

¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it ¹flows around the whole land of ^aHavilah, where there is gold. ¹²The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it ²flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is ^{3a}Tigris; it ⁴flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the ^{5b}Euphrates.

¹⁵Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. ¹⁶The LORD God ^acommanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not ^eeat, for in the day that you eat from it ^ayou will surely die.”

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; ^aI will make him a helper ⁷suitable for him.” ¹⁹^aOut of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the ⁸sky, and ^bbrought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the ⁸sky, and to every beast of the field, but for ⁹Adam there was not found ^aa helper ⁷suitable for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a ^adeep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. ²²The LORD God ¹⁰fashioned into a woman ^athe rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. ²³The man said,

“^aThis is now bone of my bones,
And flesh of my flesh;

¹¹She shall be called ¹²Woman,

Because ¹¹she was taken
out of ¹³Man.”

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

THE FALL OF MAN

3 Now ^athe serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from ¹⁴any tree of the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “^aFrom the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; ³but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’” ⁴^aThe serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die! ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and ^ayou will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶^aWhen the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they ^aknew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves ¹⁵loin coverings.

⁸They heard the sound of ^athe LORD God walking in the garden in the ¹⁶cool of the day, ^band the man

¹Lit surrounds ²Lit is the one surrounding ³Heb *Hid-dekel* ⁴Lit is the one going ⁵Heb *Perath* ⁶Lit eat from it ⁷Lit corresponding to ⁸Lit heavens ⁹Or man ¹⁰Lit built ¹¹Lit This one ¹²Heb *Ishshah* ¹³Heb *Ish* ¹⁴Or every ¹⁵Or girdles ¹⁶Lit wind, breeze

2:11 ^aGen 25:18 **2:14** ^aDan 10:4 ^bGen 15:18 **2:16** ^aGen 3:2, 3 **2:17** ^aDeut 30:15, 19, 20; Rom 6:23; 1 Tim 5:6; James 1:15 **2:18** ^{a1} Cor 11:9 **2:19** ^aGen 1:24 ^bGen 1:26 **2:20** ^aGen 2:18 **2:21** ^aGen 15:12 **2:22** ^{a1} Cor 11:8, 9 **2:23** ^aGen 29:14; Eph 5:28, 29 **2:24** ^aMatt 19:5; Mark 10:7, 8; 1 Cor 6:16; Eph 5:31 **2:25** ^aGen 3:7, 10, 11 **3:1** ^{a2} Cor 11:3; Rev 12:9; 20:2 **3:2** ^aGen 2:16, 17 **3:4** ^aJohn 8:44; 2 Cor 11:3 **3:5** ^aIs 14:14; Ezek 28:2, 12-17 **3:6** ^aRom 5:12-19; 1 Tim 2:14; James 1:14, 15; 1 John 2:16 **3:7** ^aIs 47:3; Lam 1:8 **3:8** ^aGen 18:33; Lev 26:12; Deut 23:14 ^bJob 31:33; Ps 139:1-12; Hos 10:8; Amos 9:3; Rev 6:15-17

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

“^aBecause you have done this,
Cursed are you more
than all cattle,
And more than every
beast of the field;
On your belly you will go,
And ^bdust you will eat
All the days of your life;
¹⁵ And I will put ^aenmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed
and her seed;
^bHe shall ¹bruise you
on the head,
And you shall bruise
him on the heel.”
¹⁶ To the woman He said,
“I will greatly multiply
Your pain ²in childbirth,
In pain you will ^abring
forth children;
Yet your desire will be
for your husband,
And ^bhe will rule over you.”

¹Or crush ²Lit and your pregnancy, conception ³Or sorrow ⁴Lit plant ⁵I.e. living; or life ⁶Lit knew ⁷I.e. gotten one ⁸Or man, the LORD

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

^aCursed is the ground
because of you;
^bIn ³toil you will eat of it
All the days of your life.
¹⁸“Both thorns and thistles
it shall grow for you;
And you will eat the
⁴plants of the field;
¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
You will eat bread,
Till you ^areturn to the ground,
Because ^bfrom it you were taken;
For you are dust,
And to dust you shall return.”

²⁰Now the man called his wife’s name ⁵aEve, because she was the mother of all *the* living. ²¹The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

²²Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of ^aUs, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from ^bthe tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— ²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴So ^aHe drove the man out; and at the ^beast of the garden of Eden He stationed the ^ccherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to ^dthe tree of life.

CAIN AND ABEL

4 Now the man ⁶had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to ⁷Cain, and she said, “I have gotten a ⁸manchild with *the help of the LORD.*” ²Again,

3:9 ^aGen 4:9; 18:9 **3:10** ^aEx 20:18, 19; Deut 5:25 **3:12** ^aJob 31:33; Prov 28:13 **3:13** ^a2 Cor 11:3; 1 Tim 2:14
3:14 ^aDeut 28:15-20 ^bIs 65:25; Mic 7:17 **3:15** ^aRev 12:17 ^bRom 16:20 **3:16** ^aJohn 16:21; 1 Tim 2:15 ^b1 Cor
14:34 **3:17** ^aGen 5:29; Rom 8:20-22; Heb 6:8 ^bJob 5:7; 14:1; Eccl 2:23 **3:19** ^aPs 90:3; 104:29; Eccl 12:7 ^bGen 2:7
3:20 ^a2 Cor 11:3; 1 Tim 2:13 **3:22** ^aGen 1:26 ^bGen 2:9; Rev 22:14 **3:24** ^aEzek 31:11 ^bGen 2:8 ^cEx 25:18-22; Ps
104:4; Ezek 10:1-20; Heb 1:7 ^dGen 2:9

fore them all these words which the LORD had commanded him. ⁸^aAll the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do!" And Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD. ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will come to you in ^aa thick cloud, so that the ^bpeople may hear when I speak with you and may also believe in you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

¹⁰The LORD also said to Moses, "Go to the people and ^aconsecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them ^bwash their garments; ¹¹and let them be ready for the third day, for on ^athe third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. ¹²You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, "Beware that you do not go up on the mountain or touch the border of it; ^awhoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. ¹³No hand shall touch him, but ^ahe shall surely be stoned or ²shot through; whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the ram's horn sounds a long blast, they shall come up to ^bthe mountain." ¹⁴So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people, and they washed their garments. ¹⁵He said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman."

¹⁶^aSo it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were ³thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled. ¹⁷And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the ⁴foot of the mountain.

THE LORD VISITS SINAI

¹⁸^aNow Mount Sinai *was* all in smoke because the LORD descended upon it ^bin fire; and its smoke ascended like ^cthe smoke of a furnace, and ^dthe whole mountain ⁵quaked violently. ¹⁹When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and ^aGod answered him with ⁶thunder. ²⁰^aThe 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. ²¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go down, ⁷warn the people, so that ^athey do not break through to the LORD to gaze, and many of them ⁸perish. ²²Also let the ^apriests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, or else the LORD will break out against them." ²³Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You ⁹warned us, saying, "^aSet bounds about the mountain and consecrate it.'" ²⁴Then the LORD said to him, "¹⁰Go down and come up *again*, ^ayou and Aaron with you; but do not let the ^bpriests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, or He will break forth upon them." ²⁵So Moses went down to the people and told them.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

20 Then God spoke all these words, saying,

²^a"I am the LORD your God, ^bwho brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of ¹¹slavery.

³^a"You shall have no other ^bgods ¹²before Me.

