

# **Truly Repented?**

**[Short Word Meditation (19)]**

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## **A God who shows mercy to the unmerciful.**

The God who used the unmerciful prophet Jonah  
as an instrument was merciful to the prophet Jonah.

## **Going to church from a young age**

No matter how much you have been going to church since you were young  
and keeping all of God's commandments,  
what if you are very anxious because of your wealth  
while obeying the Lord's words, "You still lack one thing?"  
(Luke 18:20-23)

## **Father God, please guide them.**

I earnestly pray that Father God will lead  
all those whom we are evangelizing to according to His will,  
so that they may come to Jesus, believe in Jesus, gain eternal life,  
and that the Lord will revive them on the last day  
(John 6:40, 44).

## **Jesus sought the will of God the Father three times and Peter denied Jesus three times**

While Jesus asked three times,  
'Not my will, but yours, be done,'  
Peter, who said he would "never" abandon Jesus  
and "never" deny knowing Jesus,  
denied knowing Jesus three times.  
While Jesus sought the will of God his Father,  
Peter did not do as he said, but as he did his own will  
(Matthew 26:34, 39, 42, 44, 70, 72, 74).

## **People who do evil vs. A person who lives by the truth?**

People who do evil do not come to the light  
for fear that their evil deeds will be revealed,  
but people who live by the truth come to the light  
to show that they are living according to God's will  
(John 3:20-21).

## **We consider the Lord's Day itself to be more important than the Lord, who is the Lord of the Sabbath.**

After killing Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath,  
on the day of preparation for the Sabbath,  
the Jews did not want to leave Jesus' body on the cross  
because the next day was the Sabbath,  
which was a particularly important day,  
so they asked governor Pilate to remove the body  
(Matthew 12: 8; John 19:31).

Even now, pastors like Jews consider the Lord's Day itself  
to be more important than the Lord,  
who is the owner of the Sabbath.

## **Receiving guilt in one's conscience**

To receive guilt in one's conscience through the word of God,  
which is the sword of the Spirit,  
is a blessed thing.

However, to be tested by the word  
that gives guilt to the conscience  
is an unhappy thing  
(Ephesians 6:17; 1 Samuel 24:5; 2 Samuel 24:10).

## **Shouldn't one receive guilt in one's conscience?**

Even the law experts and Pharisees,  
who were seeking an opportunity to accuse Jesus by testing Him,  
would have felt guilty in their consciences upon hearing Jesus' words,  
'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her,'  
in response to the woman caught in adultery.

Similarly, shouldn't church members who seek  
only to find fault with their pastor or church issues within the church  
feel guilty in their consciences upon hearing God's words,

'Why do you pass judgment on your brother?

Or you, why do you despise your brother?

For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God?

(John 8:3-9; Romans 14:10)

## **There's no choice but to feel guilty in one's conscience.**

The closer we follow Jesus, who is the light of the world,  
the more the works of darkness without fruit will be exposed,  
so there will be no choice but to feel guilty in our consciences

(John 8:9, 12; Ephesians 5:11).

## **Which table do you want to sit at?**

Rather than enjoying the high position  
of those who sit at the table in this world,  
it is much better to sit at the Lord's table,  
eating and drinking in the coming kingdom of God,  
and to sit on thrones, enjoying a high position  
(Luke 22:27, 30).

## **We must shine the light of Jesus in the darkness.**

As children of light,  
we must shine the light of Jesus in the darkness  
that does not recognize Jesus,  
the light of the world  
(John 1:5, 9; 9:5; Ephesians 5:8).

## **How can one endure sadness with gladness?**

Even though Jesus heard the news that his beloved friend Lazarus was sick, he did not go straight to Bethany but stayed where he was for two more days.

The purpose of this delay was to enable the disciples to believe in him.

So Jesus said to them, "I am glad for your sakes that I wasn't there [in Bethany], so that you will come to believe" (John 11:6, 15).

Clearly, Jesus, who wept at the sight of Mary weeping over Lazarus, and at the sorrow of the Jews who had come to console her (vv. 33, 35), how could he endure the tears he would shed in the future, even that sadness, and be glad for the sake of the disciples' faith (v. 15)?

I found the answer to this in Colossians 1:11:

"Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father."

## **A foolish person**

A person who accumulates wealth for himself but is not rich toward God is a foolish person, and abundant income for him will ruin his soul (Luke 12:16-21).

