

# GENESIS

## THE CREATION OF THE WORLD

**1** In the <sup>a</sup>beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was <sup>b</sup>without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, <sup>d</sup>“Let there be an expanse<sup>1</sup> in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>And God made<sup>2</sup> the expanse and <sup>e</sup>separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were <sup>f</sup>above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven.<sup>3</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, <sup>g</sup>“Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth,<sup>4</sup> and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, <sup>h</sup>“Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants<sup>5</sup> yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so.

<sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation,

plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for <sup>i</sup>signs and for <sup>j</sup>seasons,<sup>6</sup> and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God <sup>k</sup>made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to <sup>l</sup>rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds<sup>7</sup> fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”

<sup>21</sup>So <sup>m</sup>God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind.

<sup>1</sup> Or a canopy; also verses 7, 8, 14, 15, 17, 20 <sup>2</sup> Or fashioned; also verse 16 <sup>3</sup> Or Sky; also verses 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 26, 28, 30; 2:1 <sup>4</sup> Or Land; also verses 11, 12, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30; 2:1 <sup>5</sup> Or small plants; also verses 12, 29 <sup>6</sup> Or appointed times <sup>7</sup> Or flying things; see Leviticus 11:19–20

**1:1** <sup>a</sup>Job 38:4–7; Ps. 33:6; 136:5; Isa. 42:5; 45:18; John 1:1–3; Acts 14:15; 17:24; Col. 1:16, 17; Heb. 1:10; 11:3; Rev. 4:11  
**1:2** <sup>b</sup>Jer. 4:23 **1:3** <sup>c</sup>2 Cor. 4:6 **1:6** <sup>d</sup>Job 37:18; Ps. 136:5; Jer. 10:12; 51:15 **1:7** <sup>e</sup>Prov. 8:27–29 <sup>f</sup>Ps. 148:4 **1:9** <sup>g</sup>Job 38:8–11; Ps. 33:7; 136:6; Jer. 5:22; 2 Pet. 3:5 **1:11** <sup>h</sup>Ps. 104:14 **1:14** <sup>i</sup>Jer. 10:2; Ezek. 32:7, 8; Joel 2:30, 31; 3:15; Matt. 24:29; Luke 21:25 <sup>j</sup>Ps. 104:19 **1:16** <sup>k</sup>Deut. 4:19; Ps. 136:7–9 **1:18** <sup>l</sup>Jer. 31:35 **1:21** <sup>m</sup>Ps. 104:25, 26

And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man<sup>1</sup> in our image, <sup>p</sup>after our likeness. And <sup>q</sup>let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in  
his own image,  
in the image of God  
he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with

seed in its fruit. <sup>t</sup>You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And <sup>u</sup>to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

THE SEVENTH DAY, GOD RESTS

**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and <sup>w</sup>all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And <sup>x</sup>on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

THE CREATION OF MAN AND WOMAN

**4** <sup>y</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

<sup>5</sup>When no <sup>z</sup>bush of the field<sup>2</sup> was yet in the land<sup>3</sup> and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man <sup>a</sup>to work the ground, <sup>6</sup>and a mist<sup>4</sup> was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup>then the LORD God formed the man of <sup>b</sup>dust from the ground and <sup>c</sup>breathed into his <sup>d</sup>nostrils the breath of life, and <sup>e</sup>the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD God planted a <sup>f</sup>garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had

<sup>1</sup>The Hebrew word for *man* (*adam*) is the generic term for mankind and becomes the proper name *Adam* <sup>2</sup>Or *open country* <sup>3</sup>Or *earth*; also verse 6 <sup>4</sup>Or *spring*

1:22 <sup>b</sup>ch. 8:17; 9:1 1:26 <sup>c</sup>ch. 3:22; 11:7; Isa. 6:8 <sup>p</sup>ch. 5:1; 9:6; 1 Cor. 11:7; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; James 3:9 <sup>q</sup>ch. 9:2; Ps. 8:6-8; James 3:7 1:27 <sup>r</sup>ch. 2:18, 21-23; 5:2; Mal. 2:15; Matt. 19:4; Mark 10:6 1:28 <sup>s</sup>ch. 9:1, 7 1:29 <sup>t</sup>ch. 9:3; Ps. 104:14, 15; 145:15, 16 1:30 <sup>u</sup>Ps. 147:9 1:31 <sup>v</sup>Eccles. 7:29; 1 Tim. 4:4 2:1 <sup>w</sup>Deut. 4:19; Ps. 33:6 2:2 <sup>x</sup>Ex. 20:8-11; 31:17; Deut. 5:12-14; Heb. 4:4 2:4 <sup>y</sup>ch. 1:1 2:5 <sup>z</sup>[ch. 1:11, 12] <sup>a</sup>ch. 3:23 2:7 <sup>b</sup>ch. 3:19, 23; 18:27; Ps. 103:14; Eccles. 12:7; 1 Cor. 15:47 <sup>c</sup>ch. 7:22; Job 33:4; Isa. 2:22 <sup>d</sup>Job 27:3 <sup>e</sup>Cited 1 Cor. 15:45 2:8 <sup>f</sup>ver. 15; ch. 13:10; Isa. 51:3; Ezek. 28:13; 31:8; Joel 2:3

hear when I speak with you, and may also “believe you forever.”

When Moses told the words of the people to the LORD, <sup>10</sup>the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and <sup>e</sup>consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them <sup>f</sup>wash their garments <sup>11</sup>and be ready for the third day. For on the third day <sup>g</sup>the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. <sup>12</sup>And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, “Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. <sup>h</sup>Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. <sup>13</sup>No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; <sup>i</sup>whether beast or man, he shall not live.’ When <sup>j</sup>the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.” <sup>14</sup>So Moses <sup>k</sup>went down from the mountain to the people and <sup>e</sup>consecrated the people; <sup>f</sup>and they washed their garments. <sup>15</sup>And he said to the people, “Be ready for the <sup>k</sup>third day; <sup>l</sup>do not go near a woman.”

<sup>16</sup>On the morning of the <sup>k</sup>third day there were <sup>m</sup>thunders and lightnings and <sup>n</sup>a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud <sup>o</sup>trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp <sup>p</sup>trembled. <sup>17</sup>Then <sup>q</sup>Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Now <sup>r</sup>Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and <sup>s</sup>the whole mountain trembled greatly. <sup>19</sup>And as the <sup>o</sup>sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke,

and <sup>t</sup>God answered him in thunder. <sup>20</sup>The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD <sup>u</sup>to look and many of them perish. <sup>22</sup>Also let the priests who come near to the LORD <sup>v</sup>consecrate themselves, lest the LORD <sup>w</sup>break out against them.” <sup>23</sup>And Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, <sup>x</sup>“Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it.”” <sup>24</sup>And the LORD said to him, “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people <sup>y</sup>break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them.” <sup>25</sup>So Moses went down to the people and told them.

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

**20** <sup>z</sup>And <sup>a</sup>God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2b</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before <sup>2</sup> me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>“You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am <sup>f</sup>a jealous God, <sup>g</sup>visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love

<sup>1</sup>That is, shot with an arrow <sup>2</sup>Or besides

**19:9** <sup>d</sup>ch. 14:31 **19:10** <sup>e</sup>Lev. 11:44, 45; [Josh. 3:5] <sup>f</sup>[Gen. 35:2; Lev. 15:5] **19:11** <sup>g</sup>ch. 34:5; [Deut. 33:2] **19:12** <sup>h</sup>Cited Heb. 12:20 **19:13** <sup>i</sup>ver. 16, 19 **19:14** <sup>j</sup>ver. 3 <sup>e</sup>[See ver. 10 above] <sup>f</sup>[See ver. 10 above] **19:15** <sup>k</sup>ver. 11 <sup>l</sup>[1 Sam. 21:4, 5; 1 Cor. 7:5] **19:16** <sup>k</sup>[See ver. 15 above] <sup>m</sup>Ps. 77:18; Heb. 12:18; Rev. 4:5; 8:5; 11:19 <sup>n</sup>ver. 9 <sup>o</sup>ver. 13 <sup>p</sup>Heb. 12:21 **19:17** <sup>q</sup>Deut. 4:10 **19:18** <sup>r</sup>ch. 24:17; Judg. 5:5; [Ps. 144:5; Isa. 6:4; Rev. 15:8] <sup>s</sup>Ps. 68:8; Heb. 12:26 **19:19** <sup>o</sup>[See ver. 16 above] <sup>t</sup>Neh. 9:13; Ps. 81:7 **19:21** <sup>u</sup>[ch. 3:6; 1 Sam. 6:19] **19:22** <sup>v</sup>Lev. 10:3 <sup>w</sup>2 Sam. 6:8; 1 Chr. 13:11 **19:23** <sup>x</sup>ver. 12; [Josh. 3:4] **19:24** <sup>y</sup>2 Sam. 6:8; 1 Chr. 13:11 **20:1** <sup>z</sup>For ver. 1-17, see Deut. 5:6-21 <sup>a</sup>Deut. 5:22 **20:2** <sup>b</sup>Lev. 26:13; Ps. 81:10; Hos. 13:4 **20:3** <sup>c</sup>2 Kgs. 17:35; Jer. 25:6; 35:15 **20:4** <sup>d</sup>Lev. 26:1; Deut. 27:15; Ps. 97:7; [Acts 17:29] **20:5** <sup>e</sup>ch. 23:24; Josh. 23:7 <sup>f</sup>ch. 34:14; Deut. 4:24; 6:15; Josh. 24:19; Nah. 1:2 <sup>g</sup>ch. 34:7; Num. 14:18; [Ps. 79:8; 109:14; Isa. 65:6, 7; Jer. 32:18]

to thousands<sup>1</sup> of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the <sup>k</sup>seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the <sup>l</sup>sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For <sup>m</sup>in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup><sup>n</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, <sup>o</sup>that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup><sup>p</sup>“You shall not murder.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>14</sup><sup>q</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup><sup>r</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup><sup>s</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup><sup>t</sup>“You shall not covet <sup>u</sup>your neighbor’s house; <sup>v</sup>you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

<sup>18</sup>Now when all the people saw <sup>w</sup>the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid<sup>3</sup> and trembled, and they stood far off <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses,

<sup>x</sup>“You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” <sup>20</sup>”Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to <sup>z</sup>test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” <sup>21</sup>The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the <sup>a</sup>thick darkness where God was.

#### LAWS ABOUT ALTARS

<sup>22</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have <sup>b</sup>talked with you from heaven. <sup>23</sup>’You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. <sup>24</sup>’An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. <sup>d</sup>’In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and <sup>e</sup>bless you. <sup>25</sup>’If you make me an altar of stone, <sup>f</sup>you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it. <sup>26</sup>’And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.’

#### LAWS ABOUT SLAVES

**21** “Now these are the <sup>h</sup>rules that you shall set before them. <sup>2</sup>When you buy a Hebrew slave,<sup>4</sup> he

<sup>1</sup>Or to the thousandth generation <sup>2</sup>The Hebrew word also covers causing human death through carelessness or negligence <sup>3</sup>Samaritan, Septuagint, Syriac, Vulgate; Masoretic Text *the people saw* <sup>4</sup>Or servant; the Hebrew term *‘ebed* designates a range of social and economic roles; also verses 5, 6, 7, 20, 21, 26, 27, 32 (see Preface)

**20:7** <sup>h</sup>Lev. 19:12; [Matt. 5:34, 35; James 5:12] **20:8** <sup>i</sup>Lev. 19:3, 30; 26:2; See ch. 31:13-17 **20:9** <sup>j</sup>ch. 23:12; 34:21; 35:2; Lev. 23:3; Luke 13:14 **20:10** <sup>k</sup>ch. 16:26; 31:15; Gen. 2:2, 3; Ezek. 20:12; See Num. 15:32-36 <sup>l</sup>See Neh. 13:16-19 **20:11** <sup>m</sup>See Gen. 1:1-2:3 **20:12** <sup>n</sup>Lev. 19:3; Cited Matt. 15:4; 19:19; Mark 7:10; 10:19; Luke 18:20; Eph. 6:2; [Jer. 35:18, 19] <sup>o</sup>Eph. 6:3 **20:13** <sup>p</sup>Cited Matt. 5:21; 19:18; Rom. 13:9; [Gen. 9:5, 6; 1 John 3:15] **20:14** <sup>q</sup>Lev. 18:20; Deut. 22:22; Prov. 6:32; 1 Cor. 6:9; Heb. 13:4; Cited Matt. 5:27; Rom. 13:9 **20:15** <sup>r</sup>Lev. 19:11; Eph. 4:28; Cited Matt. 19:18; Rom. 13:9 **20:16** <sup>s</sup>ch. 23:1; Prov. 19:5, 9; 21:28; 24:28; 25:18; Cited Matt. 19:18; See Deut. 19:16-20 **20:17** <sup>t</sup>Luke 12:15; Eph. 5:3, 5; Cited Rom. 7:7; 13:9; [Col. 3:5; Heb. 13:5] <sup>u</sup>Mic. 2:2 <sup>v</sup>Jer. 5:8; Matt. 5:28 **20:18** <sup>w</sup>Heb. 12:18 **20:19** <sup>x</sup>Deut. 5:25, 27; 18:16; Gal. 3:19; 20; Heb. 12:19 **20:20** <sup>y</sup>[1 Sam. 12:20] <sup>z</sup>[Gen. 22:1]; Deut. 13:3 **20:21** <sup>a</sup>Deut. 4:11; 2 Sam. 22:10; 1 Kgs. 8:12; Ps. 18:9; 97:2 **20:22** <sup>b</sup>Deut. 4:36; Neh. 9:13; Heb. 12:25 **20:23** <sup>c</sup>[ch. 32:31; 2 Kgs. 17:33; Ezek. 20:39; Zeph. 1:5] **20:24** <sup>d</sup>Deut. 12:5, 11; 14:23; 16:6, 11; 26:2; 1 Kgs. 8:29; 9:3; 2 Chr. 6:6; 7:16; 12:13; Ezra 6:12; Neh. 1:9; Ps. 74:7; Jer. 7:10, 12 <sup>e</sup>Deut. 7:13 **20:25** <sup>f</sup>Deut. 27:5; Josh. 8:31 <sup>g</sup>[1 Kgs. 5:17; 1 Chr. 22:2] **21:1** <sup>h</sup>ch. 24:3; Deut. 4:14; 6:1 **21:2** <sup>i</sup>Deut. 15:12; Jer. 34:14; See Lev. 25:39-41

give Urim. But if this guilt is in your people Israel, give Thummim.”<sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>And Jonathan and Saul were taken, but the people escaped. <sup>42</sup>Then Saul said, “Cast the lot between me and my son Jonathan.” And Jonathan was taken.

<sup>43</sup>Then Saul said to Jonathan, <sup>o</sup>“Tell me what you have done.” And Jonathan told him, <sup>p</sup>“I tasted a little honey with the tip of the staff that was in my hand. Here I am; I will die.” <sup>44</sup>And Saul said, <sup>q</sup>“God do so to me and more also; you shall surely die, Jonathan.” <sup>45</sup>Then the people said to Saul, “Shall Jonathan die, who has worked this great salvation in Israel? Far from it! <sup>r</sup>As the LORD lives, <sup>s</sup>there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day.” So the people ransomed Jonathan, so that he did not die. <sup>46</sup>Then Saul went up from pursuing the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place.

#### SAUL FIGHTS ISRAEL’S ENEMIES

<sup>47</sup>When Saul had taken the kingship over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, <sup>t</sup>against the Ammonites, against Edom, against the kings of “Zobah, and against the Philistines. Wherever he turned he routed them. <sup>48</sup>And he did valiantly <sup>v</sup>and struck the Amalekites and delivered Israel out of the hands of those who plundered them.

<sup>49</sup><sup>w</sup>Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, Ishvi, and Malchi-shua. And the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the firstborn was <sup>x</sup>Merab, and the name of the younger Michal. <sup>50</sup>And the name of Saul’s wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaaz. <sup>y</sup>And the name of the commander of his army was Abner the son of Ner,

<sup>z</sup>Saul’s uncle. <sup>51</sup><sup>a</sup>Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner was the son of <sup>a</sup>Abiel.