¹Lit *Take heed to yourselves* ²i.e. with arrows ³Lit sounds ⁴Lit lower part ⁵Or trembled ⁶Or a voice; lit a sound ⁷Lit testify to ⁸Lit fall ⁹Lit testified to ¹⁰Lit Go, descend ¹¹Lit slaves ¹²Or besides Me

19:8 ^aEx 4:31; 24:3, 7; Deut 5:27; 26:17 **19:9** ^aEx 19:16; 24:15, 16; Deut 4:11; Ps 99:7 ^bDeut 4:12, 36 **19:10** ^aLev 11:44, 45 ^bGen 35:2; Lev 15:5; Num 8:7, 21; 19:19; Rev 22:14 **19:11** ^aEx 19:16 **19:12** ^aHeb 12:20 **19:13** ^aHeb 12:20 ^bEx 19:17 **19:16** ^aHeb 12:18, 19, 21 **19:18** ^aDeut 4:11; Ps 104:32; 144:5 ^bEx 3:2; 24:17; Deut 5:4; 2 Chr 7:1-3; Heb 12:18 ^cGen 15:17; 19:28 ^dJudg 5:5; Ps 68:7, 8; Jer 4:24 **19:19** ^aPs 81:7 **19:20** ^aNeh 9:13 **19:21** ^aEx 3:5; 1 Sam 6:19 **19:22** ^aEx 19:24; 24:5; Lev 10:3; 21:6-8 **19:23** ^aEx 19:12 **19:24** ^aEx 24:1, 9, 12 ^bEx 19:22 **20:2** ^aLev 26:1; Deut 5:6; Ps 81:10 ^bEx 13:3; 15:13, 16; Deut 7:8 **20:3** ^aDeut 6:14; 2 Kin 17:35; Jer 25:6; 35:15 ^bEx 15:11; 20:23

4^a You shall not make for yourself¹ an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. 5^a You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a^b jealous God, ^cvisiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6^b but showing lovingkindness to ^athousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

7^a You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not ²leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

8^a Remember ^athe sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9^a Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10^b but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* ^ayou shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who ³stays with you. 11^a For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the 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.

12^a Honor your father and your mother, that your ^bdays may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

13^a You shall not murder.

14^a You shall not commit adultery.

15^a You shall not steal.

16^a You shall not bear false witness against your ^bneighbor.

17^a You shall not covet your neighbor's house; ^byou shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

18^a All the people perceived the ⁴thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood at a distance. 19^a Then they said to Moses, "Speak ⁵to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak ⁵to us, or we will die." 20^a Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come in order ^bto test you, and in order that ^cthe fear of Him may ⁶remain with you, so that you may not sin." 21^a So the people stood at a distance, while Moses approached ^athe thick cloud where God was.

22^a Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'You yourselves have seen that ^aI have spoken ⁵to you from heaven.

23^a You shall not make *other gods* besides Me; ^bgods of silver or gods of gold, you shall not make for yourselves. 24^a You shall make ^aan altar of earth for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your ^bburnt offerings and your ^cpeace offerings, ^dyour sheep and your oxen; in every place ^ewhere I cause My name to be remembered, I will come to you and bless you. 25^a If you make an altar of stone for Me, ^ayou shall not build it of cut stones,

¹Or a graven image ²Or hold him guiltless ³Lit is in your gates ⁴Lit sounds ⁵Lit with ⁶Lit be before

20:4 ^aLev 19:4; 26:1; Deut 4:15-19; 27:15 20:5 ^aEx 23:24; Josh 23:7; 2 Kin 17:35 ^bEx 34:14; Deut 4:24; Josh 24:19; Nah 1:2 ^cEx 34:6, 7; Num 14:18, 33; Deut 5:9, 10; 1 Kin 21:29; Jer 32:18 20:6 ^aDeut 7:9 20:7 ^aLev 19:12; Deut 6:13; 10:20 20:8 ^aEx 23:12; 31:13-16; Lev 26:2; Deut 5:12 20:9 ^aEx 34:21; 35:2, 3; Lev 23:3; Deut 5:13; Luke 13:14 20:10 ^aNeh 13:16-19 20:11 ^aGen 2:2, 3; Ex 31:17 20:12 ^aLev 19:3; Deut 27:16; Matt 15:4; 19:19; Mark 7:10; 10:19; Luke 18:20; Eph 6:2 ^bDeut 5:16, 33; 6:2; 11:8, 9; Jer 35:7 20:13 ^aGen 9:6; Ex 21:12; Lev 24:17; Matt 5:21; 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Rom 13:9; James 2:11 20:14 ^aLev 20:10; Deut 5:18; Matt 5:27; 19:18; Rom 13:9 20:15 ^aEx 21:16; Lev 19:11, 13; Matt 19:18; Rom 13:9 20:16 ^aEx 23:1, 7; Deut 5:20; Matt 19:18 ^bLev 19:18 20:17 ^aDeut 5:21; Rom 7:7; 13:9; Eph 5:3, 5 ^bProv 6:29; Matt 5:28 20:18 ^aEx 19:16, 18; Heb 12:18, 19 20:19 ^aDeut 5:5, 23-27; Gal 3:19; Heb 12:19 20:20 ^aEx 14:13; Is 41:10, 13 ^bEx 15:25; Deut 13:3 ^cDeut 4:10; 6:24; Prov 3:7; 16:6; Is 8:13 20:21 ^aEx 19:16; Deut 5:22 20:22 ^aDeut 4:36; 5:24, 26; Neh 9:13 20:23 ^aEx 20:3 ^bEx 32:1, 2, 4; Deut 29:17 20:24 ^aEx 20:25; 27:1-8 ^bEx 10:25; 18:12 ^cEx 24:5; Lev 1:2 ^dDeut 12:5; 16:6, 11; 26:2; 2 Chr 6:6 ^eDeut 12:5; 26:2 20:25 ^aDeut 27:5, 6; Josh 8:31

for if you wield your tool on it, you will profane it. ²⁶And you shall not go up by steps to My altar, so that ^ayour nakedness will not be exposed on it.'

ORDINANCES FOR THE PEOPLE

21 "Now these are the ^aordinances which you are to set before them:

²"If you buy ^aa Hebrew slave, he shall serve for six years; but on the seventh he shall go out as a free man without payment. ³If he comes ¹alone, he shall go out ¹alone; if he is the husband of a wife, then his wife shall go out with him. ⁴If his master gives him a wife, and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall belong to her master, and he shall go out ¹alone. ⁵But ^aif the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife and my children; I will not go out as a free man,' ⁶then his master shall bring him to ²God, then he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him permanently.

⁷"^aIf a man sells his daughter as a female slave, she is not to ³go free ^bas the male slaves ³do. ⁸If she is ⁴displeasing in the eyes of her master ⁵who designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He does not have authority to sell her to a foreign people because of his ⁶unfairness to her. ⁹If he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her according to the custom of daughters. ¹⁰If he takes to himself another woman, he may not reduce her ⁷food, her clothing, or ^aher conjugal rights. ¹¹If he will not do these three *things* for her, then she shall go out for nothing, without *payment of money*.

PERSONAL INJURIES

¹²"^aHe who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death. ¹³^aBut ⁸if he did not lie in wait *for him*, but ^bGod let *him* fall into his hand, then I will appoint you a place to which he may flee. ¹⁴^aIf, however, a man acts presumptuously toward his neighbor, so as to kill him craftily, you are to take him *even* from My altar, that he may die.

¹⁵"He who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

¹⁶"^aHe who ⁹kidnaps a man, whether he sells him or he is found in his ¹⁰possession, shall surely be put to death.

¹⁷"^aHe who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

¹⁸"If men have a quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with *his fist*, and he does not die but ¹¹remains in bed, ¹⁹if he gets up and walks around outside on his staff, then he who struck him shall go unpunished; he shall only pay for his ¹²loss of time, and ¹³shall take care of him until he is completely healed.

²⁰"If a man strikes his male or female slave with a rod and he dies ¹⁴at his hand, he shall ¹⁵be punished. ²¹If, however, he ¹⁶survives a day or two, no vengeance shall be taken; ^afor he is his ¹⁷property.