**People who are unreasonable, people who are wronged,  
people who are forced to bear the cross**

While there are people in the church who are unreasonable,  
there are also people who suffer unjustly,  
and there also seem to be people who were forced to carry their cross  
(Luke 23:5, 25, 26).

**A prayer I want to say before I leave  
Victory Presbyterian Church someday in the Lord's time.**

Before I leave Victory Church at the appointed time,  
even if it's just in my heart, I want to pray  
that the Lord will keep the saints who remain among them in their faith,  
so that not one of them will perish but have eternal life,  
and also that just as the council is one in the Lord,  
they too may be made one in the Lord  
(Ref.: John 17:11-12).

**Sacrifice rather than gain**

What should I sacrifice for Jesus  
rather than what should I gain for myself?  
(Matthew 16:25-26)



## **How many?**

How many people within the church listen to God's word,  
but because they have no root, they believe for a while  
and then fall away when they face testing?

How many people, living in the world,  
become entangled in worries, wealth, and pleasures,  
and fail to live according to the word?

(Luke 8:13-14)

## **In order to move from eternal death to eternal life ...?**

Those who believe in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and in God the Father  
have already passed from death to life and obtained eternal life (John 5:24).

We who believe in the Son of God already possess eternal life (1 John 5:13).

Having eternal life, we have passed from death to life by loving our brothers (1 John 3:14).

## **Those who enjoy eternal life**

Those who believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,  
not only have eternal life but also partially enjoy that eternal life on this earth  
by loving their brothers as Jesus commanded

(John 3:36; 1 John 3:14).

## **People who are not hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ with faith**

The crowd, who had heard through the law that the Christ remains forever,  
did not hear with faith the gospel that we,  
who believe in Jesus Christ, who died, will live forever  
(John 12:34).

## **Those who have forsaken themselves for Jesus and the Gospel**

For those who have forsaken people or things for the sake of Jesus and the gospel,  
Jesus' disciples, in this age, will receive a hundred times as much—  
along with persecutions—and in the coming age,  
they will receive eternal life  
(Mark 10:29-30).

## **The faith that Jesus finds astonishing.**

I think the faith of the centurion, which Jesus found astonishing,  
was a humble faith ('Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof')  
and also a faith in the power of Jesus' words  
(‘Just say the word, and my servant will be healed’),  
(Matthew 8:8, 10).

## **What would Jesus say?**

What would Jesus say  
if he were sitting across from the offering box in the church  
and watching us give?  
(Mark 12:41-44)

## **The disciple whom Jesus loves is ...**

The disciple whom Jesus loves is by the cross of Jesus  
(John 19:25-26).

## **Before Jesus died on the cross ...**

Before Jesus died on the cross,  
he said to the disciple who loved his mother,  
“Behold your mother,”  
and the disciple took Jesus’ mother to his home  
(John 19:26-27).

## **Unbelief that even Jesus found surprising.**

Many people in Jesus' hometown rejected him despite knowing about his wisdom and power.

The reason was that they knew Jesus as the son of Mary, a carpenter, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon.

They also knew his sisters who were with them.

Jesus couldn't help but be astonished by their lack of faith.

After hearing the words of a certain centurion in Capernaum, he was amazed, saying, "I tell you the truth,

I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!"

(Matthew 8:5-10).

In the case of many people in his hometown, their disbelief was so astonishing to him

(Mark 6:1-3, 6; Luke 7:1-9).

## **Even Jesus was not respected ...**

Even Jesus was not respected in his hometown, his relatives, and his own home ...

(Mark 6:4)

## **Jesus loves unclean disciples until the end.**

Even though Jesus knew that the one who would betray him was Judas Iscariot, he loved him to the end and even washed his feet, but he was not clean (John 13:1, 10-12).

Jesus still loves his disciples who are not clean until the end.

## **Who is Jesus?**

Who is Jesus?

The Magi spoke of the baby Jesus as the King of the Jews, King Herod as the Christ, and the high priests and scribes of the people as the shepherd of Israel, a ruler

(Matthew 2:2, 4, 6).

## **Sheep who believe in and follow Jesus**

The sheep of Jesus who understand the voice of Jesus, believe in Him, and follow Him have eternal life, so they will never perish and no one can snatch them out of the hand of Jesus (John 10:26-28).

## **Those who believe in Jesus ...**

Those who believe in Jesus, the bread of life,  
already have eternal life and will live forever  
(John 6:47-48, 51; 1 John 5:13).

