

MATTHEW

THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONCEPTION AND BIRTH OF JESUS

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

1:1 [^]Is 9:6f; 11:1 1:3 [^]Ruth 4:18-22; 1 Chr 2:1-15

1:6 [^]2 Sam 11:27; 12:24 1:7 [^]1 Chr 3:10ff

1:10 [^]1 Chr 3:14 1:11 [^]2 Kin 24:14f; Jer 27:20

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

Luke 2:11 1:17 [^]2 Kin 24:14f; Jer 27:20

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

24:1-4 1:20 [^]Luke 2:4

1:2 ¹Gr *Judas*; a name of a person in the Old Testament is given in its Old Testament form

1:6 ¹i.e., Bathsheba 1:18 ¹Unlike engagement, a betrothed couple was considered married, but did not yet live together 1:19 ¹Or *divorce her*

and you shall name Him Jesus, for He [^]will save His people from their sins.” ²²Now all this took place so that what was [^]spoken by the Lord through ¹the prophet would be fulfilled: ²³“[^]BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN WILL [^]CONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.” ²⁴And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife, ²⁵but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and [^]he named Him Jesus.

THE VISIT OF THE MAGI

2 Now after Jesus was [^]born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, ¹magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ²“Where is He who has been born [^]King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” ³When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They said to him, “[^]In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by ¹the prophet:

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

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

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

THE ESCAPE TO EGYPT

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

¹⁴So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. ¹⁵He stayed there until the death of Herod; *this happened* so that what had been spoken by the Lord through ¹the prophet would be fulfilled: “[^]OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.”

1:21 [^]Luke 2:11; John 1:29 1:22 [^]Luke 24:44; Rom 1:2-4
1:23 [^]Is 7:14 [^]Is 9:6, 7 1:25 [^]Matt 1:21; Luke 2:21
2:1 [^]Mic 5:2; Luke 2:4-7 2:2 [^]Jer 23:5; 30:9
2:5 [^]John 7:42 2:6 [^]Mic 5:2; John 7:42 2:7 [^]Num 24:17
2:11 [^]Matt 14:33 2:12 [^]Job 33:15, 16; Matt 1:20
2:13 [^]Matt 2:12, 19 2:15 [^]Hos 11:1; Num 24:8

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

HEROD SLAUGHTERS BABIES

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

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

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

THE PREACHING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said,

“^bTHE VOICE OF ONE CALLING
¹OUT IN THE WILDERNESS,
 ‘PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,
 MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’”

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

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

¹¹“As for me, ^aI baptize you ¹with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His ^awinnowing fork is in His hand, and He

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

^{3:3} ¹Or out, *Prepare in the wilderness the way*

^{3:11} ¹The Gr here can be translated *in, with, or by*

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

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

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

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

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

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

“**HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS ORDERS CONCERNING YOU**”; and “**ON THEIR HANDS THEY WILL LIFT YOU UP, SO THAT YOU DO NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.**”

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

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

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

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

¹⁵ “**THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES—**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17^AFrom that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

THE FIRST DISCIPLES

18^ANow as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19^AAnd He ^{*}said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people.” 20Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. 21Going on from there He saw two other brothers, ^AJames the son of Zebedee, and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets; and He called them. 22Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

MINISTRY IN GALILEE

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

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

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT; THE BEATITUDES

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

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

4^A“Blessed are ^Athose who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5^A“Blessed are ^Athe ¹gentle, for they will inherit the earth.

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

7^A“Blessed are ^Athe merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8^A“Blessed are ^Athe pure in heart, for they will see God.

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

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

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

DISCIPLES AND THE WORLD

13^A“You are the salt of the earth; but ^Aif the salt has become tasteless,

4:16^AIs 9:2; 60:1-3 4:17^AMark 1:14, 15

4:18^ALuke 5:2-11; John 1:40-42 4:21^AMatt 10:2; 20:20

4:23^AMatt 9:35; 13:54 4:24^AMark 7:26; Luke 2:2

4:25^AMark 3:7, 8; Luke 6:17 5:1^AMatt ch 5-7;

Luke 6:20-49 5:2^AMatt 13:35; Acts 8:35

5:3^ALuke 6:20-23 5:4^AIs 61:2; John 16:20

5:5^APs 37:11 5:6^AIs 55:1, 2; John 4:14 5:7^AProv 11:17;

Matt 6:14, 15 5:8^APs 24:4 5:9^AMatt 5:45; Luke 6:35

5:10^A1 Pet 3:14 5:11^A1 Pet 4:14 5:12^A2 Chr 36:16;

Matt 23:37 5:13^AMark 9:50; Luke 14:34f

5:5¹Or *humble, meek*

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

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

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

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

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

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

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

²³Therefore, if you are [^]presenting

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

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

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

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

5:22[^]Or *You empty-head*; Gr *Raka (Raca)* from Aramaic *reqa* ²Lit *the Sanhedrin*; i.e., Jewish High Court

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHARITABLE GIVING TO THE POOR AND PRAYER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

FASTING; THE TRUE TREASURE; WEALTH

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

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

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

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

²⁴“[^]No one can serve two masters;
 for either he will hate the one and
 love the other, or he will be devoted
 to one and despise the other. You
 cannot serve God and [^]wealth.

THE CURE FOR ANXIETY

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

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

6:13[^] Late mss add *For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen* 6:24[^] Gr *mamonas*, for Aramaic *mamon* (mammon); i.e., wealth etc. personified as an object of worship

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

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

JUDGING OTHERS

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

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

PRAYER AND THE GOLDEN RULE

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

¹² "In everything, [^]therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for [^]this is the Law and the Prophets.

THE NARROW AND WIDE GATES

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

A TREE AND ITS FRUIT

¹⁵ [^]"Beware of the [^]false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.¹⁶ You will [^]know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered

6:29[^]1 Kin 10:4-7; 2 Chr 9:4-6, 20-22
6:30[^]James 1:10, 11 [^]Matt 8:26; 14:31
6:31[^]Matt 6:25, 27, 28, 34; Luke 10:41 6:32[^]Matt 6:8;
Phil 4:19 6:33[^]Matt 19:28; Mark 10:29f
6:34[^]Matt 6:25, 27, 28, 31; Luke 10:41
7:1[^]Rom 14:10, 13 7:2[^]Mark 4:24; Luke 6:38
7:3[^]Rom 2:1 7:4[^]Luke 6:42 7:6[^]Matt 15:26
7:7[^]Luke 11:9-13 7:11[^]Ps 84:11; Is 63:7
7:12[^]Luke 6:31 [^]Matt 22:40 7:13[^]Luke 13:24
7:15[^]Matt 24:11, 24; Mark 13:22 7:16[^]Matt 7:20; 12:33

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

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

THE TWO FOUNDATIONS

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

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

JESUS CLEANSSES A MAN WITH LEPROSY

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

THE CENTURION'S FAITH

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

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

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

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

Matt 25:41 7:24[^] Matt 16:18; James 1:22-25

7:28[^] Matt 13:54; 22:33 8:2[^] Mark 1:40-44; Luke

5:12-14 8:3[^] Matt 11:5; Luke 4:27 8:4[^] Mark 1:44;

Luke 5:14 8:5[^] Luke 7:1-10 8:6[^] Matt 4:24

8:9[^] Mark 1:27; Luke 9:1

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