²²"If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that ¹⁸she gives birth prematurely, yet there is no injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband ¹⁹may demand of him, and he shall

¹Lit by himself ²Or the judges who acted in God's name ³Lit go out ⁴Lit bad ⁵Another reading is so that he did not designate her ⁶Lit dealing treacherously ⁷Lit flesh ⁸Lit he who ⁹Lit steals ¹⁰Lit hand ¹¹Lit lies ¹²Lit his sitting ¹³Lit healing, he shall cause to be healed ¹⁴Lit under ¹⁵Lit suffer vengeance ¹⁶Lit stands ¹⁷Lit money ¹⁸Or an untimely birth occurs; lit her children come out ¹⁹Lit lays on him

20:26 ^aEx 28:42, 43 21:1 ^aEx 24:3, 4; Deut 4:14; 6:1 21:2 ^aLev 25:39-43; Deut 15:12-18; Jer 34:14 21:5 ^aDeut 15:16, 17 21:7 ^aNeh 5:5 ^bEx 21:2, 3 21:10 ^{a1}Cor 7:3, 5 21:12 ^aGen 9:6; Lev 24:17; Num 35:30; Matt 26:52 21:13 ^aNum 35:10-34; Deut 19:1-13; Josh 20:1-9 ^{b1}Sam 24:4, 10, 18 21:14 ^aDeut 19:11, 12; 1 Kin 2:28-34 21:16 ^aDeut 24:7 21:17 ^aLev 20:9; Prov 20:20; Matt 15:4; Mark 7:10 21:21 ^aLev 25:44-46

- 18 Though while he lives he
^acongratulates ¹himself—
 And though *men* praise
 you when you do well
 for yourself—
- 19 ²He shall ^ago to the
 generation of his fathers;
 They will never see ^bthe light.
- 20 ^aMan in *his* ³pomp, yet
 without understanding,
 Is ^blike the ⁴beasts that ⁵perish.

GOD THE JUDGE OF THE
 RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

A Psalm of †Asaph.

- 50** ^aThe Mighty One, God,
 the LORD, has spoken,
 And summoned the earth
^bfrom the rising of the
 sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, ^athe
 perfection of beauty,
 God ^bhas shone forth.
- 3 May our God ^acome and
 not keep silence;
^bFire devours before Him,
 And it is very ^ctempestuous
 around Him.
- 4 He ^asummons the
 heavens above,
 And the earth, to judge
 His people:
- 5 “Gather My ^agodly ones to Me,
 Those who have made
 a ^bcovenant with Me
 by ^csacrifice.”
- 6 And the ^aheavens declare
 His righteousness,
 For ^bGod Himself is judge. ⁶*Selah.*

†1 Chr 15:17; 2 Chr 29:30 ¹Lit *his soul* ²Lit *You*; or *It* ³Lit *honor* ⁴Or *animals* ⁵Lit *are destroyed* ⁶*Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*
⁷Or to ⁸Or *in My mind*; lit *with Me* ⁹Lit *its fullness*
¹⁰Lit *strong ones*

- 7 ^aHear, O My people,
 and I will speak;
 O Israel, I will testify
⁷against you;
 I am God, ^byour God.
- 8 “I do ^anot reprove you
 for your sacrifices,
 And your burnt offerings are
 continually before Me.
- 9 “I shall take no ^ayoung bull
 out of your house
 Nor male goats out
 of your folds.
- 10 “For ^aevery beast of the
 forest is Mine,
 The cattle on a thousand hills.
- 11 “I know every ^abird of
 the mountains,
 And everything that moves
 in the field is ⁸Mine.
- 12 “If I were hungry I would
 not tell you,
 For the ^aworld is Mine,
 and ⁹all it contains.
- 13 “Shall I eat the flesh of ^{10a}bulls
 Or drink the blood of
 male goats?
- 14 “Offer to God ^aa sacrifice
 of thanksgiving
 And ^bpay your vows to
 the Most High;
- 15 ^aCall upon Me in the
 day of trouble;
 I shall ^brescue you, and
 you will ^chonor Me.”
- 16 But to the wicked God says,
 “What right have you to
 tell of My statutes
 And to take ^aMy covenant
 in your mouth?
- 17 “For you ^ahate discipline,
 And you ^bcast My words
 behind you.

49:18 ^aDeut 29:19; Ps 10:3, 6; Luke 12:19 49:19 ^aGen 15:15 ^bJob 33:30; Ps 56:13 49:20 ^aPs 49:12 ^bEcll 3:19
 50:1 ^aJosh 22:22 ^bPs 113:3 50:2 ^aPs 48:2; Lam 2:15 ^bDeut 33:2; Ps 80:1; 94:1 50:3 ^aPs 96:13 ^bLev 10:2; Num
 16:35; Ps 97:3; Dan 7:10 ^cPs 18:12, 13 50:4 ^aDeut 4:26; 31:28; 32:1; Is 1:2 50:5 ^aPs 30:4; 37:28; 52:9 ^bEx 24:7;
 2 Chr 6:11; Ps 25:10 ^cPs 50:8 50:6 ^aPs 89:5; 97:6 ^bPs 75:7; 96:13 50:7 ^aPs 49:1; 81:8 ^bEx 20:2; Ps 48:14
 50:8 ^aPs 40:6; 51:16; Is 1:11; Hos 6:6 50:9 ^aPs 69:31 50:10 ^aPs 104:24 50:11 ^aMatt 6:26 50:12 ^aEx 19:5; Deut
 10:14; Ps 24:1; 1 Cor 10:26 50:13 ^aPs 50:9 50:14 ^aPs 27:6; 69:30; 107:22; 116:17; Hos 14:2; Rom 12:1; Heb 13:15
^bNum 30:2; Deut 23:21; Ps 22:25; 56:12; 61:8; 65:1; 76:11 50:15 ^aPs 91:15; 107:6, 13; Zech 13:9 ^bPs 81:7 ^cPs 22:23
 50:16 ^aIs 29:13 50:17 ^aProv 5:12; 12:1; Rom 2:21, 22 ^b1 Kin 14:9; Neh 9:26

- 18^a “When you see a thief, you
^{1a}are pleased with him,
 And ²you ^bassociate
 with adulterers.
 19^a “You ^{3a}let your mouth loose in evil
 And your ^btongue frames deceit.
 20^a “You sit and ^aspeak against
 your brother;
 You slander your own
 mother’s son.
 21^a “These things you have done
 and ^aI kept silence;
 You thought that I was
 just like you;
 I will ^breprove you and state *the*
case in order before your eyes.
 22^a “Now consider this, you
 who ^aforget God,
 Or I will ^btear you in pieces, and
 there will be none to deliver.
 23^a “He who ^aoffers a sacrifice of
 thanksgiving honors Me;
 And to him who ^{4b}orders
his way aright
 I shall ^cshow the
 salvation of God.”

A CONTRITE SINNER’S PRAYER
 FOR PARDON.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David, when
 †Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had
 gone in to Bathsheba.

51 ^aBe gracious to me, O
 God, according to Your
 lovingkindness;
 According to the greatness
 of ^bYour compassion ^cblot
 out my transgressions.

- 2 ^aWash me thoroughly
 from my iniquity
 And ^bcleans me from my sin.
 3 For ⁵¹^aknow my transgressions,
 And my sin is ever before me.

- 4 ^aAgainst You, You only,
 I have sinned
 And done what is ^bevil
 in Your sight,
 So that ^cYou ⁶are justified
⁷when You speak
 And ⁸blameless when You judge.

- 5 Behold, I was ^abrought
 forth in iniquity,
 And in sin my mother
 conceived me.
 6 Behold, You desire ^atruth in
 the ⁹innermost being,
 And in the hidden part You will
^bmake me know wisdom.
 7 ¹⁰Purify me ^awith hyssop,
 and I shall be clean;
¹¹Wash me, and I shall be
^bwhiter than snow.
 8 ¹²Make me to hear ^ajoy
 and gladness,
 Let the ^bbones which You
 have broken rejoice.
 9 ^aHide Your face from my sins
 And blot out all my iniquities.

- ¹⁰ ^aCreate ¹³in me a ^bclean
 heart, O God,
 And renew ¹⁴a ^csteadfast
 spirit within me.
¹¹ ^aDo not cast me away
 from Your presence
 And do not take Your
^bHoly Spirit from me.
¹² Restore to me the ^ajoy
 of Your salvation
 And sustain me with
 a ^bwilling spirit.