## **Little children who believe in Jesus**

We must change and become people who humble themselves like little children.  
We must welcome children in the name of Jesus  
and not cause even a child who believes in Jesus to sin.  
We must be careful not to despise even a child  
(Matthew 18:3-6, 10).

## **They can't say that they believe in Jesus.**

Those who believe in Jesus,  
who love the glory of the world more than the glory that God gives,  
are unable to say that they believe in Jesus  
for fear of being disadvantaged by the people of the world  
(John 12:42-43).

## **Disciple of Jesus who betrays Jesus**

The devil had already put the idea of betraying Jesus into Judas Iscariot's mind. And when Jesus cut a piece of bread and gave it to Judas Iscariot, the moment he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him (John 13:2, 26- 27).

If this happened to Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' 12 disciples, wouldn't it be possible for something like this to happen to Jesus' disciples today? Even now, among Jesus' disciples, there are people like Judas Iscariot who betray Jesus because of thoughts put in their hearts by the devil and Satan entering them (v. 18).

## **A disciple of Jesus who immediately obeys Jesus' words to betray Him?**

When Satan entered Judas Iscariot, Jesus said, 'Do quickly what you want to do' (betray Jesus and betray him). Judas went out immediately at night as Jesus said (John 13:27, 30).

What should we think of a disciple of Jesus who immediately obeys Jesus' words in betraying Him?

## **God's will in sending Jesus**

Jesus coming down from heaven was

"not to fulfill my own will, but the will of the one who sent me."

The will of God who sent Jesus is

for him not to lose any of those whom God has given him,

but to raise them up at the last day,

everyone who believes in Jesus Christ and receives eternal life

(John 6:38-40).

To fulfill this will of God,

Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before he died on the cross,

"Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me.

Yet I want your will to be done, not mine"

(Luke 22:42).

## **A disciple of Jesus who keeps the commandments of Jesus because he loves him ...**

A disciple of Jesus who keeps Jesus' commandments because he loves Jesus

is loved by God the Father, and God the Father, Jesus Christ,

and the Holy Spirit are with him

(John 14:17, 23).



## **People who do not love Jesus**

People who do not love Jesus do not keep Jesus' words.  
Not keeping the words of Jesus means  
not keeping the words of God the Father who sent Jesus  
(John 14:24).

## **Family of Jesus**

The true family of Jesus  
is those who live according to God's will  
(Mark 3:35).

## **A life of sharing the lessons (teachings) of Jesus**

How should the fact that a boy gave Jesus five barley loaves and two fish,  
as stated in John 6:1-15, apply to me when the Lord calls me?  
Perhaps it's not about working for perishable food  
but for food that endures to eternal life.  
Maybe it's about believing in Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent by God,  
and sharing the teachings of Jesus Christ, who is the bread of God  
and has become the bread of life  
(Matthew 16:6, 12; John 6:9, 11, 27, 29, 33, 35).

## **The disciples of Jesus who belong to the kingdom of Jesus ...**

Jesus' disciples, who belong to Jesus' kingdom and not of this world, listen to Jesus' words as people who stand on the side of truth (John 18:36-37).

## **What was Jesus' heart like ...?**

Certainly, the reason Herod had John the Baptist's head cut off was because Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, pleased Herod by having her daughter dance at a banquet, leading Herod to rashly promise to give her whatever she asked for (Matthew 14:1-13).

Although it was actually at the request of Herodias, the girl's mother, Herod swore to fulfill her demand to have John the Baptist's head brought to her on a platter. However, in reality, Herod wanted to kill John the Baptist because John had told him, "It is not lawful for you to have her," referring to Herod taking his brother Philip's wife.

When John's disciples came and buried his body and reported this to Jesus, the Bible says, "When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place" (Matthew 14:1-13).

This makes one wonder what was Jesus' heart as he went by boat to a quiet place alone.

## **Jesus' last words, "It is finished."**

Jesus, who knew that everything was completed,  
said one last word on the cross, "It is finished," and breathed his last  
(John 19:28, 30).

What am I living to achieve,  
what do I want to see completed before I die,  
and what will my last words be?

## **Worshiper holding Jesus' feet and worshipping Him**

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, who went to look at the tomb,  
heard the angel say, "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.

Come and see the place where he lay."

They were filled with fear and great joy  
and hurried away to tell his disciples  
without even seeing the empty tomb.

"Suddenly Jesus met them," and they approached him,

"clasped his feet and worshiped him"

(Matthew 28:1-9).

A true worshiper is one who, believing  
in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection,  
joyfully proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ,  
clasping his feet and worshipping him.