<sup>52</sup>There was hard fighting against the Philistines all the days of Saul. And when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, <sup>b</sup>he attached him to himself.

#### THE LORD REJECTS SAUL

**15** And Samuel said to Saul, <sup>c</sup>“The LORD sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel; now therefore listen to the words of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, <sup>d</sup>‘I have noted what Amalek did to Israel <sup>e</sup>in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt. <sup>3</sup>Now go and strike Amalek and <sup>f</sup>devote to destruction<sup>2</sup> all that they have. Do not spare them, <sup>g</sup>but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.”

<sup>4</sup>So Saul summoned the people and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand men on foot, and ten thousand men of Judah. <sup>5</sup>And Saul came to the city of Amalek and lay in wait in the valley. <sup>6</sup>Then Saul said to <sup>h</sup>the Kenites, “Go, depart; go down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. <sup>i</sup>For you showed kindness to all the people of Israel when they came up out of Egypt.” So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. <sup>7</sup>And Saul defeated the Amalekites from <sup>j</sup>Havilah as far as <sup>k</sup>Shur, which is east of Egypt. <sup>8</sup>And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive <sup>l</sup>and devoted to destruction all the people with the edge of the sword.

<sup>1</sup>Vulgate and Septuagint; Hebrew *Therefore Saul said to the Lord, the God of Israel, “Give Thummim.”* <sup>2</sup>That is, set apart (devote) as an offering to the Lord (for destruction); also verses 8, 9, 15, 18, 20, 21

**14:41** <sup>o</sup>[ch. 10:20, 21; Josh. 7:16-18; Acts 1:24-26] **14:42** <sup>n</sup>[See ver. 41 above] **14:43** <sup>o</sup>[Josh. 7:19] <sup>p</sup>ver. 27 **14:44** <sup>q</sup>See Ruth 1:17 <sup>r</sup>ver. 39 **14:45** <sup>l</sup>[See ver. 39 above] <sup>s</sup>2 Sam. 14:11; 1 Kgs. 1:52; Luke 21:18; Acts 27:34; [Matt. 10:30; Luke 12:7] **14:47** <sup>t</sup>ch. 11:11 <sup>u</sup>2 Sam. 8:3; 10:6 **14:48** <sup>v</sup>ch. 15:3, 7 **14:49** <sup>w</sup>[ch. 31:2; 2 Sam. 2:8-10; 1 Chr. 8:33; 9:39] <sup>x</sup>ch. 18:17, 19 **14:50** <sup>y</sup>2 Sam. 2:8 <sup>z</sup>[ch. 10:14] **14:51** <sup>a</sup>ch. 9:1 **14:52** <sup>b</sup>ch. 8:11 **15:1** <sup>c</sup>ch. 9:16 **15:2** <sup>d</sup>See Ex. 17:8-16; Deut. 25:17-19 **15:3** <sup>e</sup>Lev. 27:28, 29; Josh. 6:17, 21 <sup>f</sup>[ch. 22:19] **15:6** <sup>g</sup>ch. 27:10; Judg. 1:16 <sup>h</sup>[Ex. 18:10, 19; Num. 10:29, 32] **15:7** <sup>i</sup>ch. 14:48 <sup>j</sup>Gen. 2:11; 25:18 <sup>k</sup>ch. 27:8; [Gen. 16:7; Ex. 15:22] **15:8** <sup>l</sup>[ch. 27:8, 9; 30:1]

9<sup>m</sup>But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves<sup>1</sup> and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. All that was despised and worthless they devoted to destruction.

10The word of the LORD came to Samuel: 11<sup>n</sup>“I regret<sup>2</sup> that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and <sup>o</sup>has not performed my commandments.” And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the LORD all night. 12And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, “Saul came to <sup>p</sup>Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned and passed on and went down to Gilgal.” 13And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, <sup>q</sup>“Blessed be you to the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD.” 14And Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?” 15Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites, <sup>r</sup>for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction.” 16Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop! I will tell you what the LORD said to me this night.” And he said to him, “Speak.”

17And Samuel said, <sup>s</sup>“Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. 18And the LORD sent you on a mission and said, ‘Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’ 19Why then did you not

obey the voice of the LORD? ‘Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD?’ 20And Saul said to Samuel, <sup>t</sup>“I have obeyed the voice of the LORD. I have gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction. 21<sup>v</sup>But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.” 22And Samuel said,

<sup>u</sup>“Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, <sup>x</sup>to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and <sup>y</sup>idolatry. Because <sup>z</sup>you have rejected the word of the LORD, <sup>a</sup>he has also rejected you from being king.”

24Saul said to Samuel, <sup>b</sup>“I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. 25Now therefore, please pardon my sin and <sup>c</sup>return with me that I may bow before the LORD.” 26And Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you. <sup>d</sup>For you have rejected the word of the LORD, <sup>e</sup>and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.” 27<sup>f</sup>As Samuel turned to go away, Saul seized the skirt of his robe, and it tore. 28And

<sup>1</sup>The meaning of the Hebrew term is uncertain  
<sup>2</sup>See also verses 29, 35

15:9 <sup>m</sup>ver. 15, 21; [ch. 28:18] 15:11 <sup>n</sup>See Gen. 6:6 <sup>o</sup>ver. 3, 9; [ch. 13:13] 15:12 <sup>p</sup>Josh. 15:55 15:13 <sup>q</sup>See Ruth 2:20  
15:15 <sup>r</sup>ver. 9, 21 15:17 <sup>s</sup>[ch. 9:21] 15:19 <sup>t</sup>ch. 14:32 15:20 <sup>u</sup>ver. 13 15:21 <sup>v</sup>ver. 15 15:22 <sup>w</sup>Ps. 40:6-8; 50:8, 9; Prov. 21:3;  
Isa. 1:11-13, 16, 17; Jer. 7:22, 23; Mic. 6:6-8; Heb. 10:6-9 <sup>x</sup>Eccles. 5:1; Hos. 6:6; Matt. 9:13; 12:7; Mark 12:33 15:23 <sup>y</sup>See  
Gen. 31:19, 34 <sup>z</sup>ver. 26 <sup>a</sup>ch. 13:14 15:24 <sup>b</sup>[2 Sam. 12:13] 15:25 <sup>c</sup>ver. 30 15:26 <sup>d</sup>ver. 23 <sup>e</sup>ch. 16:1 15:27 <sup>f</sup>[1 Kgs.  
11:30, 31]

Samuel said to him, <sup>9</sup>“The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you. <sup>29</sup>And also the Glory of Israel <sup>h</sup>will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret.” <sup>30</sup>Then he said, “I have sinned; yet <sup>i</sup>honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, <sup>j</sup>and return with me, that I may bow before the LORD your God.” <sup>31</sup>So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul bowed before the LORD.

<sup>32</sup>Then Samuel said, “Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites.” And Agag came to him cheerfully. <sup>1</sup>Agag said, “Surely the bitterness of death is past.” <sup>33</sup>And Samuel said, <sup>k</sup>“As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women.” And Samuel hacked Agag to pieces before the LORD <sup>l</sup>in Gilgal.

<sup>34</sup>Then Samuel went <sup>m</sup>to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in <sup>n</sup>Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup>And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, <sup>o</sup>but Samuel grieved over Saul. <sup>q</sup>And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

#### DAVID ANOINTED KING

**16** The LORD said to Samuel, <sup>r</sup>“How long will you grieve over Saul, since <sup>s</sup>I have rejected him from being king over Israel? <sup>t</sup>Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, <sup>u</sup>for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” <sup>2</sup>And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, <sup>v</sup>“Take a heifer with you and say, <sup>w</sup>‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ <sup>3</sup>And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and

I will show you what you shall do. <sup>x</sup>And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city <sup>y</sup>came to meet him trembling and said, <sup>z</sup>“Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup>And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on <sup>a</sup>Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, <sup>b</sup>“Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, <sup>c</sup>but the LORD looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called <sup>d</sup>Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made <sup>e</sup>Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup>And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup>Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, <sup>f</sup>“There remains yet the youngest, <sup>2</sup> but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, <sup>g</sup>“Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” <sup>12</sup>And he sent and brought him in. Now he was <sup>9</sup>ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, <sup>h</sup>“Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took <sup>i</sup>the horn of oil

<sup>1</sup>Or *haltingly* (compare Septuagint); the Hebrew is uncertain <sup>2</sup>Or *smallest*

**15:28** <sup>8</sup>ch. 28:17, 18 **15:29** <sup>h</sup>Num. 23:19; [Ezek. 24:14] **15:30** <sup>i</sup>[John 5:44; 12:43] <sup>j</sup>ver. 25 **15:33** <sup>k</sup>[Judg. 1:7] <sup>l</sup>ver. 12, 21 **15:34** <sup>m</sup>[ch. 1:19] <sup>n</sup>ch. 11:4 **15:35** <sup>o</sup>[ch. 19:24] <sup>p</sup>ch. 16:1 <sup>q</sup>ver. 11 **16:1** <sup>r</sup>ch. 15:35 <sup>s</sup>ch. 15:23, 26 <sup>t</sup>See ch. 10:1 <sup>u</sup>Ps. 78:70; 89:19, 20; Acts 13:22 **16:2** <sup>v</sup>[ch. 9:12; 20:29] **16:3** <sup>w</sup>ch. 9:16 **16:4** <sup>x</sup>ch. 21:1 <sup>y</sup>1 Kgs. 2:13; [2 Kgs. 9:22] **16:5** <sup>z</sup>Josh. 3:5 **16:6** <sup>a</sup>ch. 17:13 **16:7** <sup>b</sup>Ps. 147:10, 11 <sup>c</sup>1 Kgs. 8:39; 1 Chr. 28:9; Ps. 7:9; Jer. 11:20; 17:10; 20:12; [Acts 1:24] **16:8** <sup>d</sup>ch. 17:13 **16:9** <sup>e</sup>[See ver. 8 above] **16:11** <sup>f</sup>ch. 17:13; [2 Sam. 13:3; 1 Chr. 2:13] <sup>g</sup>[2 Sam. 7:8; Ps. 78:70, 71] **16:12** <sup>h</sup>ch. 17:42 <sup>i</sup>[ch. 9:17] **16:13** <sup>j</sup>ver. 1

- 26 <sup>u</sup>running <sup>v</sup>stubbornly against him  
with a thickly bossed shield;
- 27 because he has <sup>w</sup>covered  
his face with his fat  
and gathered fat upon his waist
- 28 and has lived in desolate cities,  
in houses that none  
should inhabit,  
which were ready to  
become heaps of ruins;
- 29 he will not be rich, and his  
wealth will not endure,  
nor will his possessions  
spread over the earth;<sup>1</sup>
- 30 he will not depart from darkness;  
the flame will dry up his shoots,  
and by <sup>x</sup>the breath of his  
mouth he will depart.
- 31 Let him not <sup>y</sup>trust in emptiness,  
deceiving himself,  
for emptiness will be  
his payment.
- 32 It will be paid in full  
<sup>z</sup>before his time,  
and his branch will not be green.
- 33 He will shake off his unripe  
grape like the vine,  
and cast off his blossom  
like the olive tree.
- 34 For <sup>a</sup>the company of the  
godless is barren,  
and <sup>b</sup>fire consumes the  
tents of bribery.
- 35 They <sup>c</sup>conceive trouble and  
give birth to evil,  
and their <sup>d</sup>womb prepares deceit.”
- 3 Shall <sup>g</sup>windy words have an end?  
Or what provokes you  
that you answer?
- 4 I also could speak as you do,  
if you were in my place;  
I could join words together  
against you  
and <sup>h</sup>shake my head at you.
- 5 I could strengthen you  
with my mouth,  
and the solace of my lips  
would assuage your pain.
- 6 “If I speak, my pain is not assuaged,  
and if I forbear, how much  
of it leaves me?
- 7 Surely now God has worn me out;  
<sup>i</sup>he has<sup>2</sup> made desolate  
all my company.
- 8 And he has shriveled me up,  
which is <sup>j</sup>a witness against me,  
and my <sup>k</sup>leanness has  
risen up against me;  
it testifies to my face.
- 9 He has <sup>l</sup>torn me in his  
wrath <sup>m</sup>and hated me;  
he has <sup>n</sup>gnashed his teeth at me;  
my adversary sharpens  
his eyes against me.
- 10 Men have <sup>o</sup>gaped at me  
with their mouth;  
they have <sup>p</sup>struck me  
insolently on the cheek;  
they <sup>q</sup>mass themselves  
together against me.
- 11 God gives me up to the ungodly  
and casts me into the  
hands of the wicked.
- 12 I was at ease, and he  
broke me apart;  
he seized me by the neck and  
dashed me to pieces;

JOB REPLIES: MISERABLE  
COMFORTERS ARE YOU

**16** Then Job answered and said:

- 2 “I have heard <sup>e</sup>many  
such things;  
<sup>f</sup>miserable comforters  
are you all.

<sup>1</sup>Or *nor will his produce bend down to the earth*

<sup>2</sup>Hebrew *you have*; also verse 8

15:26 <sup>u</sup>[ch. 16:14; Dan. 8:6] <sup>v</sup>Ps. 75:5 15:27 <sup>w</sup>See Ps. 17:10 15:30 <sup>x</sup>ch. 4:9 15:31 <sup>y</sup>[Isa. 59:4] 15:32 <sup>z</sup>ch. 22:16; Eccles. 7:17; [Ps. 55:23; 102:24] 15:34 <sup>a</sup>ch. 16:7 <sup>b</sup>[ch. 20:26] 15:35 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 7:14; Isa. 59:4; [Hos. 10:13] <sup>d</sup>See ver. 2 16:2 <sup>e</sup>[ch. 12:3] <sup>f</sup>[ch. 13:4] 16:3 <sup>g</sup>[ch. 15:2] 16:4 <sup>h</sup>2 Kgs. 19:21; Ps. 22:7; 109:25; Isa. 37:22; Jer. 18:16; Lam. 2:15; Matt. 27:39; Mark 15:29 16:7 <sup>i</sup>[ch. 15:34]; See ch. 1:15-19 16:8 <sup>j</sup>ch. 10:17; [Ruth 1:21] <sup>k</sup>[Ps. 109:24] 16:9 <sup>l</sup>ch. 18:4; Hos. 6:1; Amos 1:11 <sup>m</sup>ch. 30:21 <sup>n</sup>Ps. 35:16; 37:12; 112:10; Lam. 2:16; Acts 7:54 16:10 <sup>o</sup>Ps. 22:13 <sup>p</sup>Ps. 3:7; Isa. 50:6; Lam. 3:30; Mic. 5:1; [1 Kgs. 22:24; Acts 23:2] <sup>q</sup>Ps. 35:15

he set me up as his <sup>r</sup>target;  
 13 his <sup>s</sup>archers surround me.  
 He slashes open my kidneys  
 and does not spare;  
 he <sup>u</sup>pours out my gall  
 on the ground.  
 14 He breaks me with <sup>v</sup>breach  
 upon breach;  
 he <sup>w</sup>runs upon me like a warrior.  
 15 I have sewed <sup>x</sup>sackcloth  
 upon my skin  
 and have laid <sup>y</sup>my strength  
<sup>z</sup>in the dust.  
 16 My face is red with weeping,  
 and on my eyelids is  
<sup>a</sup>deep darkness,  
 17 although there is no  
<sup>b</sup>violence in my hands,  
 and my prayer is pure.  
 18 “O earth, <sup>c</sup>cover not my blood,  
 and let my <sup>d</sup>cry find no  
 resting place.  
 19 Even now, behold, my  
<sup>e</sup>witness is in heaven,  
 and he who testifies for  
 me is <sup>f</sup>on high.  
 20 My friends <sup>g</sup>scorn me;  
 my eye pours out tears to God,  
 21 that he would <sup>h</sup>argue the case  
 of a man with God,  
 as <sup>i</sup>a son of man does  
 with his neighbor.  
 22 For when a few years have come  
 I shall go the way <sup>j</sup>from  
 which I shall not return.

JOB CONTINUES: WHERE  
 THEN IS MY HOPE?