†2 Sam 12:1 ¹Some ancient versions read *run to-
 gether* ²Lit your part is with ³Lit send ⁴Lit sets ⁵Or
 I myself know ⁶Or may be in the right ⁷Many mss
 read in Your words ⁸Lit pure ⁹Or inward parts ¹⁰Or
 May You purify...that I may be clean ¹¹Or May You
 wash ¹²Or May You make ¹³Lit for ¹⁴Or an upright

50:18 ^aRom 1:32 ^b1 Tim 5:22 50:19 ^aPs 10:7 ^bPs 36:3; 52:2 50:20 ^aJob 19:18; Matt 10:21 50:21 ^aEcc1 8:11; Is
 42:14; 57:11 ^bPs 90:8 50:22 ^aJob 8:13; Ps 9:17 ^bPs 7:2 50:23 ^aPs 50:14 ^bPs 85:13 ^cPs 91:16 51:1 ^aPs 4:1;
 109:26 ^bPs 69:16; 106:45 ^cPs 51:9; Is 43:25; 44:22; Acts 3:19; Col 2:14 51:2 ^aPs 51:7; Is 1:16; 4:4; Jer 4:14; Acts
 22:16; Rev 1:5 ^bJer 33:8; Ezek 36:33; Heb 9:14; 1 John 1:7, 9 51:3 ^aIs 59:12 51:4 ^aGen 20:6; 39:9; 2 Sam 12:13; Ps
 41:4 ^bLuke 15:21 ^cRom 3:4 51:5 ^aJob 14:4; 15:14; Ps 58:3; Eph 2:3 51:6 ^aJob 38:36; Ps 15:2 ^bProv 2:6; Ecc1 2:26;
 James 1:5 51:7 ^aEx 12:22; Lev 14:4; Num 19:18; Heb 9:19 ^bIs 1:18 51:8 ^aIs 35:10; Joel 1:16 ^bPs 35:10 51:9 ^aJer
 16:17 51:10 ^aEzek 18:31; Eph 2:10 ^bPs 24:4; Matt 5:8; Acts 15:9 ^cPs 78:37 51:11 ^a2 Kin 13:23; 24:20; Jer 7:15 ^bIs
 63:10, 11 51:12 ^aPs 13:5 ^bPs 110:3

- 13 Then I will ^ateach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will ¹be ^bconverted to You.
- 14 Deliver me from ^abloodguiltiness, O God, ^bthe God of my salvation; Then my ^ctongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, ^{2a}open my lips, That my mouth may ^bdeclare Your praise.
- 16 For You ^ado not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are ^aa broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.
- 18 ^aBy Your favor do good to Zion; ^{3b}Build the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then You will delight in ^{4a}righteous sacrifices, In ^bburnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then ⁵young bulls will be offered on Your altar.

FUTILITY OF BOASTFUL WICKEDNESS.

For the choir director. A †Maskil of David, *when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul and said to him, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."

52 Why do you ^aboast in evil, O mighty man? The ^blovingkindness of God endures all day long.

† Possibly *Contemplative*, or *Didactic*, or *Skillful Psalm*
 *1 Sam 22:9 †I.e. sickness, a sad tone ¹Or turn back ²Or may You open ³Or May You build ⁴Or sacrifices of righteousness ⁵Lit they will offer young bulls ⁶Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude ⁷Or Also ⁸Or his destruction

- 2 Your tongue devises ^adestruction, Like a ^bsharp razor, ^cO worker of deceit.
- 3 You ^alove evil more than good, ^bFalsehood more than speaking what is right. ⁶Selah.
- 4 You love all words that devour, O ^adeceitful tongue.
- 5 ⁷But God will break you down forever; He will snatch you up and ^atear you away from *your* tent, And ^buproot you from the ^cland of the living. ⁶Selah.
- 6 The righteous will ^asee and fear, And will ^blaugh at him, *saying*,
- 7 "Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge, But ^atrusted in the abundance of his riches And ^bwas strong in ⁸his evil desire."
- 8 But as for me, I am like a ^agreen olive tree in the house of God; I ^btrust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.
- 9 I will ^agive You thanks forever, because You have done *it*, And I will wait on Your name, ^bfor *it is good*, in the presence of Your godly ones.

FOLLY AND WICKEDNESS OF MEN.

For the choir director; according to †Mahalath. A †Maskil of David.

53 ^aThe fool has said in his heart, "There is no God," They are corrupt, and have committed abominable injustice; ^bThere is no one who does good.

2 God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men

51:13 ^aActs 9:21, 22 ^bPs 22:27 51:14 ^{a2} Sam 12:9; Ps 26:9 ^bPs 25:5 ^cPs 35:28; 71:15 51:15 ^aEx 4:15 ^bPs 9:14
 51:16 ^{a1} Sam 15:22; Ps 40:6 51:17 ^aPs 34:18 51:18 ^aPs 69:35; Is 51:3 ^bPs 102:16; 147:2 51:19 ^aPs 4:5 ^bPs 66:13, 15
 52:1 ^aPs 94:4 ^bPs 52:8 52:2 ^aPs 5:9 ^bPs 57:4; 59:7 ^cPs 101:7 52:3 ^aPs 36:4 ^bPs 58:3; Jer 9:5 52:4 ^aPs 120:3
 52:5 ^{a1} Is 22:18, 19 ^bProv 2:22 ^cPs 27:13 52:6 ^aPs 37:34; 40:3 ^bJob 22:19 52:7 ^aPs 49:6 ^bPs 10:6 52:8 ^aPs 92:12; 128:3; Jer 11:16 ^bPs 13:5 52:9 ^aPs 30:12 ^bPs 54:6 53:1 ^aPs 10:4; 14:1-7; 53:1-6 ^bRom 3:10

- And your Redeemer, the
Mighty One of Jacob.
- 17“Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
And instead of iron I
will bring silver,
And instead of wood, bronze,
And instead of stones, iron.
And I will make peace
your administrators
And righteousness
your overseers.
- 18“Violence will not be heard
again in your land,
Nor devastation or destruction
within your borders;
But you will call your
walls salvation, and
your gates praise.
- 19“No longer will you have the
sun for light by day,
Nor for brightness will the
moon give you light;
But you will have the LORD
for an everlasting light,
And your God for your glory.
- 20“Your sun will no longer set,
Nor will your moon wane;
For you will have the LORD
for an everlasting light,
And the days of your
mourning will be over.
- 21“Then all your people
will be righteous;
They will possess the
land forever,
The branch of My planting,
The work of My hands,
That I may be glorified.
- 22“The smallest one will
become a clan,
And the least one a
mighty nation.

¹Or beauty ²Lit His ³Or thousand ⁴Heb YHWH, usually rendered LORD ⁵Or humble ⁶Lit opening to those who are bound ⁷Or terebinths ⁸Lit sons of the foreigner

I, the LORD, will hasten
it in its time.”

EXALTATION OF THE AFFLICTED

61 The Spirit of the Lord God is
upon me,
Because the LORD has
anointed me
To bring good news to
the afflicted;
He has sent me to bind up
the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives
And freedom to prisoners;
To proclaim the favorable
year of the LORD
And the day of vengeance
of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
To grant those who
mourn in Zion,
Giving them a garland
instead of ashes,
The oil of gladness
instead of mourning,
The mantle of praise instead
of a spirit of fainting.
So they will be called oaks
of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD,
that He may be glorified.