## **False rumors about the resurrection of Jesus**

The false report about Jesus' resurrection spread widely among the Jews, as the chief priests and elders gave a large sum of money to the soldiers guarding Jesus' tomb, instructing them to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.'

This story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day (Matthew 28:11-15).

## **People who hear the word of Jesus' resurrection but do not believe it and only remember it**

The chief priests and Pharisees said to Pilate, "We remember that while he was still alive, that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first." Because the chief priests and Pharisees considered Jesus a deceiver and did not believe in his statement about rising after three days, they only remembered it, they made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard (Matthew 27:62-66).

Similarly, those who hear and remember the message of Jesus' resurrection but do not believe it, keep their tomb of disbelief tightly sealed, feeling a false sense of security.

## **According to Jesus' wish ...**

When Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?"  
Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."  
This confession of faith by Simon Peter is as Jesus said,  
"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah,  
for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood,  
but by my Father in heaven"  
(Matthew 16:15-17).  
However, as I read Matthew 11:27,  
I thought that Simon Peter could confess this way  
because God the Father had "revealed" to him,  
according to the wish of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
In other words, Simon Peter's confession,  
"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God,"  
was made possible because he received the revelation of God the Father's will.  
I feel the love of Jesus towards Simon Peter.

## **Jesus' righteous prayer and judgment**

The reason why Jesus' prayer and judgment are righteous is  
because Jesus does not do what he wants,  
but what God the Father, who sent him, wants  
(Luke 22:42; John 5:30).

## **Being a disciple of Jesus**

Being a disciple of Jesus requires  
being able to calculate to what extent one should pay the price.  
If one does not properly calculate the cost to be paid and follows Jesus,  
it will be like building a house  
and only laying the foundation without completing it,  
unable to faithfully walk the path of discipleship to the end.  
The cost that a disciple must pay includes  
our parents, spouse, children, siblings, and even our own life.  
As disciples of Jesus,  
we must love Jesus more (above all) than all of these things  
(Luke 14:26-30).  
The disciple of Jesus is someone  
who sacrifices his life for Jesus and the gospel  
(Mark 8:35).

## **He is not a disciple of Jesus.**

Anyone who gives glory to himself  
by boasting about bearing fruit on his own  
without being in the Lord  
is not a disciple of Jesus who has been cleansed  
by the word of the Lord  
(John 15:3-4, 8).

## **Jesus' disciples know.**

Disciples of Jesus who confess the correct faith  
in who Jesus is through God's revelation  
know that they will suffer and be killed for Jesus and the gospel  
at God's time according to God's will  
(Mark 8:27-31, 35).

## **What was the reaction of the people who witnessed the many saints who were brought back to life through Jesus' death?**

When Jesus cried out again on the cross and died,  
the tomb was opened and many of the saints who had been sleeping came to life.  
After Jesus' resurrection, he entered Jerusalem and appeared to many people.  
What was the reaction like?  
(Matthew 27:50, 52-53)

## **Witness of Jesus**

The witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as Jesus Himself spoke,  
are empowered from on high through the Holy Spirit, as promised by God the Father.  
They become witnesses of Jesus from Jerusalem, their hometown, to all Judea,  
the Jewish Church, to the Samaritans, their neighbors, and to the ends of the earth  
(Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:4-5, 8).

## **Rumors that Jesus was crazy?**

Jesus' relatives heard rumors that he was out of his mind.

The scribes said, "He has Beelzebul,"

and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons,"

And people said that Jesus was possessed by an impure spirit.

Those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven;

they are guilty of an eternal sin

(Mark 3:21-22, 29-30).

## **Did Jesus commit suicide?**

The Jews thought that Jesus might commit suicide.

The reason for this was because Jesus said,

"I am going away. You will look for me, and you will die in your sin.

Where I am going, you cannot come."

Since the Jews did not believe that Jesus was the Christ

and did not understand the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross,

they thought Jesus might commit suicide

(John 8:21-22, 24).



## **Even though they knew that Jesus was sinless ...**

Judas, who betrayed Jesus, knew that he had handed over an innocent man to be killed.

Governor Pilate also knew that the Jewish leaders had handed Jesus over to him out of envy and that Jesus was innocent.

Furthermore, Pilate's wife sent him a message saying,

"Don't have anything to do with that innocent man"

(Matthew 27:4, 18, 19; Luke 23:4, 14, 22).