**17** “My spirit is broken; my  
 days are <sup>j</sup>extinct;  
<sup>k</sup>the graveyard is ready for me.

<sup>l</sup>Hebrew *and* <sup>m</sup>The meaning of the Hebrew is  
 uncertain

2 Surely there are mockers  
 about me,  
 and my eye dwells on  
 their <sup>l</sup>provocation.  
 3 “Lay down a pledge for  
 me with you;  
 who is there who will put  
 up <sup>m</sup>security for me?  
 4 Since you have closed their  
 hearts to understanding,  
 therefore you will not  
 let them triumph.  
 5 He who informs against  
 his friends to get a share  
 of their property—  
 the <sup>n</sup>eyes of his children will fail.  
 6 “He has made me <sup>o</sup>a byword  
 of the peoples,  
 and I am one before  
 whom men spit.  
 7 My <sup>p</sup>eye has grown dim  
 from vexation,  
 and all my members are  
 like <sup>q</sup>a shadow.  
 8 The upright are <sup>r</sup>appalled at this,  
 and the innocent stirs himself  
 up against the godless.  
 9 Yet the righteous holds  
 to his way,  
 and he who has <sup>s</sup>clean hands  
 grows stronger and stronger.  
 10 But you, <sup>c</sup>come on  
 again, all of you,  
 and I shall not find a wise  
 man among you.  
 11 My <sup>u</sup>days are past; my  
 plans are broken off,  
 the desires of my heart.  
 12 They <sup>v</sup>make night into day:  
 “The light,” they say, “is  
 near to the darkness.”<sup>2</sup>  
 13 If I hope for <sup>w</sup>Sheol as <sup>x</sup>my house,  
 if I make my bed in darkness,

**16:12** <sup>l</sup>Lam. 3:12; [ch. 7:20] **16:13** <sup>m</sup>Jer. 50:29 <sup>n</sup>ch. 27:22 <sup>o</sup>ch. 20:25; [Lam. 2:11] **16:14** <sup>p</sup>ch. 30:14 <sup>q</sup>ch. 15:26  
**16:15** <sup>r</sup>See 2 Sam. 3:31 <sup>s</sup>[Ps. 75:10] <sup>t</sup>[Ps. 7:5] **16:16** <sup>u</sup>See ch. 3:5 **16:17** <sup>v</sup>Isa. 53:9 **16:18** <sup>w</sup>Isa. 26:21; Ezek. 24:7  
<sup>x</sup>[Gen. 4:10] **16:19** <sup>y</sup>Ps. 89:37; Rom. 1:9 <sup>z</sup>[Ps. 148:1] **16:20** <sup>aa</sup>[ch. 12:5] **16:21** <sup>ab</sup>[ch. 31:35] **16:22** <sup>ac</sup>See ch. 10:21  
**17:1** <sup>ad</sup>[ch. 18:5, 6] <sup>ae</sup>[Ps. 88:3, 4] **17:2** <sup>af</sup>1 Sam. 1:6, 7; [ch. 12:6] **17:3** <sup>ag</sup>Ps. 119:122; Isa. 38:14; Heb. 7:22 **17:5** <sup>ah</sup>[ch. 11:20;  
 31:16] **17:6** <sup>ai</sup>ch. 30:9; Deut. 28:37; [Ps. 44:14; 69:11] **17:7** <sup>aj</sup>[Ps. 6:7; 31:9] <sup>ak</sup>See ch. 14:2 **17:8** <sup>al</sup>Isa. 52:14 **17:9** <sup>am</sup>See ch.  
 22:30 **17:10** <sup>an</sup>ch. 6:29 **17:11** <sup>ao</sup>ch. 7:6; 9:25 **17:12** <sup>ap</sup>[ch. 11:17] **17:13** <sup>aq</sup>See ch. 21:13 <sup>ar</sup>[Eccles. 12:5]

- 14 if I say to the pit, 'You  
are my father,'  
and to the worm, 'My  
mother,' or 'My sister,'  
15 where then is my hope?  
Who will see my hope?  
16 Will it go down to the  
bars of <sup>w</sup>Sheol?  
Shall we <sup>y</sup>descend together  
<sup>z</sup>'into the dust?'"

BILDAD SPEAKS: GOD  
PUNISHES THE WICKED

**18** Then <sup>a</sup>Bildad the Shuhite an-  
swered and said:

- 2 "How long will you <sup>b</sup>hunt for words?  
Consider, and then we will speak.  
3 Why are we counted as <sup>c</sup>'cattle'?  
Why are we stupid in your sight?  
4 You who <sup>d</sup>tear yourself  
in your anger,  
shall the earth be  
forsaken for you,  
or <sup>e</sup>'the rock be removed  
out of its place?  
5 "Indeed, <sup>f</sup>the light of the  
wicked is put out,  
and the flame of his fire  
does not shine.  
6 The light is <sup>g</sup>'dark in his tent,  
and his lamp above  
him is put out.  
7 His strong steps are shortened,  
and his <sup>h</sup>'own schemes  
throw him down.  
8 For he is cast into a net  
by his own feet,  
and he walks on its mesh.  
9 <sup>i</sup>'A trap seizes him by the heel;  
a snare lays hold of him.  
10 A rope is hidden for him  
in the ground,  
a trap for him in the path.

- 11 <sup>j</sup>Terrors frighten him  
on every side,  
and chase him at his heels.  
12 His strength is famished,  
and calamity is <sup>k</sup>'ready  
for his stumbling.  
13 It consumes the parts of his skin;  
<sup>l</sup>'the firstborn of death  
consumes his limbs.  
14 He is torn from the tent  
in which he trusted  
and is brought to <sup>m</sup>'the  
king of terrors.  
15 In his tent dwells that  
which is none of his;  
<sup>n</sup>'sulfur is scattered over  
his habitation.  
16 His <sup>o</sup>'roots dry up beneath,  
and his branches <sup>p</sup>'wither above.  
17 His <sup>q</sup>'memory perishes  
from the earth,  
and he has no name in the street.  
18 <sup>r</sup>'He is thrust from light  
into darkness,  
and driven out of the world.  
19 He has no <sup>s</sup>'posterity or progeny  
among his people,  
and no survivor where  
he used to live.  
20 They of the west are  
appalled at his <sup>t</sup>'day,  
and <sup>u</sup>'horror seizes  
them of the east.  
21 Surely such are the dwellings  
of the unrighteous,  
such is the place of him  
who <sup>v</sup>'knows not God."

JOB REPLIES: MY REDEEMER LIVES

**19** Then Job answered and said:

- 2 "How long will you  
torment me

<sup>1</sup>Or *Will they go down to the bars of Sheol? Is rest to be found together in the dust?*

17:16 <sup>w</sup>[See ver. 13 above] <sup>y</sup>[ch. 3:17-19] <sup>z</sup>ch. 21:26; 40:13 18:1 <sup>a</sup>ch. 2:11; 8:1 18:2 <sup>b</sup>[Matt. 22:15; Mark 12:13; Luke 20:20] 18:3 <sup>c</sup>Ps. 73:22 18:4 <sup>d</sup>ch. 16:9 <sup>e</sup>ch. 14:18 18:5 <sup>f</sup>ch. 21:17; Prov. 13:9; 20:20; 24:20; See Ps. 18:28 18:6 <sup>g</sup>ch. 10:22 18:7 <sup>h</sup>[ch. 5:13] 18:9 <sup>i</sup>Ps. 140:5 18:11 <sup>j</sup>ch. 15:21; 20:25; 27:20; 30:15; Jer. 6:25; 46:5; 49:29 18:12 <sup>k</sup>Ps. 38:17 18:13 <sup>l</sup>Isa. 14:30 18:14 <sup>m</sup>[Rev. 9:11] 18:15 <sup>n</sup>See Ps. 11:6; Ezek. 38:22 18:16 <sup>o</sup>ch. 29:19; Hos. 9:16 <sup>p</sup>ch. 14:2 18:17 <sup>q</sup>Ps. 34:16; Prov. 10:7; [Ps. 109:13, 15] 18:18 <sup>r</sup>ch. 10:21, 22 18:19 <sup>s</sup>Isa. 14:22 18:20 <sup>t</sup>Ps. 37:13; Jer. 50:27; Ezek. 21:25, 29; Obad. 12; [1 Sam. 26:10] <sup>u</sup>[ch. 21:6] 18:21 <sup>v</sup>Judg. 2:10; Jer. 9:3; 10:25; 1 Thess. 4:8; 2 Thess. 1:8

- 44 Nevertheless, he looked upon their distress, when he <sup>x</sup>heard their cry.
- 45 For their sake he <sup>y</sup>remembered his covenant, and <sup>z</sup>relented according to <sup>a</sup>the abundance of his steadfast love.
- 46 He caused them to be <sup>b</sup>pitied by all those who held them captive.
- 47 <sup>c</sup>Save us, O LORD our God, and <sup>d</sup>gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

- 48 <sup>e</sup>Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!  
<sup>e</sup>And let all the people say, "Amen!"  
<sup>f</sup>Praise the LORD!

### BOOK FIVE

LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO

- 107** <sup>g</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, <sup>h</sup>for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let <sup>i</sup>the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has <sup>j</sup>redeemed from trouble<sup>1</sup>
- 3 and <sup>k</sup>gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

- 4 Some <sup>l</sup>wandered in desert wastes, finding no way <sup>m</sup>to a city to dwell in;
- 5 hungry and thirsty, their soul <sup>n</sup>fainted within them.
- 6 Then they <sup>o</sup>cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He led them by <sup>p</sup>a straight way till they reached <sup>a</sup>city to dwell in.
- 8 <sup>q</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 9 For he <sup>r</sup>satisfies the longing soul, <sup>s</sup>and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
- 10 <sup>t</sup>Some sat in darkness and in <sup>u</sup>the shadow of death, prisoners in <sup>v</sup>affliction and in irons,
- 11 for they <sup>w</sup>had rebelled against the words of God, and <sup>x</sup>spurned the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, <sup>y</sup>with none to help.
- 13 <sup>z</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- 14 He brought them out of <sup>a</sup>darkness and the shadow of death, and <sup>b</sup>burst their bonds apart.
- 15 <sup>c</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

<sup>1</sup>Or from the hand of the foe

**106:44** <sup>x</sup>Judg. 3:9; 4:3; 6:7; 10:10 **106:45** <sup>y</sup>Ps. 105:8; Lev. 26:42 <sup>z</sup>See Ps. 90:13 <sup>a</sup>ver. 7; Ps. 51:11; 69:16; Isa. 63:7; Lam. 3:32 **106:46** <sup>b1</sup>Kgs. 8:50; 2 Chr. 30:9; Ezra 9:9; Neh. 1:11; Jer. 42:12 **106:47** <sup>c</sup>For ver. 47, 48, see 1 Chr. 16:35, 36 <sup>d</sup>See Ps. 107:3 **106:48** <sup>e</sup>See Ps. 41:13 <sup>f</sup>See Ps. 104:35 **107:1** <sup>g</sup>See Ps. 105:1 <sup>h</sup>See Ps. 100:5 **107:2** <sup>i</sup>Ps. 106:10 <sup>j</sup>Isa. 62:12; 63:4 **107:3** <sup>k</sup>Ps. 106:47; Deut. 30:3; Isa. 11:12; 43:5; 56:8; Jer. 29:14; 31:8, 10; Ezek. 20:34, 41; 39:27 **107:4** <sup>l</sup>ver. 40; [Deut. 32:10] <sup>m</sup>ver. 36 **107:5** <sup>n</sup>Ps. 77:3 **107:6** <sup>o</sup>ver. 13, 19, 28; Ps. 106:44 **107:7** <sup>p</sup>Ezra 8:21 <sup>m</sup>[See ver. 4 above] **107:8** <sup>q</sup>ver. 15, 21, 31 **107:9** [Ps. 34:10; 146:7] <sup>s</sup>Luke 1:53 **107:10** <sup>t</sup>Luke 1:79; [Isa. 42:7; 49:9; Mic. 7:8] <sup>u</sup>ver. 14; Job 10:21 <sup>v</sup>[Job 36:8] **107:11** <sup>w</sup>Ps. 106:7, 33, 43; See Ps. 78:40 <sup>x</sup>Prov. 1:30; 5:12; 15:5; [Deut. 31:20; Luke 7:30] **107:12** <sup>y</sup>See Ps. 22:11 **107:13** <sup>z</sup>ver. 6, 19, 28 **107:14** <sup>a</sup>See ver. 10 <sup>b</sup>[Ps. 2:3] **107:15** <sup>c</sup>ver. 8, 21, 31

- for his wondrous works to  
the children of man!
- 16 For he <sup>d</sup>shatters the  
doors of bronze  
and cuts in two the bars of iron.
- 17 Some were <sup>e</sup>fools through  
their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities  
suffered affliction;
- 18 <sup>f</sup>they loathed any kind of food,  
and they <sup>g</sup>drew near to  
<sup>h</sup>the gates of death.
- 19 <sup>i</sup>Then they cried to the  
LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them  
from their distress.
- 20 He <sup>j</sup>sent out his word  
and <sup>k</sup>healed them,  
and <sup>l</sup>delivered them from  
their destruction.
- 21 <sup>m</sup>Let them thank the LORD  
for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to  
the children of man!
- 22 And let them <sup>n</sup>offer sacrifices  
of thanksgiving,  
and <sup>o</sup>tell of his deeds  
in <sup>p</sup>songs of joy!
- 23 Some <sup>q</sup>went down to  
the sea in ships,  
doing business on the  
great waters;
- 24 they saw the deeds of the LORD,  
his wondrous works  
in the deep.
- 25 For he <sup>r</sup>commanded and  
<sup>s</sup>raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the  
waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to heaven; they  
went down to the depths;  
their courage <sup>t</sup>melted away  
in their evil plight;
- 27 they reeled and <sup>u</sup>staggered  
like drunken men  
and <sup>v</sup>were at their wits' end.<sup>1</sup>
- 28 <sup>w</sup>Then they cried to the  
LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them  
from their distress.
- 29 He <sup>x</sup>made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the  
sea were hushed.
- 30 Then they were glad that  
the waters<sup>2</sup> were quiet,  
and he brought them to  
their desired haven.
- 31 <sup>y</sup>Let them thank the LORD  
for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to  
the children of man!
- 32 Let them <sup>z</sup>extol him in <sup>a</sup>the  
congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the  
assembly of the elders.
- 33 He <sup>b</sup>turns rivers into a desert,  
springs of water into  
thirsty ground,
- 34 <sup>c</sup>a fruitful land into a salty waste,  
because of the evil of  
its inhabitants.
- 35 He <sup>d</sup>turns a desert into  
pools of water,  
<sup>e</sup>a parched land into  
springs of water.
- 36 And there he lets the  
hungry dwell,  
and they establish <sup>f</sup>a  
city to live in;
- 37 they sow fields and  
plant vineyards  
and get a fruitful yield.