- 4 Then they will rebuild
the ancient ruins,
They will raise up the
former devastations;
And they will repair
the ruined cities,
The desolations of many
generations.
- 5 Strangers will stand and
pasture your flocks,
And foreigners will be your
farmers and your vinedressers.
- 6 But you will be called the
priests of the LORD;

60:16 cIs 59:20; 63:16 60:18 aIs 54:14 bIs 51:19 cIs 26:1 dIs 60:11 60:19 aRev 21:23; 22:5 bIs 2:5; 9:2 cIs 41:16; 45:25; Zech 2:5 60:20 aIs 30:26 bIs 35:10; 65:19; Rev 21:4 60:21 aIs 45:24, 25; 52:1 bPs 37:11, 22; Is 57:13; 61:7 cIs 19:25; 29:23; 45:11; 64:8 dIs 61:3 60:22 aIs 10:22; 51:2 61:1 aIs 11:2; 48:16; Luke 4:18 bMatt 11:5; Luke 7:22 cIs 11:4; 29:19; 32:7 dIs 57:15 eIs 42:7; 49:9 61:2 aIs 49:8; 60:10 bIs 2:12; 13:6; 34:2, 8 cIs 57:18; Jer 31:13; Matt 5:4 61:3 aIs 60:20 bPs 23:5; 45:7; 104:15 cIs 60:21; Jer 17:7, 8 61:4 aIs 49:8; 58:12; Ezek 36:33; Amos 9:14 61:5 aIs 14:2; 60:10 61:6 aIs 66:21

You will be spoken of as
^bministers of our God.
 You will eat the ^cwealth
 of nations,
 And in their ¹riches
 you will boast.

- 7 Instead of your ^ashame you
 will have a ^bdouble portion,
 And *instead of* humiliation
 they will shout for joy
 over their portion.
 Therefore they will possess a
 double *portion* in their land,
^cEverlasting joy will be theirs.
- 8 For I, the LORD, ^alove justice,
 I hate robbery ²in the
 burnt offering;
 And I will faithfully give
 them their recompense
 And make an ^beverlasting
 covenant with them.
- 9 Then their offspring will be
 known among the nations,
 And their descendants in
 the midst of the peoples.
 All who see them will
 recognize them
 Because they are the ^aoffspring
 whom the LORD has blessed.
- 10 I will ^arejoice greatly
 in the LORD,
 My soul will exult in ^bmy God;
 For He has ^cclothed me with
 garments of salvation,
 He has wrapped me with a
 robe of righteousness,
 As a bridegroom decks
 himself with a garland,
 And ^das a bride adorns
 herself with her jewels.
- 11 For as the ^aearth brings
 forth its sprouts,
 And as a garden causes
 the things sown in
 it to spring up,

So the Lord ³GOD will
^bcause ^crighteousness
 and praise
 To spring up before
 all the nations.

ZION'S GLORY AND NEW NAME

- 62** For Zion's sake I will not keep
 silent,
 And for Jerusalem's sake
 I will not keep quiet,
 Until her ^arighteousness goes
 forth like brightness,
 And her ^bsalvation like a
 torch that is burning.
- 2 The ^anations will see
 your righteousness,
 And all kings your glory;
 And you will be called
 by a new ^bname
 Which the mouth of the
 LORD will designate.
- 3 You will also be a ^acrown
 of beauty in the hand
 of the LORD,
 And a royal ^adiadem in the
 hand of your God.
- 4 It will no longer be said
 to you, "⁵a Forsaken,"
 Nor to your land will it any
 longer be said, "⁶Desolate";
 But you will be called, "⁷My
 delight is in her,"
 And your land, "⁸b Married";
 For the ^cLORD delights in you,
 And *to Him* your land
 will be married.
- 5 For *as* a young man
 marries a virgin,
 So your sons will marry you;
 And *as* the ⁹bridegroom
 rejoices over the bride,

¹Or *glory* ²Or *with iniquity* ³Heb YHWH, usually rendered LORD ⁴Lit *turban* ⁵I.e. Azubah ⁶I.e. She-emamah ⁷I.e. Hephzibah ⁸I.e. Beulah ⁹Lit *exultation of the bridegroom*

^bIs 56:6 ^cIs 60:5, 11 **61:7** ^aIs 54:4 ^bIs 40:2; Zech 9:12 ^cPs 16:11 **61:8** ^aIs 5:16; 28:17; 30:18 ^bGen 17:7; Ps 105:10; Is 55:3; Jer 32:40 **61:9** ^aIs 44:3 **61:10** ^aIs 12:1, 2; 25:9; 41:16; 51:3 ^bIs 49:4 ^cIs 49:18; 52:1 ^dRev 21:2 **61:11** ^aIs 4:2; 55:10 ^bIs 45:23, 24; 60:18, 21 ^cPs 72:3; 85:11 **62:1** ^aIs 1:26; 58:8; 61:11 ^bIs 46:13; 52:10 **62:2** ^aIs 60:3 ^bIs 56:5; 62:4, 12; 65:15 **62:3** ^aIs 28:5; Zech 9:16; 1 Thess 2:19 **62:4** ^aIs 54:6, 7; 60:15, 18 ^bHos 2:19, 20 ^cJer 32:41; Zeph 3:17

So your ^aGod will rejoice over you.

- 6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed ^awatchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who ^bremind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves;
- 7 And ^agive Him no rest until He establishes And makes ^bJerusalem a praise in the earth.
- 8 ^aThe LORD has sworn by His right hand and by His strong arm, “I will ^bnever again give your grain as food for your enemies; Nor will ^cforeigners drink your new wine for which you have labored.”
- 9 But those who ^agarner it will eat it and praise the LORD; And those who gather it will drink it in the courts of My sanctuary.
- 10 Go through, ^ago through the gates, Clear the way ²for the people; ^bBuild up, build up the ^chighway, Remove the stones, lift up a ^dstandard over the peoples.
- 11 Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the ^aend of the earth, ^bSay to the daughter of Zion, “Lo, your ^csalvation comes; ^dBehold His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.”
- 12 And they will call them, ^a“The holy people,

The ^bredeemed of the LORD”; And you will be called, “Sought out, a city ^cnot forsaken.”

GOD'S VENGEANCE ON THE NATIONS

- 63** Who is this who comes from ^aEdom, With ^bgarments of ³glowing colors from ^cBozrah, This One who is majestic in His apparel, ⁴Marching in the greatness of His strength? “It is I who speak in righteousness, ^dmighty to save.”
- 2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like the one who ^atreads in the wine press?
- 3 ^a“I have trodden the wine trough alone, And from the peoples there was no man with Me. I also ^btrod them in My anger And ^ctrampled them in My wrath; And ^dtheir ⁵lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, And I ⁶stained all My raiment.
- 4 ^a“For the ^aday of vengeance was in My heart, And My year of redemption has come.
- 5 ^a“I looked, and there was ^ano one to help, And I was astonished and there was no one to uphold; So My ^bown arm brought salvation to Me, And My wrath upheld Me.
- 6 ^a“I ^atrod down the peoples in My anger And made them ^bdrunk in My wrath,

¹Lit sons of foreigners ²Lit of ³Or crimson ⁴Lit Inclining ⁵Lit juice ⁶Lit defiled

62:5 ^aIs 65:19 62:6 ^aIs 52:8; Jer 6:17; Ezek 3:17; 33:7 ^bPs 74:2; Jer 14:21; Lam 5:1, 20 62:7 ^aLuke 18:1-8 ^bIs 60:18; Jer 33:9; Zeph 3:19, 20 62:8 ^aIs 45:23; 54:9 ^bLev 26:16; Deut 28:31, 33; Judg 6:3-6; Is 1:7; Jer 5:17 62:9 ^aIs 65:13, 21-23 62:10 ^aIs 26:1; 60:11, 18 ^bIs 57:14 ^cIs 11:16; 19:23; 35:8; 49:11 ^dIs 11:10, 12; 49:22 62:11 ^aIs 42:10; 49:6 ^bMatt 21:5; Zech 9:9 ^cIs 51:5 ^dIs 40:10; Rev 22:12 62:12 ^aDeut 7:6; Is 4:3; 1 Pet 2:9 ^bIs 35:9; 51:10 ^cIs 41:17; 42:16; 62:4 63:1 ^aPs 137:7; Is 34:5, 6; Ezek 25:12-14; 35:1-15; Obad 1-14; Mal 1:2-5 ^bIs 63:2 ^cIs 34:6; Jer 49:13; Amos 1:12 ^dZeph 3:17 63:2 ^aRev 19:13, 15 63:3 ^aRev 14:20; 19:15 ^bIs 22:5; 28:3 ^cMic 7:10 ^dRev 19:13 63:4 ^aIs 34:8; 35:4; 61:2; Jer 51:6 63:5 ^aIs 59:16 ^bPs 44:3; Is 40:10; 52:10 63:6 ^aIs 22:5; 34:2; 65:12 ^bIs 29:9; 51:17, 21

and crippled and blind and lame.’²² And the slave said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’²³ And the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel *them* to come in, so that my house may be filled.’²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.’”

