sea gave up
the dead which were in it, and death and hell gave up the
14 dead which were in them; and they were judged each
according to their works. And death and hell were cast

into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And if 15
 any man was not found written in the book of life, he
 was cast into the lake of fire. —

And I saw *a new heaven and a new earth*; for the first 1
 heaven and the first earth were gone, and the sea was no
 more. And I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming 2
 down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned
 for her husband. And I heard a great voice from heaven, 3
 saying; 'Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and
 'he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,
 'and God himself will be with them, as their God, *and* 4
 '*will wipe away every tear from their eyes*; and there will
 'be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor will pain
 'be any more; for the former things are gone.' And He 5
 that sat on the throne said; 'Behold, I make all things
 'new.' And he saith to me; 'Write, that these words
 'are faithful and true.' And he said to me; 'It is done; I 6
 'am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To him
 'that thirsteth I will give of the fountain of the water of
 'life without payment. He that overcometh shall inherit 7
 'these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my
 'son. And the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, 8
 'and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idola-
 'ters, and all liars, will have their part in the lake burning
 'with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.'
 And one of the seven angels, that had the seven bowls full 9
 of the seven last plagues, came and talked with me,
 saying; 'Come, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's 10
 'wife.' And he carried me away in spirit to a great and
 high mountain, and shewed me the city, the holy Jeru- 11
 salem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the
 glory of God; its luminary was like a most precious 12
 stone, like a crystallized jasper stone. And it had a
 great and high wall, and had twelve gates, and at the 13
 gates twelve angels, and written thereon names, which
 are of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. On the 13
 east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south
 three gates, on the west three gates. And the wall of the 14
 city had twelve foundation-stones, and on them the
 twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And 15
 he that talked with me had a measure, a golden reed, to
 measure the city and its gates and its wall. And the city 16

lieth four-square, and its length is as large as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of
17 it are equal. And he measured its wall, a hundred and
18 forty-four cubits, man's measure, which is, angel's. And
the building of its wall was jasper, and the city was pure
19 gold like clear glass. And the foundations of the city
wall were garnished with every precious stone. The first
foundation-stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the
20 third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; the fifth, sardonyx;
the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth,
beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprasus; the
21 eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. And the twelve
gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was of one
pearl, and the open square of the city was gold, pure as
22 transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein; for the
23 Lord God almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And
the city *had no need of the sun nor of the moon to shine in
it; for the glory of God lightened it*, and the Lamb was
24 its lamp. And the Gentiles will walk by the light
of it, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and
25 honour into it. And *its gates will not be shut by day,*
26 *(for there will be no night there,) and they will bring the*
27 *glory and honour of the Gentiles into it.* And there shall
not enter it any thing common, or that worketh abomi-
nation, or falsehood; but they who are written in the
— Lamb's book of life.

1 And he shewed me a river of water of life, clear as
crystal, coming out of the throne of God and the Lamb.
2 In the midst of its open square, and on this and that side
of the river, was a tree of life, bearing twelve fruits, yield-
ing for each month its own fruit; and the leaves of the tree
3 were for the healing of the Gentiles. And there will be no
more any curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb
4 will be in it, and his bond-servants will serve him, and
will see his face; and his name will be on their foreheads.
5 And there will be no night any more; and there will be
no need of lamp or sunshine, for the Lord God will shine
on them; and they will reign for ages of ages.