<sup>1</sup>Hebrew *and all their wisdom was swallowed up*

<sup>2</sup>Hebrew *they*

107:16 <sup>d</sup>Isa. 45:2 107:17 <sup>e</sup>Prov. 1:7; 14:9 107:18 <sup>f</sup>Job 33:20 <sup>g</sup>Ps. 88:3; Job 33:22 <sup>h</sup>See Job 38:17 107:19 <sup>i</sup>ver. 6, 13, 28 107:20 <sup>j</sup>Ps. 147:15, 18; [Matt. 8:8] <sup>k</sup>Ps. 30:2, 3; 2 Kgs. 20:5; Job 33:29, 30 <sup>l</sup>Ps. 103:4 107:21 <sup>m</sup>ver. 8, 15, 31 107:22 <sup>n</sup>See Ps. 50:14 <sup>o</sup>Ps. 9:11; See Ps. 118:17 <sup>p</sup>Ps. 105:43 107:23 <sup>q</sup>Isa. 42:10 107:25 <sup>r</sup>Ps. 105:31, 34 <sup>s</sup>Ps. 148:8; Jonah 1:4 107:26 <sup>t</sup>Ps. 119:28; See Ps. 22:14 107:27 <sup>u</sup>Isa. 24:20; 29:9; See Job 12:25 <sup>v</sup>Isa. 19:3 107:28 <sup>w</sup>ver. 6, 13, 19 107:29 <sup>x</sup>See Ps. 65:7 107:31 <sup>y</sup>ver. 8, 15, 21 107:32 <sup>z</sup>See Ps. 99:5 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 22:22, 25 107:33 <sup>b</sup>Isa. 50:2; [Isa. 42:15] 107:34 <sup>c</sup>[Gen. 13:10; 14:3; Deut. 29:23]; See Gen. 19:24-28 107:35 <sup>d</sup>Ps. 114:8; Isa. 41:18; [Isa. 35:6, 7; 43:19, 20] <sup>e</sup>Job 38:26, 27 107:36 <sup>f</sup>ver. 4, 7

- 38 <sup>g</sup>By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their livestock diminish.
- 39 When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow,
- 40 <sup>h</sup>he pours contempt on princes and <sup>i</sup>makes them wander <sup>j</sup>in trackless wastes;
- 41 but <sup>k</sup>he raises up the needy out of affliction and <sup>l</sup>makes their families like flocks.
- 42 <sup>m</sup>The upright see it and are glad, and <sup>n</sup>all wickedness shuts its mouth.
- 43 <sup>o</sup>Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

## WITH GOD WE SHALL DO VALIANTLY

A Song. A Psalm of David.

- 108** <sup>p</sup>My heart is steadfast, O God!  
I will sing and make melody with all my being!<sup>1</sup>
- 2 Awake, O harp and lyre!  
I will awake the dawn!
- 3 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
- 4 For your steadfast love is great <sup>q</sup>above the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!

- 6 <sup>r</sup>That your beloved ones may be delivered,  
give salvation by your right hand and answer me!
- 7 God has promised in his holiness:<sup>2</sup>  
“With exultation I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Valley of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine;  
Ephraim is my helmet,  
Judah my scepter.
- 9 Moab is my washbasin;  
upon Edom I cast my shoe;  
<sup>s</sup>over Philistia I shout in triumph.”
- 10 Who will bring me to the fortified city?  
Who will lead me to Edom?
- 11 Have you not rejected us, O God? You do not go out, O God, with our armies.
- 12 Oh grant us help against the foe,  
for vain is the salvation of man!
- 13 With God we shall do valiantly;  
it is he who will tread down our foes.

## HELP ME, O LORD MY GOD

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 109** <sup>t</sup>Be not silent, O <sup>u</sup>God of my praise!
- 2 For wicked and <sup>v</sup>deceitful mouths are opened against me,  
speaking against me with lying tongues.
- 3 They encircle me with words of hate,  
and attack me <sup>w</sup>without cause.

<sup>1</sup>Hebrew *with my glory* <sup>2</sup>Or *sanctuary*

107:38 <sup>g</sup>Gen. 12:2; 17:20; Ex. 1:7 107:40 <sup>h</sup>Job 12:21 <sup>i</sup>Job 12:24 <sup>j</sup>[Deut. 32:10] 107:41 <sup>k</sup>Ps. 113:7, 8; 1 Sam. 2:8 <sup>l</sup>Job 21:11 107:42 <sup>m</sup>See Job 22:19 <sup>n</sup>See Ps. 63:11 107:43 <sup>o</sup>[Ps. 64:9; Jer. 9:12; Hos. 14:9] 108:1 <sup>p</sup>For ver. 1-5, see Ps. 57:7-11 108:4 <sup>q</sup>[Ps. 113:4] 108:6 <sup>r</sup>For ver. 6-13, see Ps. 60:5-12 108:9 <sup>s</sup>[Ps. 60:8] 109:1 <sup>t</sup>See Ps. 28:1 <sup>u</sup>Deut. 10:21; [Ps. 71:6; Jer. 17:14] 109:2 <sup>v</sup>Ps. 52:4 109:3 <sup>w</sup>See Ps. 69:4

- 4 In return for my love  
they <sup>x</sup>accuse me,  
but I <sup>y</sup>give myself to prayer.<sup>1</sup>
- 5 So they <sup>r</sup>reward me evil for good,  
and hatred for my love.
- 6 <sup>a</sup>Appoint a wicked man  
<sup>b</sup>against him;  
let an accuser stand <sup>c</sup>at  
his right hand.
- 7 When he is tried, let him  
come forth guilty;  
let his <sup>d</sup>prayer be counted as sin!
- 8 May his <sup>e</sup>days be few;  
may <sup>f</sup>another take his <sup>g</sup>office!
- 9 May his <sup>h</sup>children be fatherless  
and his wife a widow!
- 10 May his children <sup>i</sup>wander  
about and beg,  
<sup>j</sup>seeking food far from the  
ruins they inhabit!
- 11 May <sup>k</sup>the creditor seize  
all that he has;  
may <sup>k</sup>strangers plunder  
the fruits of his toil!
- 12 Let there be none to <sup>l</sup>extend  
kindness to him,  
nor any to <sup>m</sup>pity his  
fatherless children!
- 13 May his <sup>n</sup>posterity be cut off;  
may his <sup>o</sup>name be blotted out  
in the second generation!
- 14 May <sup>p</sup>the iniquity of his  
fathers be remembered  
before the LORD,  
and let not the sin of his  
mother be <sup>q</sup>blotted out!
- 15 <sup>r</sup>Let them be before the  
LORD continually,
- that he may <sup>s</sup>cut off the memory  
of them from the earth!
- 16 For he did not remember  
to show kindness,  
but pursued <sup>t</sup>the poor and needy  
and <sup>u</sup>the brokenhearted,  
to put them to death.
- 17 <sup>v</sup>He loved to curse; let curses  
come<sup>2</sup> upon him!  
He did not delight in blessing;  
may it be far<sup>3</sup> from him!
- 18 He <sup>w</sup>clothed himself with  
cursing as his coat;  
may it <sup>x</sup>soak<sup>4</sup> into his  
body like water,  
like oil into his bones!
- 19 May it be like a garment that  
he wraps around him,  
like a belt that he puts  
on every day!
- 20 May this be the reward of my  
<sup>y</sup>accusers from the LORD,  
of those who speak evil  
against my life!
- 21 But you, O GOD my Lord,  
deal on my behalf <sup>z</sup>for  
your name's sake;  
because your <sup>a</sup>steadfast love  
is good, deliver me!
- 22 For I am <sup>b</sup>poor and needy,  
and my heart is stricken  
within me.
- 23 I am gone like <sup>c</sup>a shadow  
at evening;  
I am <sup>d</sup>shaken off like a locust.
- 24 My knees are weak  
<sup>e</sup>through fasting;  
my <sup>f</sup>body has become  
gaunt, with no fat.
- 25 I am <sup>g</sup>an object of scorn  
to my accusers;

<sup>1</sup>Hebrew *but I am prayer* <sup>2</sup>Revocalization; Masoretic Text *courses have come* <sup>3</sup>Revocalization; Masoretic Text *it is far* <sup>4</sup>Revocalization; Masoretic Text *it has soaked*

109:4 <sup>x</sup>Ps. 38:20 <sup>y</sup>[Ps. 69:13] 109:5 <sup>z</sup>See Ps. 35:12 109:6 <sup>a</sup>For ver. 6-15, see Ps. 35:4-8; 69:22-28 <sup>b</sup>[1 Chr. 21:1; Zech. 3:1] <sup>c</sup>Job 30:12 109:7 <sup>d</sup>Prov. 28:9; [Prov. 15:8; 21:27] 109:8 <sup>e</sup>[Ps. 55:23] <sup>f</sup>Cited Acts 1:20 <sup>g</sup>Num. 4:16; [1 Chr. 24:3] 109:9 <sup>h</sup>Ex. 22:24 109:10 <sup>i</sup>[Gen. 4:12]; See Ps. 59:15 <sup>j</sup>[Ps. 37:25] 109:11 <sup>k</sup>[Deut. 28:43, 44] 109:12 <sup>l</sup>[Ps. 36:10] <sup>m</sup>[Job 5:4] 109:13 <sup>n</sup>See Ps. 21:10 <sup>o</sup>Prov. 10:7 109:14 <sup>p</sup>Ex. 20:5 <sup>q</sup>Neh. 4:5; Jer. 18:23 109:15 <sup>r</sup>[Ps. 90:8] <sup>s</sup>Ps. 34:16 109:16 <sup>t</sup>ver. 22; Ps. 40:17 <sup>u</sup>See Ps. 34:18 109:17 <sup>v</sup>[Prov. 14:14; Ezek. 35:6] 109:18 <sup>w</sup>[ver. 29; Ps. 73:6] <sup>x</sup>[Num. 5:22] 109:20 <sup>y</sup>ver. 6, 29 109:21 <sup>z</sup>[Jer. 14:7]; See Ps. 23:3 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 69:16; [Ps. 63:3] 109:22 <sup>b</sup>ver. 16 109:23 <sup>c</sup>See Ps. 102:11 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 10:19; [Neh. 5:13; Job 38:13] 109:24 <sup>e</sup>Ps. 35:13 <sup>f</sup>[Job 16:8] 109:25 <sup>g</sup>Ps. 22:6; 69:19

- <sup>p</sup>the branch of my planting,  
the work of my hands,  
that I might be glorified.<sup>1</sup>
- 22 <sup>q</sup>The least one shall  
become a clan,  
and the smallest one a  
mighty nation;  
<sup>r</sup>I am the LORD;  
in its time I will hasten it.

## THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR

- 61** <sup>s</sup>The Spirit of the Lord  
GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has  
<sup>t</sup>anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;<sup>2</sup>  
he has sent me to bind up  
the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to  
the captives,  
and <sup>u</sup>the opening of the prison  
to those who are bound;<sup>3</sup>
- 2 <sup>v</sup>to proclaim the year of  
the LORD's favor,  
<sup>w</sup>and the day of vengeance  
of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;
- 3 to grant to those who  
mourn in Zion—  
<sup>x</sup>to give them a beautiful  
headdress instead of ashes,  
<sup>y</sup>the oil of gladness instead  
of mourning,  
the garment of praise  
instead of a faint spirit;  
<sup>z</sup>that they may be called  
oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD,  
<sup>a</sup>that he may be glorified.<sup>4</sup>
- 4 <sup>b</sup>They shall build up the  
ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the  
former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of  
many generations.

- 5 <sup>c</sup>Strangers shall stand and  
tend your flocks;  
foreigners shall be your  
plowmen and vinedressers;
- 6 <sup>d</sup>but you shall be called the  
priests of the LORD;  
they shall speak of you as  
the ministers of our God;  
<sup>e</sup>you shall eat the wealth  
of the nations,  
and in their glory you  
shall boast.
- 7 <sup>f</sup>Instead of your shame there  
shall be a double portion;  
instead of dishonor they  
shall rejoice in their lot;  
therefore in their land they shall  
possess a double portion;  
they shall have everlasting joy.
- 8 <sup>g</sup>For I the LORD love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong;<sup>5</sup>  
<sup>h</sup>I will faithfully give them  
their recompense,  
<sup>i</sup>and I will make an everlasting  
covenant with them.
- 9 Their offspring shall be known  
among the nations,  
and their descendants in the  
midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall  
acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring  
the LORD has blessed.
- 10 <sup>j</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
<sup>k</sup>for he has clothed me with  
the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the  
robe of righteousness,

<sup>1</sup>Or that I might display my beauty <sup>2</sup>Or afflicted <sup>3</sup>Or the opening [of the eyes] to those who are blind; Septuagint and recovery of sight to the blind <sup>4</sup>Or that he may display his beauty <sup>5</sup>Or robbery with a burnt offering

60:21 <sup>p</sup>ch. 61:3 60:22 <sup>q</sup>[Matt. 13:31] <sup>r</sup>Hab. 2:3 61:1 <sup>s</sup>ch. 11:2; 42:1; 48:16; Cited Luke 4:18, 19 <sup>t</sup>Ps. 45:7 <sup>u</sup>ch. 45:13; Ps. 146:7 61:2 <sup>v</sup>[Lev. 25:10] <sup>w</sup>ch. 34:8 61:3 <sup>x</sup>ver. 10; [ch. 28:5] <sup>y</sup>Ps. 45:7; Heb. 1:9 <sup>z</sup>[ch. 60:21] <sup>a</sup>John 15:8 61:4 <sup>b</sup>Amos 9:14; See ch. 58:12 61:5 <sup>c</sup>ch. 14:2; [ch. 60:10] 61:6 <sup>d</sup>Ex. 19:6; 1 Pet. 2:9; [Joel 1:9] <sup>e</sup>ch. 60:5, 11, 16 61:7 <sup>f</sup>ch. 40:2; [ch. 54:7, 8; Zech. 9:12] 61:8 <sup>g</sup>Ps. 11:7; [ch. 59:15] <sup>h</sup>ch. 40:10; 49:4 <sup>i</sup>See ch. 55:3 61:10 <sup>j</sup>Hab. 3:18 [ch. 59:17; Zech. 3:4]

as a bridegroom decks  
 himself 'like a priest with  
 a beautiful headdress,  
<sup>m</sup>and as a bride adorns  
 herself with her jewels.  
 II For as the earth brings  
 forth its sprouts,  
 and as a garden causes what  
 is sown in it to sprout up,  
 so the Lord GOD will cause  
<sup>n</sup>righteousness and praise  
 to sprout up before  
 all the nations.

#### ZION'S COMING SALVATION

**62** <sup>o</sup>For Zion's sake I will  
 not keep silent,  
 and for Jerusalem's sake  
 I will not be quiet,  
<sup>p</sup>until her righteousness goes  
 forth as brightness,  
 and her salvation as a  
 burning torch.  
 2 <sup>q</sup>The nations shall see  
 your righteousness,  
 and all the kings your glory,  
 'and you shall be called  
 by a new name  
 that the mouth of the  
 LORD will give.  
 3 You shall be <sup>s</sup>a crown of beauty  
 in the hand of the LORD,  
 and a royal diadem in the  
 hand of your God.  
 4 'You shall no more be  
 termed <sup>t</sup>Forsaken,<sup>1</sup>  
 and your land shall no more  
 be termed Desolate,<sup>2</sup>  
 'but you shall be called <sup>v</sup>My  
 Delight Is in Her,<sup>3</sup>  
 and your land Married;<sup>4</sup>  
 for the LORD delights in you,  
 and your land shall be married.

5 For as a young man marries  
 a young woman,  
 so <sup>w</sup>shall your sons marry you,  
 and as the bridegroom  
 rejoices over the bride,  
 so <sup>x</sup>shall your God  
 rejoice over you.  
 6 On your walls, O Jerusalem,  
 I have set <sup>y</sup>watchmen;  
 all the day and all the night  
 they shall never be silent.  
 You who put the LORD  
 in remembrance,  
 take no rest,  
 7 and give him no rest  
 until he establishes Jerusalem  
 and makes it <sup>z</sup>a praise  
 in the earth.  
 8 The LORD has sworn <sup>a</sup>by  
 his right hand  
 and by his mighty arm:  
 "I will not again give <sup>b</sup>your grain  
 to be food for your enemies,  
<sup>c</sup>and foreigners shall not  
 drink your wine  
 for which you have labored;  
 9 but <sup>d</sup>those who garner  
 it shall eat it  
 and praise the LORD,  
 and <sup>e</sup>those who gather  
 it shall drink it  
 in the courts of my sanctuary."<sup>5</sup>  
 10 Go through, go through the gates;  
<sup>e</sup>prepare the way for the people;  
<sup>f</sup>build up, build up the highway;  
 clear it of stones;  
<sup>g</sup>lift up a signal over the peoples.  
 II Behold, the LORD has proclaimed  
 to the end of the earth:  
<sup>h</sup>Say to the daughter of Zion,  
<sup>i</sup>"Behold, your salvation comes;  
 behold, his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense  
 before him."