DISCIPLESHIP TESTED

²⁵ Now ¹large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to Me, and does not ²hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not ³carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and ⁴consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand *men* to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends ³a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So then, none of you can be My disciple who ⁴does not give up all his own possessions.

³⁴“Therefore, salt is good; but ⁴if even salt has become tasteless, with

what will it be seasoned? ³⁵It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. ⁴He who has ears to hear, ⁴let him hear.”

THE LOST SHEEP

15 Now all the ⁴tax collectors and the ⁵sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him. ²Both the Pharisees and the scribes *began* to grumble, saying, “This man receives sinners and ⁴eats with them.”

³So He told them this parable, saying, ⁴“What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the ⁶open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ ⁷I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

THE LOST COIN

⁸“Or what woman, if she has ten ⁷silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!’ ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is joy ⁴in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

THE PRODIGAL SON

¹¹ And He said, “A man had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me ⁴the share of the

¹Lit *many* ²I.e. by comparison of his love for Me
³Or *an embassy* ⁴Or *hear! Or listen!* ⁵I.e. irreligious Jews
⁶Lit *wilderness* ⁷Gr *drachmas*, one drachma was a day’s wages

14:26 ^aMatt 10:37 **14:27** ^aMatt 10:38; 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23 **14:31** ^aProv 20:18 **14:33** ^aPhil 3:7; Heb 11:26
14:34 ^aMatt 5:13; Mark 9:50 **14:35** ^aMatt 11:15 **15:1** ^aLuke 5:29 **15:2** ^aMatt 9:11 **15:4** ^aMatt 18:12-14; Luke 15:4-7
15:10 ^aMatt 10:32; Luke 15:7 **15:12** ^aDeut 21:17

estate that falls to me.' So he divided his ^{1b}wealth between them. ¹³And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. ¹⁴Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished. ¹⁵So he went and ²hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the ³pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving *anything* to him. ¹⁷But when he came to ⁴his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and ⁵in your sight; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.'" ²⁰So he got up and came to ⁶his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion *for him*, and ran and ^{7a}embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out ^athe best robe and put it on him, and ^bput a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; ²³and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was ^adead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he summoned

one of the servants and *began* inquiring what these things could be. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and *began* pleading with him. ²⁹But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never ⁸neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends; ³⁰but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your ^{1a}wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you ⁹have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was ^adead and *has begun* to live, and was lost and has been found.'"

THE UNRIGHTEOUS STEWARD

16 Now He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and this *manager* was ¹⁰reported to him as ^asquandering his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my ¹¹master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management people will welcome me into their homes.' ⁵And

¹Lit *living* ²Lit *was joined to* ³i.e. of the carob tree
⁴Lit *himself* ⁵Lit *before you* ⁶Lit *his own* ⁷Lit *fell on his neck*
⁸Or *disobeyed* ⁹Lit *are always with me*
¹⁰Or *accused* ¹¹Or *lord*

^bMark 12:44; Luke 15:30 **15:20** ^aGen 45:14; 46:29; Acts 20:37 **15:22** ^aZech 3:4; Rev 6:11 ^bGen 41:42 **15:24** ^aMatt 8:22; Luke 9:60; 15:32; Rom 11:15; Eph 2:1, 5; 5:14; Col 2:13; 1 Tim 5:6 **15:30** ^aProv 29:3; Luke 15:12 **15:32** ^aLuke 15:24 **16:1** ^aLuke 15:13

he summoned each one of his ¹master's debtors, and he *began* saying to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶And he said, 'A hundred ²measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred ³measures of wheat.' He *said* to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸And his ⁴master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of ^athis age are more shrewd in relation to their own ⁵kind than the ^bsons of light. ⁹And I say to you, ^amake friends for yourselves by means of the ^{6b}wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, ^cthey will receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰^aHe who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. ¹¹Therefore if you have not been faithful in the *use of* unrighteous ^{6a}wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in *the use of* that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³^aNo ⁷servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and ^{6b}wealth."

¹⁴Now the Pharisees, who were ^alovers of money, were listening to all these things and ^bwere scoffing

at Him. ¹⁵And He said to them, "You are those who ^ajustify yourselves ⁸in the sight of men, but ^bGod knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable ⁸in the sight of God.

¹⁶^aThe Law and the Prophets *were proclaimed* until John; since that time ^bthe gospel of the kingdom of God ⁹has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it. ¹⁷^aBut it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one ¹⁰stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.

¹⁸^aEveryone who ¹¹divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is ¹²divorced from a husband commits adultery.

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

¹⁹"Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day. ²⁰And a poor man named Lazarus ^awas laid at his gate, covered with sores, ²¹and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. ²²Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to ^aAbraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. ²³In ^aHades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and *saw* Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴And he cried out and said, ^a"Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in ^bthis flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, ^b"Child, remember that ^aduring your life you received your good things,

¹Or *lord's* ²Gr *baths*, a Heb unit of measure equaling about 7 1/2 gal. ³Gr *kors*, one kor equals between 10 and 12 bu ⁴Or *lord* ⁵Lit *generation* ⁶Gr *mamonas*, for Aram *mamon* (mammon); i.e. wealth, etc., personified as an object of worship ⁷Or *house-servant* ⁸Lit *before* ⁹Lit *is preached* ¹⁰i.e. projection of a letter (serif) ¹¹Or *sends away* ¹²Or *sent away*

16:8 ^aMatt 12:32; Luke 20:34 ^bJohn 12:36; Eph 5:8; 1 Thess 5:5 **16:9** ^aMatt 19:21; Luke 11:41; 12:33 ^bMatt 6:24; Luke 16:11, 13 ^cLuke 16:4 **16:10** ^aMatt 25:21, 23 **16:11** ^aLuke 16:9 **16:13** ^aMatt 6:24 ^bLuke 16:9 **16:14** ^{a2}Tim 3:2 ^bLuke 23:35 **16:15** ^aLuke 10:29; 18:9, 14 ^{b1}Sam 16:7; Prov 21:2; Acts 1:24; Rom 8:27 **16:16** ^aMatt 11:12f ^bMatt 4:23 **16:17** ^aMatt 5:18 **16:18** ^aMatt 5:32; 1 Cor 7:10, 11 **16:20** ^aActs 3:2 **16:22** ^aJohn 1:18; 13:23 **16:23** ^aMatt 11:23 **16:24** ^aLuke 3:8; 16:30; 19:9 **16:25** ^aLuke 6:24

and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶And ¹besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers— in order that he may ^awarn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham ^asaid, 'They have ^aMoses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰But he said, 'No, ^afather Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!' ³¹But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"

INSTRUCTIONS

17 He said to His disciples, ^a"It is inevitable that ²stumbling blocks come, but woe to him through whom they come! ^{2a}It ³would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he would cause one of these little ones to stumble. ^{3a}Be on your guard! ^aIf your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴And if he sins against you ^aseven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' ⁵forgive him."

^{5a}The apostles said to ^bthe Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And ^athe Lord said, "If you ⁶had faith like ^ba mustard seed, you would say to this 'mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would ⁷obey you.

⁷"Which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and ⁸sit down to eat'? ⁸But will he not say to him, ^a"Prepare something for me to eat, and *properly* ⁹clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and ¹⁰afterward you ¹¹may eat and drink'? ⁹He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he? ¹⁰So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done *only* that which we ought to have done.'"