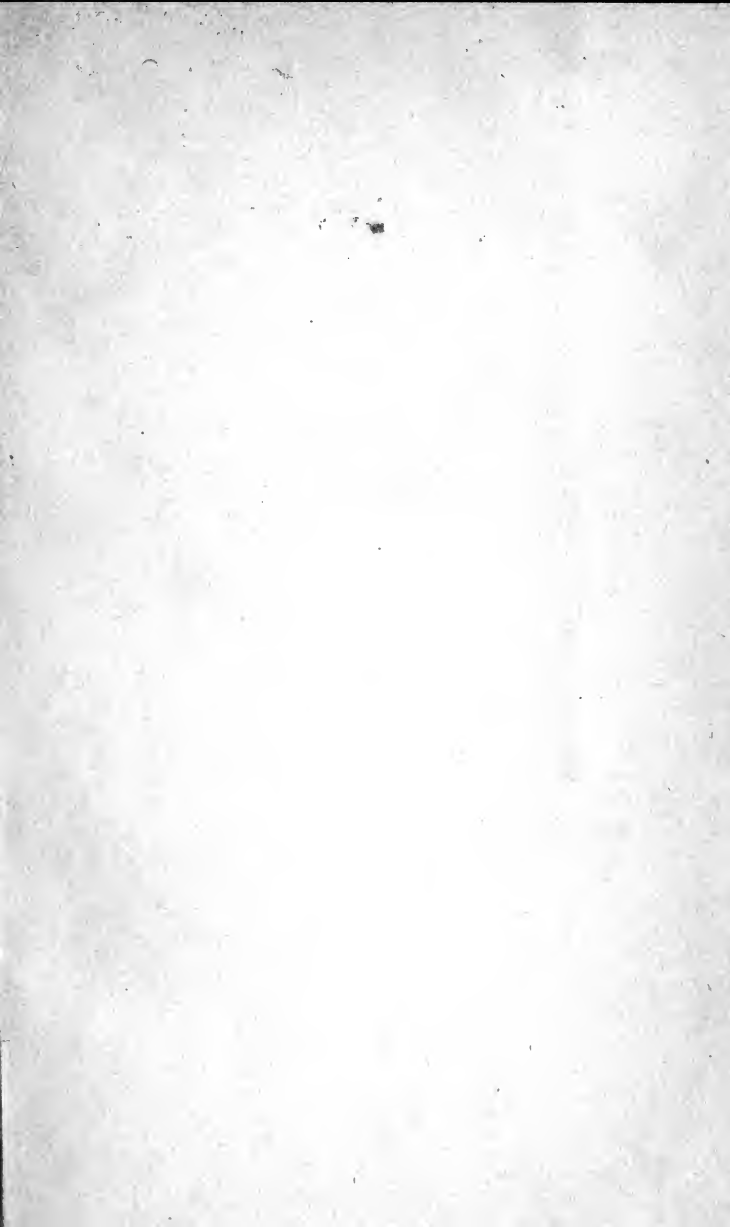
6 And he said to me; 'These sayings are faithful and
'true; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the pro-
'phets, sent his angel to shew to his bond-servants what

'must shortly be done. And behold, I come quickly ; 7
 'blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of
 'this book.' And I John heard and saw these things. 8
 And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before
 the feet of the angel who shewed me these things. And 9
 he saith to me ; 'See ; no ; I am a fellow servant with
 'thee, and with thy brethren the prophets, and with them
 'that keep the words of this book ; worship God.' And 10
 he saith to me ; 'Seal not up the words of the prophecy
 'of this book ; the time is at hand. Let the unjust man be 11
 'unjust still ; and let the filthy be filthy still ; and let the
 'righteous work righteousness still ; and let the holy be 12
 'holy still. Behold, I come quickly, and my reward is 13
 'with me, to give to each man as his work shall be. I am 14
 'Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning
 'and the end. Blessed are they that do His command- 15
 'ments, that they may have a right to the tree of life,
 'and may enter through the gates into the city. With- 16
 'out are the Dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators,
 'and the murderers, and the idolaters, and whoever
 'loveth and doeth falsehood. I Jesus sent mine angel 17
 'to witness to you these things in the churches. I am
 'the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning-
 'star ; and the spirit and the bride say ; Come ; and let 18
 'him that heareth say ; Come ; and let him that thirsteth
 'come ; let him that wisheth take water of life without
 'payment.' 19

I witness to every man that heareth the words of the 20
 prophecy of this book, if any man add to them, God will
 add to him the plagues that are written in this book ;
 and if any man take away from the words of the book of 21
 this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree
 of life and from the holy city, which are written of in
 this book. He that witnesseth these things, saith ; 'Yea,
 'I come quickly.' Amen, come, Lord Jesus.—The
 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints.

THE END.





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