<sup>1</sup>Hebrew *Azubah* <sup>2</sup>Hebrew *Shemamah* <sup>3</sup>Hebrew  
*Hephzibah* <sup>4</sup>Hebrew *Beulah* <sup>5</sup>Or in my holy courts

**61:10** ver. 3 <sup>m</sup>ch. 49:18; Rev. 21:2 **61:11** <sup>n</sup>[ch. 60:18; 62:7] **62:1** <sup>o</sup>ver. 6, 7 <sup>p</sup>[Prov. 4:18] **62:2** <sup>q</sup>ch. 60:3; Ps. 98:2  
<sup>r</sup>ch. 60:14; [Rev. 2:17; 3:12] **62:3** <sup>s</sup>Zech. 9:16; [ch. 54:11, 12] **62:4** <sup>t</sup>Hos. 1:10; 1 Pet. 2:10; See ch. 54:6 <sup>u</sup>ch. 49:14; 54:1,  
 7; 60:15 <sup>v</sup>[See ver. 2 above] <sup>w</sup>Mal. 3:12 **62:5** <sup>w</sup>[ch. 51:18] <sup>x</sup>ch. 65:19 **62:6** <sup>y</sup>ch. 52:8; 56:10 **62:7** <sup>z</sup>ch. 60:18; [ch.  
 61:11; Zeph. 3:20] **62:8** <sup>a</sup>[Heb. 6:13] <sup>b</sup>Deut. 28:33; Jer. 5:17 <sup>c</sup>[ch. 65:21, 22] **62:9** <sup>d</sup>[Deut. 12:12; 14:23, 26] **62:10** <sup>e</sup>ch.  
 40:3 <sup>f</sup>ch. 57:14 <sup>g</sup>ch. 11:10; 49:22 **62:11** <sup>h</sup>Zech. 9:9; [Matt. 21:5; John 12:15] <sup>i</sup>ch. 40:10

12 <sup>j</sup>And they shall be called  
The Holy People,  
The Redeemed of the LORD;  
<sup>k</sup>and you shall be called  
Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken.

THE LORD'S DAY OF VENGEANCE

**63** Who is this who comes  
from <sup>l</sup>Edom,  
in crimsoned garments  
from <sup>l</sup>Bozrah,  
he who is splendid in  
his apparel,  
<sup>m</sup>marching in the greatness  
of his strength?  
“It is I, speaking in righteousness,  
mighty to save.”

2 Why is your <sup>n</sup>apparel red,  
and your garments like his <sup>o</sup>who  
treads in the winepress?

3 <sup>p</sup>“I have trodden the  
winepress alone,  
<sup>q</sup>and from the peoples no  
one was with me;  
I trod them in my anger  
and trampled them in my wrath;  
their lifeblood<sup>1</sup> spattered  
on my garments,  
and stained all my apparel.

4 <sup>r</sup>For the day of vengeance  
was in my heart,  
and my year of redemption<sup>2</sup>  
had come.

5 I looked, but <sup>s</sup>there was  
no one to help;  
I was appalled, but there  
was no one to uphold;  
so my own arm brought  
me salvation,  
and my wrath upheld me.

6 I trampled down the  
peoples in my anger;  
<sup>t</sup>I made them drunk in my wrath,

and I poured out their  
lifeblood on the earth.”

THE LORD'S MERCY REMEMBERED

7 I will recount the steadfast  
love of the LORD,  
the praises of the LORD,  
according to all that the  
LORD has granted us,  
“and the great goodness  
to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them  
according to his compassion,  
according to the abundance  
of his steadfast love.

8 For he said, “Surely they  
are my people,  
children who will not  
deal falsely.”  
And he became their Savior.

9 <sup>v</sup>In all their affliction he  
was afflicted,<sup>3</sup>  
and the angel of his  
presence saved them;  
<sup>w</sup>in his love and in his pity  
he redeemed them;  
<sup>x</sup>he lifted them up and carried  
them all the days of old.

10 <sup>y</sup>But they rebelled  
<sup>z</sup>and grieved his Holy Spirit;  
therefore he turned to  
be their enemy,  
and himself fought  
against them.

11 Then he remembered  
<sup>a</sup>the days of old,  
of Moses and his people.<sup>4</sup>  
<sup>b</sup>Where is he who brought  
them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?  
Where is he who put in  
the midst of them

<sup>1</sup>Or *their juice*; also verse 6 <sup>2</sup>Or *the year of my redeemed* <sup>3</sup>Or *he did not afflict* <sup>4</sup>Or *Then his people remembered the days of old, of Moses*

62:12 <sup>j</sup>ch. 61:6 <sup>k</sup>ver. 4; [ch. 61:4] 63:1 <sup>l</sup>ch. 34:6 <sup>m</sup>[Ps. 68:7] 63:2 <sup>n</sup>Rev. 19:13 <sup>o</sup>[Lam. 1:15; Rev. 14:20; 19:15] 63:3 <sup>p</sup>[Joel 3:13] <sup>q</sup>[ch. 59:16] 63:4 <sup>r</sup>ch. 34:8 63:5 <sup>s</sup>[ch. 59:16] 63:6 <sup>t</sup>ch. 49:26 63:7 <sup>u</sup>Ps. 145:7 63:9 <sup>v</sup>Judg. 10:16 <sup>w</sup>Deut. 7:7, 8; [Ezek. 16:5, 6] <sup>x</sup>See Deut. 32:10-12 63:10 <sup>y</sup>Ex. 15:24; Num. 14:11; Ps. 78:17, 56; 95:9; Ezek. 20:8 <sup>z</sup>Ps. 78:40; Acts 7:51; [Eph. 4:30] 63:11 <sup>a</sup>See Ps. 77:11-20 <sup>b</sup>See Ex. 14:19-22

<sup>20</sup>Then Jeremiah said to all the people, <sup>1</sup>men and women, all the people who had given him this answer: <sup>21</sup>“As for the offerings that you offered in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your kings and your officials, and the people of the land, <sup>v</sup>did not the LORD remember them? Did it not come into his mind? <sup>22</sup>“The LORD could no longer bear your evil deeds and <sup>x</sup>the abominations that you committed. <sup>y</sup>Therefore your land has become <sup>z</sup>a desolation and a waste and a curse, <sup>a</sup>without inhabitant, as it is this day. <sup>23</sup>It is because you made offerings <sup>b</sup>and because you sinned against the LORD and did not obey the voice of the LORD or walk in his law and in his statutes and in his testimonies <sup>c</sup>that this disaster has happened to you, as at this day.”

<sup>24</sup>Jeremiah said to all the people and all the women, “Hear the word of the LORD, <sup>d</sup>all you of Judah who are in the land of Egypt. <sup>25</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: “You and your wives have declared with your mouths, and have fulfilled it with your hands, saying, ‘We will surely perform our vows that we have made, <sup>e</sup>to make offerings to the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings to her.’ Then confirm your vows and perform your vows! <sup>26</sup>Therefore hear the word of the LORD, <sup>d</sup>all you of Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: <sup>g</sup>Behold, I have sworn by my great name, says the LORD, <sup>h</sup>that my name shall no more be invoked by the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, <sup>i</sup>saying, ‘As the Lord GOD lives.’ <sup>27</sup>Behold, I am watching over them for disaster and not

for good. <sup>k</sup>All the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by famine, until there is an end of them. <sup>28</sup>And those who escape the sword shall return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah, <sup>m</sup>few in number; and all the remnant of Judah, who came to the land of Egypt to live, <sup>n</sup>shall know whose word will stand, mine or theirs. <sup>29</sup>This shall be the sign to you, declares the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, in order that you may know that <sup>o</sup>my words will surely stand against you for harm: <sup>30</sup>Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will give <sup>p</sup>Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies <sup>q</sup>and into the hand of those who seek his life, as I gave <sup>r</sup>Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy and sought his life.”

#### MESSAGE TO BARUCH

**45** The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to <sup>s</sup>Baruch the son of Neriah, <sup>t</sup>when he wrote these words in a book at the dictation of Jeremiah, “in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: <sup>2</sup>“Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: <sup>3</sup>You said, <sup>u</sup>“Woe is me! For the LORD has added sorrow to my pain. <sup>v</sup>I am weary with my groaning, <sup>x</sup>and I find no rest.’ <sup>4</sup>Thus shall you say to him, Thus says the LORD: <sup>y</sup>Behold, what I have built I am breaking down, and what I have planted I am plucking up—that is, the whole land. <sup>5</sup>And <sup>z</sup>do you seek great things for yourself? Seek them not, for behold, <sup>a</sup>I am bringing disaster upon all flesh, declares the LORD. But I will give you <sup>b</sup>your life as

**44:20** <sup>1</sup>ch. 43:6 **44:21** <sup>u</sup>ver. 17; [Ezek. 8:10, 11] <sup>v</sup>[Ezek. 21:24] **44:22** <sup>w</sup>ch. 5:9, 29 <sup>x</sup>Ezek. 8:6 <sup>y</sup>See ch. 7:34 <sup>z</sup>See ch. 18:16 <sup>a</sup>See ch. 4:7 **44:23** <sup>b</sup>See ch. 40:3 <sup>c</sup>[Deut. 31:29] **44:24** <sup>d</sup>ver. 15; See ch. 43:5-7 **44:25** <sup>e</sup>ver. 16 <sup>f</sup>ver. 17 **44:26** <sup>g</sup>[See ver. 24 above] <sup>h</sup>See ch. 22:5 <sup>i</sup>[Ezek. 20:39] <sup>j</sup>[ch. 4:2] **44:27** <sup>k</sup>ch. 31:28 <sup>l</sup>ch. 42:16 **44:28** <sup>m</sup>[ver. 14; Isa. 27:13] <sup>n</sup>Ezek. 6:8 <sup>o</sup>ver. 17, 25, 26 **44:29** <sup>p</sup>Prov. 19:21 **44:30** <sup>q</sup>ch. 46:17; See Ezek. 29:2-5; 30:21-24 <sup>r</sup>ch. 46:26 [ch. 39:5] **45:1** <sup>s</sup>See ch. 32:12 <sup>t</sup>See ch. 36:4, 18 <sup>u</sup>ch. 36:1 **45:3** <sup>v</sup>[ch. 36:26] <sup>w</sup>Ps. 6:6 <sup>x</sup>Lam. 1:3; 5:5 **45:4** <sup>y</sup>ch. 31:28; [Isa. 5:5] **45:5** <sup>z</sup>[Ps. 131:1, 2; Rom. 12:16] <sup>a</sup>[ch. 25:26, 29] <sup>b</sup>ch. 21:9; 39:18

a prize of war in all places to which you may go.”

#### JUDGMENT ON EGYPT

**46** The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

<sup>2</sup>About Egypt. <sup>4</sup>Concerning the army of Pharaoh Neco, king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates at Carchemish and which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in <sup>6</sup>the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

**3** <sup>f</sup>“Prepare buckler and shield, and advance for battle!  
**4** <sup>g</sup>Harness the horses; mount, O horsemen! Take your stations with your helmets, <sup>f</sup>polish your spears, put on your armor!  
**5** Why have I seen it? They are dismayed and have turned backward. Their <sup>h</sup>warriors are beaten down and have fled in haste; <sup>i</sup>they look not back— <sup>j</sup>terror on every side!  
 declares the LORD.

**6** “The swift cannot flee away, nor the warrior escape; <sup>d</sup>in the north by the river Euphrates <sup>k</sup>they have stumbled and fallen.

**7** “Who is this, <sup>l</sup>rising like the Nile, like rivers <sup>m</sup>whose waters surge?

**8** Egypt rises like the Nile, like rivers <sup>m</sup>whose waters surge. He said, ‘I will rise, I will cover the earth,

I will destroy cities and their inhabitants.’

**9** <sup>n</sup>Advance, O horses, and rage, O chariots! Let the warriors go out: men of Cush and <sup>o</sup>Put who handle the shield, <sup>p</sup>men of Lud, skilled in handling the bow.  
**10** <sup>q</sup>That day is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, <sup>r</sup>a day of vengeance, <sup>s</sup>to avenge himself on his foes. <sup>t</sup>The sword shall devour and be sated and drink its fill of their blood. For the Lord GOD of hosts holds <sup>u</sup>a sacrifice <sup>v</sup>in the north country <sup>w</sup>by the river Euphrates.  
**11** <sup>x</sup>Go up to Gilead, and take <sup>x</sup>balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt! In vain you have used many medicines; <sup>y</sup>there is no healing for you.  
**12** The nations have heard of your shame, and the earth is full of your cry; <sup>z</sup>for warrior has stumbled against warrior; they have both fallen together.”

**13**The word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet about the coming of <sup>a</sup>Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to strike the land of Egypt:

**14** “Declare in Egypt, and proclaim in <sup>b</sup>Migdol; proclaim in <sup>b</sup>Memphis and <sup>b</sup>Tahpanhes; say, <sup>c</sup>“Stand ready and be prepared, for <sup>d</sup>the sword shall devour around you.’

**46:1** [ch. 1:5; 25:13]; See ch. 25:15-26 **46:2** <sup>d2</sup> Kgs. 23:29; 2 Chr. 35:20 <sup>e</sup>ch. 25:1; 36:1; 45:1 **46:3** [ch. 51:11] **46:4** <sup>g</sup>[Nah. 3:2] <sup>f</sup>[See ver. 3 above] **46:5** <sup>h</sup>[2 Sam. 1:19, 25] <sup>i</sup>ver. 21; ch. 47:3 <sup>j</sup>See ch. 6:25 **46:6** <sup>d</sup>[See ver. 2 above] <sup>k</sup>[Dan. 11:19] **46:7** [ch. 47:2; Isa. 8:7, 8; Dan. 11:22] <sup>m</sup>[Ezek. 32:2] **46:8** <sup>m</sup>[See ver. 7 above] **46:9** <sup>n</sup>Nah. 3:2; [Judg. 5:22] <sup>o</sup>Ezek. 27:10 <sup>p</sup>Isa. 66:19 **46:10** <sup>q</sup>Isa. 13:9; Joel 1:15 <sup>r</sup>ch. 50:15 <sup>s</sup>Isa. 1:24 <sup>t</sup>[ver. 14; Isa. 34:5] <sup>u</sup>[Isa. 34:6] <sup>v</sup>ver. 6 <sup>w</sup>ver. 2 **46:11** <sup>x</sup>[ch. 8:22] <sup>y</sup>[Ezek. 30:21] **46:12** <sup>z</sup>ver. 6 **46:13** <sup>a</sup>ch. 43:10, 11; 44:30; [Isa. 19:4; Ezek. 29:10] **46:14** <sup>b</sup>See ch. 44:1 <sup>c</sup>[ver. 3, 4] <sup>d</sup>[ver. 10]

- 15 Why are your mighty ones face down?  
They do not stand<sup>1</sup>  
because the LORD thrust them down.
- 16 He made many stumble,<sup>f</sup>  
and they fell,  
and they said one to another,  
'Arise, and let us go back  
to our own people  
and to the land of our birth,  
<sup>g</sup>because of the sword  
of the oppressor.'
- 17 Call the name of <sup>h</sup>Pharaoh,  
king of Egypt,  
'Noisy one who lets  
the hour go by.'
- 18 <sup>i</sup>"As I live, declares the King,  
<sup>j</sup>whose name is the LORD of hosts,  
like <sup>k</sup>Tabor among the mountains  
and like <sup>l</sup>Carmel by the  
sea, shall one come.
- 19 <sup>m</sup>Prepare yourselves  
baggage for exile,  
O <sup>n</sup>inhabitants of Egypt!  
For <sup>o</sup>Memphis shall  
become a waste,  
a ruin, <sup>p</sup>without inhabitant.
- 20 "A beautiful <sup>q</sup>heifer is Egypt,  
but a biting fly <sup>r</sup>from the  
north has come upon her.
- 21 Even her hired soldiers  
in her midst  
are like <sup>s</sup>fattened calves;  
yes, they have turned  
and fled together;  
they did not stand,  
for the day of their calamity  
has come upon them,  
<sup>t</sup>the time of their punishment.
- 22 "She makes <sup>u</sup>a sound like a  
serpent gliding away;
- for her enemies march in force  
and come against her with axes  
<sup>v</sup>like those who fell trees.
- 23 <sup>w</sup>"They shall cut down her forest,  
declares the LORD,  
though it is impenetrable,  
because <sup>x</sup>they are more  
numerous than locusts;  
they are without number.
- 24 The daughter of Egypt shall  
be put to shame;  
she shall be delivered into  
the hand of <sup>y</sup>a people  
from the north."
- 25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, said: "Behold, I am bringing punishment upon <sup>x</sup>Amon of <sup>y</sup>Thebes, and Pharaoh and Egypt <sup>z</sup>and her gods and her kings, upon Pharaoh and those who trust in him. 26 <sup>a</sup>"I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their life, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and his officers. <sup>b</sup>Afterward Egypt shall be inhabited <sup>c</sup>as in the days of old, declares the LORD.
- 27 <sup>d</sup>"But fear not, O Jacob my servant, nor be dismayed, O Israel, for behold, I will save you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease, and none shall make him afraid.
- 28 <sup>e</sup>Fear not, O Jacob my servant, declares the LORD, for I am with you. I will make a full end of all the nations to which I have driven you,