## **Can we remain silent like Jesus?**

Can I remain silent like Jesus

when those who oppose me testify against me

with false testimony without any actual evidence?

(Matthew 26:60-63)

**Not a single word or stroke of the Scriptures has ever disappeared;  
everything has been fulfilled.**

Jesus came into this world to fulfill the will of God the Father, even to the point of death,

and not a single word or stroke of the Scriptures has ever disappeared; everything has been fulfilled

(Matthew 5:18; Mark 14:49; Philippians 2:8).

## **Only the word of God!**

When Jesus heard that many people had gathered to follow him from all around, he preached the word of God to them and taught them (Mark 1:45; 2:1-2, 13).

## **Those who do not repent and do not believe even after seeing the right path**

Not only did they receive teachings about the right path through the Lord's servant, but also, they saw the Lord's way through His servant and still did not repent. Unbelievers are worse than those who believed like tax collectors and prostitutes (Matthew 3:3; 20:32).

## **A church that is losing its right judgment?**

The reason for judging by mere appearances without using the right standard is that people often know only non-biblical and conventional standards that they believe to be right in the sight of others, while they do not know the biblical right standard well in the sight of God (John 7:24).

## **In order to make a right judgment ...**

In order to make a right judgment,  
one must judge not by human standards but by God's standards,  
and also judge with the faith that God is with us (Emmanuel faith)  
(John 8:15-16).

### **Why did Mary pour expensive perfume on Jesus' feet and wipe His feet with her hair?**

Why did Mary pour expensive perfume on Jesus' feet and wipe them with her hair?

Perhaps it was because Jesus had raised her brother Lazarus from the dead.

Did Mary love her brother Lazarus to that extent?

Did Mary feel immense gratitude toward Jesus?

Jesus said, "She has kept this perfume for the day of my burial"

(John 12:3, 7).

It seems that Mary poured the expensive perfume on Jesus' feet  
and wiped them with her hair with the intention of preparing for the death of Jesus,  
who had resurrected her brother Lazarus.

### **Why do we leave Jesus and try to bear fruit on our own?**

As branches, we must deeply realize the truth  
that apart from Jesus, the true vine, we can do nothing.

Why do we keep repeating the foolishness  
of trying to bear fruit on our own by leaving Jesus?

(John 15:4-5)

## **The limit of forgiving others?**

The limit of forgiving others is the limit of my faith  
(Luke 17:4-5).

## **Why do we refuse to forgive? (1)**

As someone forgiven by God the Father through Jesus Christ,  
we must forgive our brother who has sinned against us from our hearts,  
just as God has forgiven us.

However, if we do not emulate the merciful heart of God,  
we will refuse to forgive the plea of that brother seeking forgiveness  
(Matthew 18:23-35).

## **Why do we refuse to forgive? (2)**

He who loves the Lord much has many sins forgiven,  
but he who is forgiven little loves little  
(Luke 7:47).

## **The pastor's life of faith is such that he will never enter heaven ...?**

The pastor teaches that we are saved only by believing in Jesus Christ with our lips and entering heaven, but if our faith life breaks even one of the least of God's commandments, aren't we less righteous than the scribes and Pharisees?  
(Matthew 5:19-20)

## **Why is joy not overflowing within us?**

The reason why joy does not overflowing within us, who are disciples of Jesus, is because we do not love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and also because we do not love our neighbor as ourselves, , as commanded by Jesus. In order for joy to be overflowed within us, we must abide in the love of Jesus by keeping His twofold commandment  
(Matthew 22:37, 39; John 15:9-12).

## **He will not forgive our sins.**

When we pray to God asking for forgiveness of our sins while not forgiving those who have sinned against us, God's word says, "If you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins"  
(Matthew 6:12, 15).

## **The power we have is not ours.**

The authority we have is not our own;  
it is the authority given to us by God  
(John 19:11).

Therefore, we should humbly and wisely use  
the authority given to us by God  
for His glory and according to His will.

## **The Lord says this even though He knows we have no power ...**

Since we do not have the ability to provide food for the gathered crowd,  
we would prefer to send them away to nearby villages to buy food for themselves.  
However, the Lord instructs us to give them something to eat.  
Knowing that we lack the ability, the Lord still commands us to do so.  
He performed the miracle of feeding about 5,000 men  
with just two fish and five loaves of bread,  
demonstrating His omnipotent power,  
and He is still capable of doing so today  
(Mark 6:35-44).