TEN LEPERS CLEANSED

¹¹While He was ^aon the way to Jerusalem, ^bHe was passing ¹²between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As He entered a village, ten leprous men who ^astood at a distance met Him; ¹³and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, ^aMaster, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When He saw them, He said to them, ^a"Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed. ¹⁵Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, ^aglorifying God with a loud voice, ¹⁶and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a ^aSamaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? ¹⁸¹³Was no one found who returned to ^agive glory to God, except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And He said to him, "Stand up and go; ^ayour faith ¹⁴has made you well."

¹Lit in all these things ²Or temptations to sin ³Lit is ⁴Lit Take heed to yourselves ⁵Lit you shall forgive ⁶Lit have ⁷Lit have obeyed ⁸Lit recline ⁹Lit gird ¹⁰Lit after these things ¹¹Lit will ¹²Lit through the middle of; or along the borders of ¹³Lit Were there not found those who ¹⁴Lit has saved you

16:28 ^aActs 2:40; 8:25; 10:42; 18:5; 20:21ff; 23:11; 28:23; Gal 5:3; Eph 4:17; 1 Thess 2:11; 4:6 **16:29** ^aLuke 4:17; John 5:45-47; Acts 15:21 **16:30** ^aLuke 3:8; 16:24; 19:9 **17:1** ^aMatt 18:7; 1 Cor 11:19; 1 Tim 4:1 **17:2** ^aMatt 18:6; Mark 9:42; 1 Cor 8:12 **17:3** ^aMatt 18:15 **17:4** ^aMatt 18:21f **17:5** ^aMark 6:30 ^bLuke 7:13 **17:6** ^aLuke 7:13 ^bMatt 13:31; 17:20; Mark 4:31; Luke 13:19 ^cLuke 19:4 **17:8** ^aLuke 12:37 **17:11** ^aLuke 9:51 ^bLuke 9:52ff; John 4:3f **17:12** ^aLev 13:45f **17:13** ^aLuke 5:5 **17:14** ^aLev 14:1-32; Matt 8:4; Luke 5:14 **17:15** ^aMatt 9:8 **17:16** ^aMatt 10:5 **17:18** ^aMatt 9:8 **17:19** ^aMatt 9:22; Luke 18:42

it is veiled ¹to ^cthose who are perishing, ⁴in whose case ^athe god of ^bthis ²world has ^cblinded the minds of the unbelieving ³so that they might not see the ^dlight of the gospel of the ^eglory of Christ, who is the ^fimage of God. ⁵For we ^ado not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants ⁴for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "aLight shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has ^bshone in our hearts to give the ^cLight of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in ^aearthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of ^bthe power will be of God and not from ourselves; ⁸*we are* ^aafflicted in every way, but not ^bcrushed; ^cperplexed, but not despairing; ⁹^apersecuted, but not ^bforsaken; ^cstruck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰^aalways carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that ^bthe life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death works in us, but life in you.

¹³But having the same ^aspirit of faith, according to what is written, "bI BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that He who ^araised the Lord Jesus ^bwill raise us also with Jesus and will ^cpresent us with you. ¹⁵For all things *are* ^afor your sakes, so that the grace which is ^{5b}spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

¹⁶Therefore we ^ado not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our ^binner man is ^cbeing renewed day by day. ¹⁷For momentary, ^alight affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, ¹⁸while we ^alook not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

THE TEMPORAL AND ETERNAL

5 For we know that if ⁶the ^aearthly ⁵^btent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house ^cnot made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For indeed in this *house* we ^agroan, longing to be ^bclothed with our dwelling from heaven, ³inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked. ⁴For indeed while we are in this tent, we ^agroan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be ^bclothed, so that what is ^cmortal will be swallowed up by life. ⁵Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who ^agave to us the Spirit as a ⁷pledge.

⁶Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that ^awhile we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord— ⁷for ^awe walk by faith, not by ⁸sight— ⁸we are of good courage, I say, and ^aprefer rather to be absent from the body and ^bto be at

¹Lit in ²Lit age ³Or that the light...image of God, would not dawn upon them ⁴Two early mss read through Jesus ⁵Lit being multiplied through the many ⁶Lit our earthly house of the tent ⁷Or down payment ⁸Or appearance

^c1 Cor 1:18; 2 Cor 2:15 **4:4** ^aJohn 12:31 ^bMatt 13:22 ^c2 Cor 3:14 ^dActs 26:18; 2 Cor 4:6 ^e2 Cor 3:18; 4:6 ^fJohn 1:18; Phil 2:6; Col 1:15; Heb 1:3 **4:5** ^a1 Cor 4:15; 1 Thess 2:6f **4:6** ^aGen 1:3 ^b2 Pet 1:19 ^cActs 26:18; 2 Cor 4:4 **4:7** ^aJob 4:19; 10:9; 33:6; Lam 4:2; 2 Cor 5:1; 2 Tim 2:20 ^bJudg 7:2; 1 Cor 2:5 **4:8** ^a2 Cor 1:8; 7:5 ^b2 Cor 6:12 ^cGal 4:20 **4:9** ^aJohn 15:20; Rom 8:35f ^bPs 129:2; Heb 13:5 ^cPs 37:24; Prov 24:16; Mic 7:8 **4:10** ^aRom 6:5; 8:36; Gal 6:17 ^bRom 6:8 **4:13** ^a1 Cor 12:9 ^bPs 116:10 **4:14** ^aActs 2:24 ^b1 Thess 4:14 ^cLuke 21:36; Eph 5:27; Col 1:22; Jude 24 **4:15** ^aRom 8:28; 2 Cor 1:6 ^b1 Cor 9:19; 2 Cor 1:11 **4:16** ^a2 Cor 4:1 ^bRom 7:22 ^cIs 40:29, 31; Col 3:10 **4:17** ^aRom 8:18 **4:18** ^aRom 8:24; 2 Cor 5:7; Heb 11:1, 13 **5:1** ^aJob 4:19; 1 Cor 15:47; 2 Cor 4:7 ^b2 Pet 1:13f ^cMark 14:58; Acts 7:48; Heb 9:11, 24 **5:2** ^aRom 8:23; 2 Cor 5:4 ^b1 Cor 15:53f; 2 Cor 5:4 **5:4** ^a2 Cor 5:2 ^b1 Cor 15:53f; 2 Cor 5:2 ^c1 Cor 15:54 **5:5** ^aRom 8:23; 2 Cor 1:22 **5:6** ^aHeb 11:13f **5:7** ^a1 Cor 13:12; 2 Cor 4:18 **5:8** ^aPhil 1:23 ^bJohn 12:26; Phil 1:23

home with the Lord. ⁹Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be ^apleasing to Him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before ^athe judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for ¹his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the ^afear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are ^bmade manifest also in your consciences. ¹²We are not ^aagain commending ourselves to you but *are* giving you an ^boccasion to be proud of us, so that you will have *an answer* for those who take pride in appearance and not in heart. ¹³For if we ²are ^abeside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ ^acontrols us, having concluded this, that ^bone died for all, therefore all died; ¹⁵and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer ^alive for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

¹⁶Therefore from now on we recognize no one ^{3a}according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ ³according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him in this way* no longer. ¹⁷Therefore if anyone is ^ain Christ, ⁴*he is* ^ba new creature; ^cthe old things passed away; behold, new things have come. ¹⁸Now ^aall *these* things are from God, ^bwho reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ^cministry of recon-

ciliation, ¹⁹namely, that ^aGod was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, ^bnot counting their trespasses against them, and ³He has ⁶committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰Therefore, we are ^aambassadors for Christ, ^bas though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be ^creconciled to God. ²¹He made Him who ^aknew no sin to *be* ^bsin on our behalf, so that we might become the ^crighteousness of God in Him.

THEIR MINISTRY COMMENDED

6 And ^aworking together *with Him*, ^bwe also urge you not to receive ^cthe grace of God in vain— ²for He says,

^a“AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME

I LISTENED TO YOU,

AND ON THE DAY OF

SALVATION I HELPED YOU.”