<sup>1</sup> Hebrew *He does not stand*

46:16 <sup>f</sup>Lev. 26:37 <sup>g</sup>ch. 50:16 46:17 <sup>h</sup>[Isa. 30:7] 46:18 <sup>i</sup>See ch. 4:2 <sup>j</sup>ch. 48:15; 51:57; Isa. 47:4; 48:2 <sup>k</sup>Judg. 4:6  
<sup>l</sup>1 Kgs. 18:42, 44 46:19 <sup>m</sup>[Ezek. 12:3] <sup>n</sup>[ch. 48:18] <sup>o</sup>See ch. 44:1 <sup>p</sup>See ch. 4:7 46:20 <sup>q</sup>[Hos. 10:11] <sup>r</sup>ver. 6, 10,  
24; See ch. 1:13 46:21 <sup>s</sup>Amos 6:4; Mal. 4:2 <sup>t</sup>ch. 50:27 46:22 <sup>u</sup>[Isa. 29:4] <sup>v</sup>[Isa. 10:34; 14:8] 46:23 <sup>w</sup>[See ver.  
22 above] <sup>x</sup>[Judg. 6:5; 7:12] 46:24 <sup>y</sup>[See ver. 20 above] 46:25 <sup>z</sup>[Nah. 3:8] <sup>a</sup>Ezek. 30:14, 15, 16 <sup>b</sup>See ch. 43:12  
46:26 <sup>c</sup>ch. 44:30; Ezek. 30:4; 32:11 <sup>d</sup>Ezek. 29:13, 14; See Isa. 19:22-25 <sup>e</sup>Isa. 51:9 46:27 <sup>f</sup>See ch. 30:10, 11; Isa. 43:5  
46:28 <sup>g</sup>[See ver. 27 above]

17<sup>x</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, <sup>z</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”<sup>1</sup>

#### JESUS CALLS THE FIRST DISCIPLES

18<sup>a</sup>While walking by <sup>b</sup>the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you <sup>c</sup>fishers of men.”<sup>2</sup> 20Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. 22Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

#### JESUS MINISTERS TO GREAT CROWDS

23<sup>d</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, <sup>e</sup>teaching in their synagogues and <sup>f</sup>proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and <sup>g</sup>healing every disease and every affliction among the people. 24So his fame spread throughout all <sup>h</sup>Syria, and <sup>g</sup>they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and <sup>i</sup>pains, <sup>j</sup>those oppressed by demons, <sup>k</sup>those having seizures, and <sup>l</sup>paralytics, and he healed them. 25<sup>m</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the <sup>n</sup>Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

#### THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

**5** Seeing the crowds, <sup>o</sup>he went up on the mountain, and when he <sup>p</sup>sat down, his disciples came to him.

#### THE BEATITUDES

2And <sup>q</sup>he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3<sup>r</sup>“Blessed are <sup>s</sup>the poor in spirit, for <sup>t</sup>theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4“Blessed are <sup>v</sup>those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5“Blessed are the <sup>w</sup>meek, for they <sup>w</sup>shall inherit the earth.

6“Blessed are those who hunger and <sup>x</sup>thirst <sup>y</sup>for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7“Blessed are <sup>z</sup>the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8“Blessed are <sup>a</sup>the pure in heart, for <sup>b</sup>they shall see God.

9“Blessed are <sup>c</sup>the peacemakers, for <sup>d</sup>they shall be called <sup>e</sup>sons<sup>3</sup> of God.

10<sup>f</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for <sup>g</sup>theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11<sup>g</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely <sup>h</sup>on my account. 12<sup>i</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for <sup>j</sup>so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

#### SALT AND LIGHT

13“<sup>k</sup>You are the salt of the earth, <sup>k</sup>but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

14<sup>l</sup>“<sup>l</sup>You are the light of the world.

A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

15<sup>m</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and

<sup>1</sup>Or *the kingdom of heaven has come near* <sup>2</sup>The Greek word *anthropoi* refers here to both men and women <sup>3</sup>Greek *huioi*; see Preface

4:17 <sup>x</sup>Mark 1:14 <sup>z</sup>ch. 3:2 4:18 <sup>a</sup>For ver. 18-22, see Mark 1:16-20; [Luke 5:2-11; John 1:40-42] <sup>b</sup>ver. 13 4:19 <sup>c</sup>ch. 13:47 4:23 <sup>d</sup>Mark 1:39 <sup>e</sup>ch. 9:35; 13:54; Mark 1:21; Luke 4:15; John 18:20 <sup>f</sup>ch. 24:14; Luke 4:43; [ch. 13:19] <sup>g</sup>ch. 8:16; 14:35, 36; Mark 1:34; 6:55, 56 4:24 <sup>h</sup>Luke 2:2 <sup>i</sup>[See ver. 23 above] <sup>j</sup>ch. 8:6 <sup>k</sup>[John 10:21] <sup>l</sup>ch. 17:15 <sup>m</sup>ch. 9:2, 6 4:25 <sup>n</sup>Mark 3:7, 8; Luke 6:17 <sup>o</sup>Mark 5:20 5:1 <sup>p</sup>ch. 15:29 <sup>q</sup>Luke 4:20 5:2 <sup>r</sup>Ps. 78:2 5:3 <sup>s</sup>For ver. 3-12, [Luke 6:20-23] <sup>t</sup>[Isa. 61:1; 66:2] <sup>u</sup>[Luke 12:32] 5:4 <sup>v</sup>Isa. 61:2, 3; John 16:20; 2 Cor. 1:7; 7:10; Rev. 21:4; [James 4:9, 10] 5:5 <sup>w</sup>Ps. 37:11 5:6 <sup>x</sup>Ps. 42:2; Isa. 55:1, 2; John 7:37 <sup>y</sup>2 Tim. 2:22; [ch. 6:33] 5:7 <sup>z</sup>ch. 18:33; 25:34-36; Prov. 19:17; Luke 6:36; 2 Tim. 1:16; Heb. 6:10 5:8 <sup>a</sup>Ps. 24:4; 2 Tim. 2:22; [1 Pet. 1:22] <sup>b</sup>Heb. 12:14; 1 John 3:2, 3; Rev. 22:4; [1 Cor. 13:12] 5:9 <sup>c</sup>James 3:18 <sup>d</sup>1 John 3:1 <sup>e</sup>Rom. 8:14 5:10 <sup>f</sup>2 Tim. 2:12; James 5:11; 1 Pet. 3:14 <sup>g</sup>[See ver. 3 above] 5:11 <sup>g</sup>Heb. 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:14 <sup>h</sup>John 15:21 5:12 <sup>i</sup>Acts 5:41; Rom. 5:3; 2 Cor. 12:10; Col. 1:11, 24; Heb. 10:34; James 1:2; 1 Pet. 4:13 <sup>j</sup>See ch. 21:35 5:13 <sup>k</sup>Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34 5:14 <sup>l</sup>Eph. 5:8; Phil. 2:15; [John 8:12] 5:15 <sup>m</sup>Mark 4:21; Luke 8:16; 11:33

it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so <sup>a</sup>that they may see your good works and <sup>o</sup>give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

#### CHRIST CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW

<sup>17</sup><sup>p</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish <sup>q</sup>the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but <sup>t</sup>to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, <sup>5</sup>until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup><sup>t</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes <sup>u</sup>one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least <sup>v</sup>in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great <sup>v</sup>in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds <sup>w</sup>that of the scribes and Pharisees, you <sup>x</sup>will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

#### ANGER

<sup>21</sup><sup>y</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of old, <sup>z</sup>You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable <sup>a</sup>to judgment. <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that <sup>b</sup>everyone who is angry with his brother<sup>2</sup> will be liable <sup>a</sup>to judgment; whoever insults<sup>3</sup> his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to ‘the hell<sup>4</sup> of fire. <sup>23</sup><sup>d</sup>So if <sup>e</sup>you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something

against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup><sup>f</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, <sup>g</sup>you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.<sup>5</sup>

#### LUST

<sup>27</sup><sup>h</sup>“You have heard that it was said, <sup>i</sup>‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that <sup>j</sup>everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup><sup>k</sup>If your right eye <sup>l</sup>causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into <sup>m</sup>hell. <sup>30</sup><sup>k</sup>And if your right hand <sup>l</sup>causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into <sup>m</sup>hell.

#### DIVORCE

<sup>31</sup><sup>h</sup>“It was also said, <sup>n</sup>‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup><sup>o</sup>But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and <sup>p</sup>whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

#### OATHS

<sup>33</sup>“Again <sup>h</sup>you have heard that it was said to those of old, <sup>q</sup>‘You shall not swear falsely, but <sup>r</sup>shall perform to

<sup>1</sup>Or *house*. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before others that  
<sup>2</sup>Some manuscripts insert *without cause* <sup>3</sup>Greek says *Raca* to (a term of abuse) <sup>4</sup>Greek *Gehenna*; also verses 29, 30 <sup>5</sup>Greek *kodrantēs*, Roman copper coin (Latin *quadrans*) worth about  $\frac{1}{64}$  of a *denarius* (which was a day’s wage for a laborer)

**5:16** <sup>a</sup>Philem. 6; 1 Pet. 2:12 <sup>o</sup>John 15:8; 2 Cor. 9:13; Phil. 1:11; [ch. 9:8] **5:17** <sup>p</sup>Rom. 3:31 <sup>q</sup>ch. 7:12 <sup>r</sup>[Rom. 10:4; 13:8; Gal. 3:24] **5:18** <sup>s</sup>Luke 16:17; [ch. 24:35] **5:19** <sup>t</sup>[1 Cor. 3:12-15] <sup>u</sup>[Gal. 3:10; James 2:10] <sup>v</sup>ch. 11:11; 18:1-4 **5:20** <sup>w</sup>[Rom. 10:3; Phil. 3:9] <sup>x</sup>John 3:5 **5:21** <sup>y</sup>ver. 33; [ver. 27, 31, 38, 43] <sup>z</sup>Cited from Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17; [ch. 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Rom. 13:9; James 2:11] <sup>a</sup>[Deut. 16:18] **5:22** <sup>b</sup>John 3:15 <sup>c</sup>[See ver. 21 above] <sup>d</sup>ch. 18:9; Mark 9:43; James 3:6; [ver. 29] **5:23** <sup>d</sup>[ch. 6:15; Mark 11:25] <sup>e</sup>ch. 8:4; 23:18 **5:25** <sup>f</sup>Luke 12:58, 59 **5:26** <sup>g</sup>[ch. 18:34, 35] **5:27** <sup>h</sup>See ver. 21 <sup>i</sup>Cited from Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18 **5:28** <sup>j</sup>Job 31:1; Prov. 6:25; [2 Sam. 11:2] **5:29** <sup>k</sup>ch. 18:8, 9; Mark 9:43-48 <sup>l</sup>[ch. 13:41; Luke 17:1] <sup>m</sup>ch. 10:28; 23:15, 33; Luke 12:5; [ver. 22] **5:30** <sup>k</sup>[See ver. 29 above] <sup>l</sup>[See ver. 29 above] <sup>m</sup>[See ver. 29 above] **5:31** <sup>h</sup>[See ver. 27 above] <sup>q</sup>ch. 19:7; Jer. 3:1; Cited from Deut. 24:1 **5:32** <sup>o</sup>ch. 19:9; Mark 10:11, 12; Luke 16:18; [1 Cor. 7:10, 11] <sup>p</sup>Rom. 7:3 **5:33** <sup>h</sup>[See ver. 27 above] <sup>q</sup>Lev. 19:12; 1 Tim. 1:10 <sup>r</sup>Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21; Eccles. 5:4

the Lord what you have sworn.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, <sup>5</sup>Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for <sup>1</sup>it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is <sup>4</sup>“the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; <sup>v</sup>anything more than this comes from evil.<sup>1</sup>

#### RETALIATION

<sup>38</sup><sup>h</sup>“You have heard that it was said, <sup>v</sup>“An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, <sup>2</sup>Do not resist the one who is evil. But <sup>a</sup>if anyone <sup>b</sup>slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. <sup>40</sup>And <sup>2</sup>if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, <sup>2</sup>let him have your cloak as well. <sup>41</sup>And if anyone <sup>c</sup>forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. <sup>42</sup><sup>d</sup>Give to the one who begs from you, and <sup>e</sup>do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

#### LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

<sup>43</sup><sup>f</sup>“You have heard that it was said, <sup>g</sup>“You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, <sup>i</sup>Love your enemies and <sup>j</sup>pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup><sup>k</sup>so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and <sup>l</sup>sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup><sup>m</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers,<sup>3</sup> what more are you doing than others? Do not even <sup>n</sup>the Gentiles do

the same? <sup>48</sup><sup>o</sup>You therefore must be <sup>p</sup>perfect, <sup>q</sup>as your heavenly Father is perfect.

#### GIVING TO THE NEEDY

**6** “Beware of <sup>r</sup>practicing your righteousness before other people in order <sup>s</sup>to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup><sup>t</sup>“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may <sup>u</sup>be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have <sup>v</sup>received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. <sup>w</sup>And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love <sup>x</sup>to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. <sup>y</sup>Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, <sup>z</sup>go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. <sup>a</sup>And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>7</sup>“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as <sup>b</sup>the Gentiles do, for <sup>c</sup>they think that they will be heard <sup>d</sup>for their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like

<sup>1</sup>Or *the evil one* <sup>2</sup>Greek *chiton*, a long garment worn under the cloak next to the skin <sup>3</sup>Or *brothers and sisters*. In New Testament usage, depending on the context, the plural Greek word *adelphoi* (translated “brothers”) may refer either to *brothers* or to *brothers and sisters*

**5:34** <sup>5</sup>James 5:12 <sup>t</sup>ch. 23:22; Isa. 66:1; Acts 7:49; See Rev. 4:2 **5:35** <sup>u</sup>Ps. 48:2 **5:37** <sup>v</sup>[Prov. 10:19] **5:38** <sup>h</sup>[See ver. 27 above] <sup>y</sup>Cited from Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21 **5:39** <sup>2</sup>1 Pet. 2:23 <sup>a</sup>For ver. 39-42, see Luke 6:29, 30; [Rom. 12:17] <sup>b</sup>ch. 26:67; Isa. 50:6; Lam. 3:30 **5:40** <sup>2</sup>[See ver. 39 above] **5:41** <sup>c</sup>ch. 27:32 **5:42** <sup>d</sup>Ps. 37:21; Prov. 21:26 <sup>e</sup>Deut. 15:8; Ps. 37:26; 112:5; Luke 6:34, 35 **5:43** <sup>f</sup>See ver. 21 <sup>g</sup>Cited from Lev. 19:18; See ch. 19:19 **5:44** <sup>l</sup>Luke 6:27, 28; Rom. 12:20; [Ex. 23:4; Job 31:29, 30; Ps. 7:4] <sup>i</sup>Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60; 2 Tim. 4:16; 1 Pet. 3:9 **5:45** <sup>k</sup>Luke 6:35; [Eph. 5:1; Phil. 2:15] <sup>l</sup>Acts 14:17 **5:46** <sup>m</sup>Luke 6:32 **5:47** <sup>n</sup>ch. 6:7, 32 **5:48** <sup>q</sup>[Luke 6:36] <sup>p</sup>ch. 19:21; 1 Cor. 2:6 (Gk.); Phil. 3:15 (Gk.); Col. 1:28; 4:12 (Gk.); James 1:4; 3:2; See Gen. 17:1 <sup>q</sup>[Lev. 19:2; 1 Pet. 1:15] **6:1** <sup>1</sup>1 John 2:29 <sup>v</sup>ver. 16; ch. 23:5 **6:2** <sup>1</sup>1 Cor. 13:3 <sup>u</sup>John 5:44 <sup>v</sup>Luke 6:24 **6:4** <sup>w</sup>ver. 6, 18 **6:5** <sup>2</sup>Mark 11:25; Luke 18:11 <sup>y</sup>ver. 2, 16 **6:6** <sup>2</sup>Kgs. 4:33; Isa. 26:20 <sup>a</sup>ver. 4, 18 **6:7** <sup>b</sup>ver. 32; ch. 5:47 <sup>c</sup>1 Kgs. 18:26 <sup>d</sup>Prov. 10:19; Eccles. 5:2

them, <sup>e</sup>for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup>Pray then like this:

- <sup>9</sup>“Our Father in heaven,  
<sup>h</sup>hallowed be <sup>i</sup>your name.  
<sup>10</sup> <sup>j</sup>Your kingdom come,  
<sup>k</sup>your will be done,<sup>2</sup>  
<sup>l</sup>on earth as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> <sup>m</sup>Give us <sup>n</sup>this day our daily bread,<sup>3</sup>  
<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,  
 as we also have forgiven  
 our debtors.  
<sup>13</sup> And <sup>o</sup>lead us not into temptation,  
 but <sup>p</sup>deliver us from <sup>q</sup>evil.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

#### FASTING

<sup>16</sup>“And <sup>t</sup>when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. <sup>u</sup>Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.  
<sup>17</sup>But when you fast, <sup>v</sup>anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. <sup>w</sup>And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>1</sup>Or *Let your name be kept holy*, or *Let your name be treated with reverence* <sup>2</sup>Or *Let your kingdom come, let your will be done* <sup>3</sup>Or *our bread for tomorrow* <sup>4</sup>Or *the evil one*; some manuscripts add *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen*  
<sup>5</sup>Or *worm*; also verse 20 <sup>6</sup>Greek *mammon*, a Semitic word for money or possessions <sup>7</sup>Or *a single cubit to his stature*; a *cubit* was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters

#### LAY UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN

<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where <sup>y</sup>moth and rust<sup>5</sup> destroy and where thieves <sup>z</sup>break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup>“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup>but if <sup>b</sup>your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup>“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and <sup>d</sup>money.<sup>6</sup>

#### DO NOT BE ANXIOUS

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, <sup>f</sup>do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?<sup>7</sup> <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. <sup>h</sup>Are you not of more value than they?<sup>8</sup> <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his <sup>i</sup>span of life?<sup>9</sup> <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, <sup>j</sup>even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field,

**6:8** <sup>e</sup>ver. 32 **6:9** <sup>f</sup>For ver. 9-13, [Luke 11:2-4] <sup>8</sup>ver. 1 <sup>h</sup>Isa. 29:23; [Luke 11:49; 1 Pet. 3:15] <sup>i</sup>John 17:6 **6:10** <sup>j</sup>[ch. 3:2; 4:17] <sup>k</sup>ch. 26:42; Luke 22:42; Acts 21:14; [ch. 12:50; Heb. 13:21] <sup>l</sup>Ps. 103:20, 21; Dan. 4:35 **6:11** <sup>m</sup>Prov. 30:8 <sup>n</sup>[ver. 34] **6:13** <sup>o</sup>ch. 26:41; Mark 14:38; Luke 22:40, 46; [1 Cor. 10:13] <sup>p</sup>John 17:15; 2 Thess. 3:3; [2 Tim. 4:18] <sup>q</sup>See ch. 13:19 **6:14** <sup>r</sup>Mark 11:25; Luke 6:37; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13 **6:15** <sup>s</sup>ch. 18:35; See James 2:13 **6:16** <sup>t</sup>Isa. 58:5 <sup>u</sup>ver. 2, 5 **6:17** <sup>v</sup>Ruth 3:3; 2 Sam. 12:20 **6:18** <sup>w</sup>ver. 4, 6 **6:19** <sup>x</sup>ch. 19:21; Luke 12:21, 33, 34; 18:22; 1 Tim. 6:9, 10, 17-19; Heb. 13:5 <sup>y</sup>James 5:2, 3 <sup>z</sup>ch. 24:43 **6:20** <sup>z</sup>[See ver. 19 above] **6:22** <sup>a</sup>Luke 11:34, 35 **6:23** <sup>a</sup>[See ver. 22 above] <sup>b</sup>ch. 20:15; Deut. 15:9; Prov. 28:22 **6:24** <sup>c</sup>Luke 16:13; [Rom. 6:16; James 4:4] <sup>d</sup>Luke 16:9, 11, 13 **6:25** <sup>e</sup>For ver. 25-33, see Luke 12:22-31 <sup>f</sup>ver. 27, 28, 31, 34; ch. 10:19; 13:22 (Gk.); 1 Cor. 7:32 (Gk.); Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7 **6:26** <sup>g</sup>[Job 38:41; Ps. 147:9] <sup>h</sup>ch. 10:31 **6:27** <sup>i</sup>Luke 2:52 **6:29** <sup>h</sup>Kgs. 10:4-7

which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, <sup>k</sup>O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For <sup>t</sup>the Gentiles seek after all these things, and <sup>m</sup>your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But <sup>n</sup>seek first <sup>o</sup>the kingdom of God and his righteousness, <sup>p</sup>and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

#### JUDGING OTHERS

**7** <sup>r</sup>“Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and <sup>s</sup>with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but <sup>t</sup>do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

<sup>6</sup>“Do not give <sup>u</sup>dogs what is holy, and do not throw your <sup>v</sup>pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

#### ASK, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN

<sup>7</sup>“Ask, <sup>z</sup>and it will be given to you; <sup>a</sup>seek, and you will find; <sup>b</sup>knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one

who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or which one of you, if his son asks him for <sup>c</sup>bread, will give him <sup>c</sup>a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then, <sup>d</sup>who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will <sup>e</sup>your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

#### THE GOLDEN RULE

<sup>12</sup>“So <sup>e</sup>whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is <sup>f</sup>the Law and the Prophets.

<sup>13</sup>“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy<sup>1</sup> that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is narrow and <sup>h</sup>the way is hard that leads to life, and <sup>i</sup>those who find it are few.

#### A TREE AND ITS FRUIT

<sup>15</sup>“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are <sup>k</sup>ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them <sup>l</sup>by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, <sup>m</sup>every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>“Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them <sup>l</sup>by their fruits.

#### I NEVER KNEW YOU

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who <sup>p</sup>says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will <sup>q</sup>enter the kingdom

<sup>1</sup>Some manuscripts *For the way is wide and easy*

**6:30** <sup>k</sup>ch. 8:26; 14:31; 16:8; [ch. 17:20] **6:32** <sup>l</sup>ver. 7 <sup>m</sup>ver. 8 **6:33** <sup>n</sup>[ch. 5:6, 20] <sup>o</sup>ver. 10 <sup>p</sup>[1 Kgs. 3:11-14; Mark 10:29, 30; 1 Tim. 4:8; 1 Pet. 3:9] **6:34** <sup>q</sup>[James 4:13, 14] **7:1** <sup>r</sup>For ver. 1-5, see Luke 6:37, 38, 41, 42; [Rom. 14:13; 1 Cor. 4:5; James 5:9] **7:2** <sup>s</sup>Rom. 2:1, 3; 14:10; James 2:13; 4:11, 12 <sup>t</sup>Mark 4:24; [Judg. 1:7] **7:3** <sup>u</sup>[John 8:7-9] **7:6** <sup>v</sup>ch. 15:26; [Prov. 9:7, 8; 23:9] <sup>w</sup>[Phil. 3:2; Rev. 22:15] <sup>x</sup>ch. 13:46 **7:7** <sup>y</sup>For ver. 7-11, see Luke 11:9-13 <sup>z</sup>ch. 18:19; 21:22; Mark 11:24; John 14:13; 15:7, 16; 16:23, 24; James 1:5, 6, 17; 1 John 3:22; 5:14, 15 <sup>a1</sup>Chr. 28:9; 2 Chr. 15:2; Prov. 8:17; Jer. 29:13; [Isa. 55:6] <sup>b</sup>[Rev. 3:20] **7:9** <sup>c</sup>ch. 4:3 **7:11** <sup>d</sup>ch. 12:34; Gen. 6:5; 8:21 <sup>e</sup>[See ver. 7 above] **7:12** <sup>e</sup>Luke 6:31 <sup>f</sup>See ch. 22:40 **7:13** <sup>g</sup>Luke 13:24 **7:14** <sup>h</sup>Ps. 16:11; [ch. 18:8; John 14:6] <sup>i</sup>[Luke 13:23] **7:15** <sup>j</sup>ch. 24:11, 24; Deut. 13:1-3; Jer. 14:14; 23:16; Mark 13:22; Luke 6:26; Acts 13:6; 2 Pet. 2:1; 1 John 4:1 <sup>k</sup>Ezek. 22:27; Acts 20:29; [Mic. 3:5; John 10:12] **7:16** <sup>l</sup>Luke 6:43, 44; James 2:18 **7:17** <sup>m</sup>ch. 12:33-35 **7:19** <sup>n</sup>See ch. 3:10 **7:20** <sup>o</sup>[See ver. 16 above] **7:21** <sup>o</sup>Luke 6:46; Rom. 2:13; James 1:22 <sup>p</sup>[Hos. 8:2] <sup>q</sup>[John 3:3, 5]

the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for <sup>b</sup>many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For <sup>c</sup>the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought <sup>d</sup>justification. <sup>17</sup>For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness <sup>e</sup>reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass<sup>1</sup> led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness<sup>2</sup> leads to justification and life for <sup>f</sup>all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's <sup>g</sup>disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's <sup>h</sup>obedience the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup>Now <sup>i</sup>the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, <sup>j</sup>grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup>so that, <sup>k</sup>as sin reigned in death, <sup>l</sup>grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### DEAD TO SIN, ALIVE TO GOD

**6** What shall we say then? <sup>m</sup>Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can <sup>n</sup>we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us <sup>o</sup>who have been baptized <sup>p</sup>into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were <sup>q</sup>buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as <sup>r</sup>Christ was raised from the dead by <sup>s</sup>the glory of the Father, we too might walk in <sup>t</sup>newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For <sup>u</sup>if we have been united with him in <sup>v</sup>a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that <sup>w</sup>our old self<sup>3</sup> <sup>x</sup>was crucified with him in order that <sup>y</sup>the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For <sup>z</sup>one who has died <sup>a</sup>has been set free<sup>4</sup> from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now <sup>b</sup>if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that <sup>c</sup>Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; <sup>d</sup>death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, <sup>e</sup>once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves <sup>f</sup>dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

<sup>12</sup>Let not <sup>g</sup>sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup><sup>h</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but <sup>i</sup>present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For <sup>j</sup>sin <sup>k</sup>will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

#### SLAVES TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

<sup>15</sup>What then? <sup>l</sup>Are we to sin <sup>m</sup>because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves <sup>n</sup>to anyone as obedient slaves,<sup>5</sup> you are slaves

<sup>1</sup>Or the trespass of one <sup>2</sup>Or the act of righteousness of one <sup>3</sup>Greek man <sup>4</sup>Greek has been justified <sup>5</sup>For the contextual rendering of the Greek word *doulos*, see Preface; twice in this verse; also verses 17, 19 (twice), 20

**5:15** <sup>b</sup>ver. 19; Isa. 53:11 **5:16** <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 11:32 <sup>d</sup>ver. 18 **5:17** <sup>e</sup>Rev. 22:5 **5:18** <sup>f</sup>See John 12:32 **5:19** <sup>g</sup>[2 Cor. 10:6] <sup>h</sup>Heb. 5:8; [Phil. 2:8] **5:20** <sup>i</sup>Gal. 3:19; See ch. 3:20 <sup>j1</sup> Tim. 1:14 **5:21** <sup>k</sup>[ver. 12, 14] <sup>l</sup>See John 1:17 **6:1** <sup>m</sup>ver. 15; [ch. 3:8] **6:2** <sup>n</sup>ver. 11; ch. 7:4, 6; Gal. 2:19; Col. 2:20; 3:3; 1 Pet. 2:24 **6:3** <sup>o</sup>Gal. 3:27 <sup>p</sup>See Matt. 28:19 **6:4** <sup>q</sup>Col. 2:12 <sup>r</sup>ver. 9; ch. 8:11; See Acts 2:24 <sup>s</sup>[John 11:40; 2 Cor. 13:4] <sup>t2</sup> Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 4:23, 24; Col. 3:10; [ch. 7:6] **6:5** <sup>u</sup>[2 Cor. 4:10] <sup>v</sup>Phil. 3:10, 11; [Col. 2:12; 3:1] **6:6** <sup>w</sup>Eph. 4:22; Col. 3:9 <sup>x</sup>Gal. 2:20; 5:24; 6:14 <sup>y</sup>[ch. 7:24] **6:7** <sup>z1</sup> Pet. 4:1 <sup>a</sup>[ver. 18] **6:8** <sup>b2</sup> Tim. 2:11; [2 Cor. 4:10; 13:4] **6:9** <sup>c</sup>Acts 13:34; Rev. 1:18 <sup>d</sup>[ch. 5:14, 17] **6:10** <sup>e</sup>See Heb. 7:27 **6:11** <sup>f</sup>See ver. 2 **6:12** <sup>g</sup>ver. 14; Ps. 19:13; 119:133; Mic. 7:19; [2 Cor. 5:17] **6:13** <sup>h</sup>ch. 7:5; Col. 3:5 <sup>i</sup>ch. 12:11; 1 Pet. 2:24; 4:2 **6:14** <sup>j</sup>[ch. 8:2, 12] <sup>k</sup>See ver. 12 **6:15** <sup>l</sup>ver. 1 <sup>m</sup>[1 Cor. 9:21] **6:16** <sup>n</sup>[ver. 20; Matt. 6:24]; See John 8:34

of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But <sup>o</sup>thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the <sup>p</sup>standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup>and, <sup>q</sup>having been set free from sin, <sup>r</sup>have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For <sup>t</sup>just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members <sup>u</sup>as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup><sup>w</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things <sup>x</sup>of which you are now ashamed? <sup>y</sup>For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you <sup>z</sup>have been set free from sin and <sup>a</sup>have become slaves of God, <sup>b</sup>the fruit you get leads to sanctification and <sup>c</sup>its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup><sup>d</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### RELEASED FROM THE LAW

**7** Or do you not know, brothers<sup>1</sup>—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>For <sup>a</sup>a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, <sup>f</sup>she will be called an adulteress

if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

<sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, <sup>g</sup>you also have died <sup>h</sup>to the law <sup>i</sup>through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, <sup>j</sup>in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work <sup>k</sup>in our members <sup>l</sup>to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the <sup>m</sup>new way of <sup>n</sup>the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.<sup>3</sup>

#### THE LAW AND SIN

<sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, <sup>o</sup>I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if <sup>p</sup>the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup>But sin, <sup>q</sup>seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. <sup>r</sup>For apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup>The very commandment <sup>s</sup>that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, <sup>t</sup>seizing an opportunity through the commandment, <sup>u</sup>deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So <sup>v</sup>the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was

<sup>1</sup>Or *brothers and sisters*; also verse 4 <sup>2</sup>Greek *law concerning the husband* <sup>3</sup>Greek *of the letter*