Behold, now is “THE ACCEPTABLE TIME,” behold, now is “THE DAY OF SALVATION”— ³giving no cause for offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited, ⁴but in everything ^acommending ourselves as ^{7b}servants of God, ^cin much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, ⁵in ^abeatings, in imprisonments, in ^btumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in ^chunger, ⁶in purity, in ^aknowledge, in ^bpatience, in kindness, in the ^cHoly Spirit, in ^agenuine love, ⁷in ^athe word of truth, in ^bthe power of God; by ^cthe weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left, ⁸by glory and ^adishonor, by ^bevil report and good report; *regarded* as ^cdeceivers and yet ^dtrue; ⁹as unknown ⁸yet

¹Lit *the things through the body* ²Lit *were* ³i.e. by what he is in the flesh ⁴Or *there is a new creation*
⁵Lit *having* ⁶Lit *placed in us* ⁷Or *ministers* ⁸Lit *and*

5:9 ^aRom 14:18; Col 1:10; 1 Thess 4:1 **5:10** ^aMatt 16:27; Acts 10:42; Rom 2:16; 14:10, 12; Eph 6:8 **5:11** ^aHeb 10:31; 12:29; Jude 23 ^b2 Cor 4:2 **5:12** ^a2 Cor 3:1 ^b2 Cor 1:14; Phil 1:26 **5:13** ^aMark 3:21; 2 Cor 11:1, 16ff; 12:11 **5:14** ^aActs 18:5 ^bRom 5:15; 6:6ff; Gal 2:20; Col 3:3 **5:15** ^aRom 14:7-9 **5:16** ^aJohn 8:15; 2 Cor 11:18; Phil 3:4 **5:17** ^aRom 16:7 ^bJohn 3:3; Rom 6:4; Gal 6:15 ^cIs 43:18ff; 65:17; Eph 4:24; Rev 21:4f **5:18** ^a1 Cor 11:12 ^bRom 5:10; Col 1:20 ^c1 Cor 3:5 **5:19** ^aCol 2:9 ^bRom 4:8; 1 Cor 13:5 **5:20** ^aMal 2:7; Eph 6:20 ^b2 Cor 6:1 ^cRom 5:10; Col 1:20 **5:21** ^aActs 3:14; Heb 4:15; 7:26; 1 Pet 2:22; 1 John 3:5 ^bRom 3:25; 4:25; 8:3; Gal 3:13 ^cRom 1:17; 3:21f; 1 Cor 1:30 **6:1** ^a1 Cor 3:9 ^b2 Cor 5:20 ^cActs 11:23 **6:2** ^aIs 49:8 **6:3** ^a1 Cor 8:9, 13; 9:12 **6:4** ^aRom 3:5 ^b1 Cor 3:5; 2 Tim 2:24f ^cActs 9:16; 2 Cor 4:8-11; 6:4ff; 11:23-27; 12:10 **6:5** ^aActs 16:23 ^bActs 19:23ff ^c1 Cor 4:11 **6:6** ^a1 Cor 12:8; 2 Cor 11:6 ^b2 Cor 1:23; 2:10; 13:10 ^c1 Cor 2:4; 1 Thess 1:5 ^dRom 12:9 **6:7** ^a2 Cor 2:17; 4:2 ^b1 Cor 2:5 ^cRom 13:12; 2 Cor 10:4; Eph 6:11ff **6:8** ^a1 Cor 4:10 ^bRom 3:8; 1 Cor 4:13; 2 Cor 12:16 ^cMatt 27:63 ^d2 Cor 1:18; 4:2; 1 Thess 2:3f

well-known, as ^adying ¹yet behold, ^bwe live; as ²punished ¹yet not put to death, ¹⁰as ^asorrowful yet always ^brejoicing, as ^cpoor yet making many rich, as ^dhaving nothing ¹yet possessing ^eall things.

¹¹^aOur mouth ³has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our ^bheart is opened wide. ¹²You are not restrained ⁴by us, but ^ayou are restrained in your own ⁵affections. ¹³Now in a like ^aexchange—I speak as to ^bchildren—open wide *to us* also.

¹⁴^aDo not be ^bbound together with ^bunbelievers; for what ^cpartnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵Or what ^aharmony has Christ with ⁷Belial, or ⁸what has a ^bbeliever in common with an ^cunbeliever? ¹⁶Or ^awhat agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are ^bthe temple of ^cthe living God; just as God said,

“^dI WILL ^eDWELL IN THEM AND
^fWALK AMONG THEM;
AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND
THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

¹⁷^aTherefore, ^bCOME OUT FROM
THEIR MIDST AND BE
SEPARATE,” says the Lord.

“AND DO NOT TOUCH
WHAT IS UNCLEAN;
And I will welcome you.

¹⁸^aAnd I will be a father to you,
And you shall be ^bsons
and daughters to Me,”
Says the Lord Almighty.

PAUL REVEALS HIS HEART

7 Therefore, having these promises, ^abeloved, ^blet us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of

flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

²^aMake room for us *in your hearts*; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one. ³I do not speak to condemn you, for I have said ^abefore that you are ^bin our hearts to die together and to live together. ⁴Great is my ^aconfidence ⁹in you; great is my ^bboasting on your behalf. I am filled with ^ccomfort; I am overflowing with ^djoy in all our affliction.

⁵For even when we came into ^aMacedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were ^bafflicted on every side: ^cconflicts without, fears within. ⁶But ^aGod, who comforts the ¹⁰depressed, ^bcomforted us by the coming of ^cTitus; ⁷and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced even more. ⁸For though I ^acaused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while—⁹I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of repentance*; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of God*, so that you might not suffer loss in anything ¹¹through us. ¹⁰For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a ^arepentance ¹²without regret, *leading*

¹Lit and ²Or disciplined ³Lit is open to you ⁴Or in us ⁵Lit inward parts ⁶Lit unequally yoked ⁷Gr Belial ⁸Lit what part has a believer with an unbeliever ⁹Lit toward ¹⁰Or humble ¹¹Lit from ¹²Or leading to a salvation without regret

6:9 ^aRom 8:36 ^b2 Cor 1:8, 10; 4:11 **6:10** ^aJohn 16:22; 2 Cor 7:4; Phil 2:17; 4:4; Col 1:24; 1 Thess 1:6 ^bJohn 16:22; 2 Cor 7:4; Phil 2:17; 4:4; Col 1:24; 1 Thess 1:6 ^c1 Cor 1:5; 2 Cor 8:9 ^dActs 3:6 ^eRom 8:32; 1 Cor 3:21 **6:11** ^aEzek 33:22; Eph 6:19 ^bIs 60:5; 2 Cor 7:3 **6:12** ^a2 Cor 7:2 **6:13** ^aGal 4:12 ^b1 Cor 4:14 **6:14** ^aDeut 22:10; 1 Cor 5:9f ^b1 Cor 6:6 ^cEph 5:7, 11; 1 John 1:6 **6:15** ^a1 Cor 10:21 ^bActs 5:14; 1 Pet 1:21 ^c1 Cor 6:6 **6:16** ^a1 Cor 10:21 ^b1 Cor 3:16; 6:19 ^cMatt 16:16 ^dEx 29:45; Lev 26:12; Jer 31:1; Ezek 37:27 ^eEx 25:8; John 14:23 ^fRev 2:1 **6:17** ^aIs 52:11 ^bRev 18:4 **6:18** ^a2 Sam 7:14; 1 Chr 17:13; Is 43:6; Hos 1:10 ^bRom 8:14 **7:1** ^aHeb 6:9 ^b1 Pet 1:15f **7:2** ^a2 Cor 6:12f; 12:15 **7:3** ^a2 Cor 6:11f ^bPhil 1:7 **7:4** ^a2 Cor 3:12 ^b2 Cor 7:14; 8:24; 9:2f; 10:8; Phil 1:26; 2 Thess 1:4 ^c2 Cor 1:4 ^d2 Cor 6:10 **7:5** ^aRom 15:26; 2 Cor 2:13 ^b2 Cor 4:8 ^cDeut 32:25 **7:6** ^a2 Cor 1:3f ^b2 Cor 7:13 ^c2 Cor 2:13; 7:13f **7:8** ^a2 Cor 2:2 **7:10** ^aActs 11:18