**6:17** <sup>o</sup>See ch. 1:8 <sup>p</sup>[2 Tim. 1:13] **6:18** <sup>q</sup>ver. 22; ch. 8:2; [ver. 7]; See John 8:32 <sup>r</sup>[ver. 22] **6:19** <sup>s</sup>See ch. 3:5 <sup>t</sup>See ver. 13 <sup>u</sup>[1 Cor. 9:27] **6:20** <sup>v</sup>See ver. 16 **6:21** <sup>w</sup>ch. 7:5; [Jer. 12:13] <sup>x</sup>[2 Cor. 4:2] <sup>y</sup>ch. 1:32; 8:6, 13; Prov. 14:12; Gal. 6:8 **6:22** <sup>z</sup>See ver. 18 <sup>a</sup>1 Cor. 7:22; 1 Pet. 2:16 <sup>b</sup>ch. 7:4 <sup>c</sup>1 Pet. 1:9 **6:23** <sup>d</sup>[ch. 2:7]; See ch. 5:12 **7:2** <sup>e</sup>1 Cor. 7:39 **7:3** <sup>f</sup>Matt. 5:32 **7:4** <sup>g</sup>ver. 6; See ch. 6:2 <sup>h</sup>ch. 8:2; Gal. 2:19; 5:18; Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:14 <sup>i</sup>[Eph. 2:16; Col. 1:22] <sup>j</sup>ch. 6:22; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 5:9 **7:5** <sup>k</sup>ch. 6:13 <sup>l</sup>See ch. 6:21, 23 **7:6** <sup>m</sup>See ch. 6:4 <sup>n</sup>ch. 2:27, 29; 2 Cor. 3:6 **7:7** <sup>o</sup>See ch. 3:20 <sup>p</sup>ch. 13:9; Ex. 20:17; Deut. 5:21 **7:8** <sup>q</sup>ver. 11; [Gal. 5:13] <sup>r</sup>1 Cor. 15:56 **7:10** <sup>s</sup>See ch. 10:5 **7:11** <sup>t</sup>ver. 8 <sup>u</sup>[Gen. 3:13; Heb. 3:13] **7:12** <sup>v</sup>Ps. 19:8, 9; 119:137; 2 Pet. 2:21; [ver. 16]

sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. <sup>14</sup>For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, <sup>15</sup>sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>For I do not understand my own actions. For <sup>x</sup>I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with <sup>y</sup>the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now <sup>z</sup>it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells <sup>a</sup>in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup><sup>b</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, <sup>c</sup>it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For <sup>d</sup>I delight in the law of God, <sup>e</sup>in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members <sup>f</sup>another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from <sup>g</sup>this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

#### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

**8** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>For the law of <sup>h</sup>the Spirit of life <sup>i</sup>has set you<sup>2</sup> free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For <sup>j</sup>God has done what the

law, <sup>k</sup>weakened by the flesh, <sup>l</sup>could not do. <sup>m</sup>By sending his own Son <sup>n</sup>in the likeness of sinful flesh and <sup>o</sup>for sin,<sup>3</sup> he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that <sup>p</sup>the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, <sup>q</sup>who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For <sup>r</sup>those who live according to the flesh set their minds on <sup>t</sup>the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on <sup>t</sup>the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>For to set <sup>u</sup>the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is <sup>v</sup>hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; <sup>w</sup>indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact <sup>x</sup>the Spirit of God dwells in you. <sup>y</sup>Anyone who does not have <sup>z</sup>the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of <sup>a</sup>him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus<sup>4</sup> from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies <sup>b</sup>through his Spirit who dwells in you.

#### HEIRS WITH CHRIST

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers,<sup>5</sup> we are debtors, <sup>c</sup>not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you <sup>d</sup>put to death the deeds of

<sup>1</sup>Some manuscripts add *who walk not according to the flesh (but according to the Spirit)* <sup>2</sup>Some manuscripts *me* <sup>3</sup>Or *and as a sin offering* <sup>4</sup>Some manuscripts lack *Jesus* <sup>5</sup>Or *brothers and sisters*; also verse 29

**7:14** <sup>w1</sup>Kgs. 21:20, 25; 2 Kgs. 17:17; Isa. 50:1; 52:3 **7:15** <sup>x</sup>ver. 18, 19; [Gal. 5:17] **7:16** <sup>y1</sup>Tim. 1:8; [ver. 12] **7:17** <sup>z</sup>ver. 20 **7:18** <sup>a</sup>Gen. 6:5; 8:21; Job 14:4; 15:14; Ps. 51:5 **7:19** <sup>b</sup>ver. 15 **7:20** <sup>c</sup>ver. 17 **7:22** <sup>d</sup>Ps. 1:2; 112:1; 119:35 <sup>e2</sup>Cor. 4:16; Eph. 3:16; [1 Pet. 3:4] **7:23** <sup>f</sup>Gal. 5:17; [James 4:1] **7:24** <sup>g</sup>[ch. 6:6; 8:23] **8:2** <sup>h1</sup>Cor. 15:45; 2 Cor. 3:6 <sup>i</sup>ver. 12; See ch. 6:14, 18; 7:4 **8:3** <sup>j</sup>Heb. 10:1, 2, 10, 14; See Acts 13:39 <sup>k</sup>Gal. 4:9; Heb. 7:18 <sup>l</sup>Heb. 10:6, 8 <sup>m2</sup>Cor. 5:21 <sup>n</sup>Phil. 2:7; See John 1:14 <sup>o</sup>Lev. 16:5; Heb. 10:6, 8; 13:11 **8:4** <sup>p</sup>Ch. 1:32; 2:26 <sup>q</sup>Gal. 5:16, 25 **8:5** <sup>r</sup>[Gal. 6:8] <sup>s</sup>Gal. 5:19-21 <sup>t</sup>Gal. 5:22, 23, 25 **8:6** <sup>u</sup>ver. 13; [Col. 2:18]; See ch. 6:21 **8:7** <sup>v</sup>James 4:4 <sup>w1</sup>Cor. 2:14 **8:9** <sup>x</sup>ver. 11; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; 2 Tim. 1:14 <sup>y</sup>Jude 19; [John 14:17] <sup>z</sup>See Acts 16:7 **8:11** <sup>a</sup>See Acts 2:24 <sup>b</sup>[2 Cor. 3:6] **8:12** <sup>c</sup>See ver. 2 **8:13** <sup>d</sup>Col. 3:5

the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are <sup>e</sup>led by the Spirit of God are <sup>f</sup>sons<sup>1</sup> of God. <sup>15</sup>For <sup>g</sup>you did not receive <sup>h</sup>the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of <sup>i</sup>adoption as sons, by whom we cry, <sup>j</sup>“Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup><sup>k</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then <sup>l</sup>heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, <sup>m</sup>provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

#### FUTURE GLORY

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time <sup>n</sup>are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for <sup>o</sup>the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation <sup>p</sup>was subjected to futility, not willingly, but <sup>q</sup>because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that <sup>r</sup>the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that <sup>s</sup>the whole creation <sup>t</sup>has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have <sup>u</sup>the firstfruits of the Spirit, <sup>v</sup>groan inwardly as <sup>w</sup>we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, <sup>x</sup>the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For <sup>y</sup>in this hope we were saved. Now <sup>z</sup>hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes

for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we <sup>a</sup>wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For <sup>b</sup>we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but <sup>c</sup>the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And <sup>d</sup>he who searches hearts knows what is <sup>e</sup>the mind of the Spirit, because <sup>2</sup>the Spirit <sup>f</sup>intercedes for the saints <sup>g</sup>according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup>And we know that for those who love God all things work together <sup>h</sup>for good,<sup>3</sup> for <sup>i</sup>those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he <sup>j</sup>foreknew he also <sup>k</sup>predestined <sup>l</sup>to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be <sup>m</sup>the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also <sup>n</sup>justified, and those whom he justified he also <sup>o</sup>glorified.

#### GOD'S EVERLASTING LOVE

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? <sup>p</sup>If God is for us, who can be <sup>q</sup>against us? <sup>32</sup><sup>r</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but <sup>s</sup>gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? <sup>s</sup>It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup><sup>t</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—<sup>u</sup>who is at the right hand of God, <sup>v</sup>who indeed is interceding for us.<sup>5</sup> <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or

<sup>1</sup>See discussion on “sons” in the Preface <sup>2</sup>Or that <sup>3</sup>Some manuscripts *God works all things together for good, or God works in all things for the good* <sup>4</sup>Or who is <sup>5</sup>Or *Is it Christ Jesus who died . . . for us?*

**8:14** <sup>a</sup>Gal. 5:18 <sup>b</sup>ver. 16, 19; ch. 9:8, 26; Deut. 14:11; Hos. 1:10; John 1:12 **8:15** <sup>c1</sup> Cor. 2:12 <sup>d2</sup> Tim. 1:7; [Gal. 2:4; Heb. 2:15; 1 John 4:18] <sup>e</sup>ver. 23; Gal. 4:5; [ch. 9:4; Isa. 56:5; Jer. 31:9] <sup>f</sup>Gal. 4:6; [Mark 14:36] **8:16** <sup>g2</sup> Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13, 14; 1 John 3:24 **8:17** <sup>h</sup>Gal. 3:29; 4:7; Titus 3:7 <sup>i</sup>2 Cor. 1:7; 2 Tim. 2:12; See Acts 14:22 **8:18** <sup>j2</sup> Cor. 4:17; [1 Pet. 1:5, 6] **8:19** <sup>k1</sup> Pet. 4:13; 5:1; 1 John 3:2; [ch. 2:7] **8:20** <sup>l</sup>Gen. 3:18, 19; Eccles. 1:2 <sup>m</sup>Gen. 3:17 **8:21** <sup>n</sup>[Acts 3:21] **8:22** <sup>o</sup>Mark 16:15 <sup>p</sup>Jer. 12:4, 11 **8:23** <sup>q2</sup> Cor. 5:5; James 1:18] <sup>r2</sup> Cor. 5:2, 4 <sup>s</sup>ver. 19, 25; Isa. 25:9; Gal. 5:5 <sup>t</sup>See ch. 7:24; Luke 21:28 **8:24** <sup>u1</sup> Thess. 1:3; 5:8] <sup>v2</sup> Cor. 4:18; Heb. 11:1 **8:25** <sup>w1</sup> Thess. 1:3; 5:8] **8:26** <sup>x</sup>[Matt. 20:22; James 4:3] <sup>y</sup>2ech. 12:10; Eph. 6:18; See John 14:16 **8:27** <sup>z1</sup> Sam. 16:7; 1 Chr. 28:9; Prov. 15:11; 17:3; Jer. 11:20; 17:10; Luke 16:15; 1 Thess. 2:4 <sup>aa</sup>See ver. 6 <sup>ab</sup>[ver. 34] <sup>ac</sup>[1 John 5:14] **8:28** <sup>ad</sup>Ezra 8:22; [Eccles. 8:12] <sup>ae</sup>ch. 9:24; 1 Cor. 1:9; 7:15, 17; Gal. 1:15; 5:8; Eph. 4:1, 4; 2 Tim. 1:9 **8:29** <sup>af</sup>ch. 11:2; 1 Pet. 1:2 <sup>ag</sup>1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:5, 11; [ch. 9:23] <sup>ah</sup>Phil. 3:21; [1 Cor. 15:49; Col. 3:10]; See 1 John 3:2 <sup>ai</sup>Col. 1:15, 18; Heb. 1:6; Rev. 1:5 **8:30** <sup>aj</sup>1 Cor. 6:11 <sup>ak</sup>John 17:22; [Heb. 2:10] **8:31** <sup>al</sup>Num. 14:9; 2 Kgs. 6:16; Ps. 118:6; 1 John 4:4 **8:32** <sup>am</sup>John 3:16 <sup>an</sup>See ch. 4:25 **8:33** <sup>ao</sup>Isa. 50:8, 9; [Rev. 12:10, 11] **8:34** <sup>ap</sup>ver. 1 <sup>aq</sup>See Mark 16:19 <sup>ar</sup>Heb. 7:25; 1 John 2:1; [ver. 27]

nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake <sup>x</sup>we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than <sup>y</sup>conquerors through <sup>z</sup>him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### GOD'S SOVEREIGN CHOICE

**9** <sup>a</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For <sup>b</sup>I could wish that I myself were <sup>c</sup>accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, <sup>1</sup> my kinsmen <sup>d</sup>according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are <sup>e</sup>Israelites, and to them belong <sup>f</sup>the adoption, <sup>g</sup>the glory, <sup>h</sup>the covenants, <sup>i</sup>the giving of the law, <sup>j</sup>the worship, and <sup>k</sup>the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong <sup>l</sup>the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, <sup>m</sup>who is God over all, <sup>n</sup>blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all are children of Abraham <sup>o</sup>because they are his offspring, but <sup>p</sup>“Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>8</sup>This means that it is not

the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but <sup>q</sup>the children of the promise are counted as offspring. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>10</sup>And not only so, but <sup>r</sup>also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of <sup>t</sup>him who calls— <sup>12</sup>she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” <sup>13</sup>As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

<sup>14</sup>What shall we say then? <sup>w</sup>Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means! <sup>15</sup>For he says to Moses, <sup>x</sup>“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” <sup>16</sup>So then it depends not on human will or exertion, <sup>2</sup> but on God, who has mercy. <sup>17</sup>For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, <sup>y</sup>“For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” <sup>18</sup>So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

<sup>19</sup>You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For <sup>z</sup>who can resist his will?” <sup>20</sup>But who are you, O man, “to answer back to God? <sup>b</sup>Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” <sup>21</sup><sup>c</sup>Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump <sup>d</sup>one vessel for honorable use and another for

<sup>1</sup>Or *brothers and sisters* <sup>2</sup>Greek *not of him who wills or runs*

**8:36** <sup>w</sup>Cited from Ps. 44:22 <sup>x1</sup> 1 Cor. 4:9; 15:30, 31; 2 Cor. 4:10, 11; See Acts 20:24 **8:37** <sup>y1</sup> 1 Cor. 15:57; See John 16:33 <sup>2</sup>Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2; Rev. 1:5; 3:9 **9:1** <sup>z2</sup> 2 Cor. 11:10; 1 Tim. 2:7; [2 Cor. 12:19; Gal. 1:20]; See ch. 1:9 **9:3** <sup>b</sup>[Ex. 32:32] <sup>c1</sup> 1 Cor. 12:3; 16:22; Gal. 1:8, 9 <sup>d</sup>[ch. 11:14] **9:4** <sup>e</sup>[ver. 6; ch. 2:28, 29; Gal. 6:16] <sup>f</sup>[Ex. 4:22]; See ch. 8:15 <sup>g</sup>Ex. 40:34; 1 Sam. 4:21; 1 Kgs. 8:11 <sup>h</sup>Gen. 17:2; Deut. 29:14; Gal. 4:24; Eph. 2:12 <sup>i</sup>Deut. 4:14; [Ps. 147:19] <sup>j</sup>Heb. 9:1 (Gk.); [ch. 12:1] <sup>k</sup>[Eph. 2:12]; See John 4:22; Acts 13:32 **9:5** <sup>l</sup>ch. 11:28 <sup>m</sup>[Eph. 4:6; Col. 1:16-19] <sup>n</sup>ch. 1:25; John 1:1; 2 Cor. 11:31; Heb. 1:8 **9:7** <sup>o</sup>[Gal. 4:23]; See John 8:33 <sup>p</sup>Heb. 11:18; Cited from Gen. 21:12; [Gal. 3:29] **9:8** <sup>q</sup>Gal. 4:23, 28 **9:9** <sup>r</sup>Cited from Gen. 18:10, 14; [Gen. 17:21] **9:10** <sup>s</sup>Gen. 25:21 **9:11** <sup>t</sup>[ch. 4:17]; See ch. 8:28 **9:12** <sup>u</sup>Cited from Gen. 25:23 **9:13** <sup>v</sup>Cited from Mal. 1:2, 3 **9:14** <sup>w</sup>Deut. 32:4; 2 Chr. 19:7; Job 8:3; 34:10; Ps. 92:15 **9:15** <sup>x</sup>Cited from Ex. 33:19 **9:17** <sup>y</sup>Cited from Ex. 9:16 **9:19** <sup>z2</sup> 2 Chr. 20:6; Job 9:12; Dan. 4:35 **9:20** <sup>a</sup>Job 33:13 <sup>b</sup>Isa. 29:16; 45:9 **9:21** <sup>c</sup>Isa. 64:8; Jer. 18:6 <sup>d2</sup> 1 Tim. 2:20