## **We learned what love is.**

Jesus, who had the privilege of laying down His own life as given by God the Father, showed us what love truly means by willingly sacrificing Himself for us.

There is no greater love than laying down one's life for a friend.

Therefore, it is fitting for us to lay down our lives for our friends

(John 10:18, 15:13; 1 John 3:16).

## **Heavenly Father's house we long for**

We who believe in Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life, do not have trouble in our hearts because we long by faith for the home of God the Father, where Jesus has prepared a place for us and will come again to take us (John 14:1-6).

## **If we live according to the words of Jesus ...**

If we live according to the words of Jesus, we will truly become disciples of Jesus and know the truth, and that truth will set us free (John 8:31-32).

## **If we only pray according to God's will in the name of Jesus ...**

God the Father will grant us whatever we ask for in the name of Jesus so that we may be glorified through His Son, Jesus Christ (John 14:13-14).

'We have the confidence that God will hear our prayers if we ask for anything according to His will.

If we know that God hears our prayers no matter what we ask for, we will know that we have received what we asked for' (1 John 5:14-15).

## **What should we do?**

Those who bear the good fruits of right action that show they are truly repentant ask the Lord, "What should we do?" and obey the Lord's answer (Luke 3:8-10, 12, 14).

## **We must be happy, rejoice, and be glad.**

Because of Jesus, when people curse us, persecute us, and tell us all kinds of lies, we must be happy, rejoice, and rejoice.

The reason is because our reward is great in heaven (Matthew 5:11-12).



## **God who loves us and delights in us**

God the Father loves us and rejoices in us  
even to the point of giving up His Son Jesus Christ,  
whom He loves and delights in, on the cross.  
The Bible says, “He rejoices over you with great joy;  
He quietly loves you and rejoices over you with singing”  
(Luke 3:22; Matthew 27:46; Zephaniah 3:17).

## **The Lord who comes to us**

The boat had already left the land and the disciples were already far away from the land.  
The wind was howling and the waves were pounding on the boat.  
At about 4 o'clock in the morning, Jesus walked on the sea and came to the disciples  
(Matthew 14:24-25).  
No matter how far away we are, when we are tormented by the waves of life,  
the Lord comes to us even if we are walking on the sea.

## **Our joy?**

The Lord who sent us into this world is with us.  
We must always do what pleases the Lord.  
That should be our joy  
(John 8:29).

## **This is beyond our capabilities!**

We could never feed about 5,000 men with just five loaves and two fish!

This is beyond our capabilities!

However, when we give what we have to the Lord,  
the Lord takes it, gives thanks to the God of heaven,  
and then breaks it and gives it to us.

All we have to do is obey the Lord and distribute to all people  
by believing only what we have received from the Lord.

We will not feed them,

but the Lord will use us to feed them all and have more than enough  
(Mark 6:38-44).

## **God uses our fears too.**

God used Joseph's fear to fulfill God's prophecy  
(Matthew 2:22-23).

God uses our fears to fulfill His word of promise.

## **Let us wait for the Lord who is our comfort.**

Righteous and godly Christians know that Christ Jesus  
is the comfort of the church and await the Lord's second coming  
(Luke 2:25).

## **Our children ...**

We hope that our children will grow in wisdom  
and be loved more by God and people  
(Luke 2:52).

## **Hypocrites (1)**

Hypocrites strictly observe many things  
according to tradition and honor God with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from God  
(Mark 7:3-6).

## **Hypocrites (2)**

Hypocrites opposed Jesus, who freed Abraham's daughter,  
who had been bound by Satan for 18 years, from her bondage on the Sabbath,  
even though he freed oxen and donkeys from the barn on the Sabbath  
and led them out to give them water  
(Luke 13:14-17).

Rather than freeing God's children  
who were bound by Satan and the world on Sunday in the name of Jesus,  
hypocrites make them become more and more bound by legalistic words,  
while they free themselves from their bonds and live only for themselves.

## **Hypocrites (3)**

Hypocrites cannot discern this age  
and cannot judge for themselves what is right  
(Luke 12:56-57).

### **Blowing the trumpet of hypocrites?**

Doing good things to help poor people on purpose to be seen by people  
and receive praise from them is what hypocrites blow their trumpets  
(Matthew 6:1-2).

### **The Lord silences hypocrites**

The Lord silences the hypocritical church members  
who have cunning thoughts and test His servants with their words  
(Matthew 22:15, 18, 22).

## **What hypocrites keep well**

What hypocrites keep well are not God's commandments,  
but traditions and man-made laws  
(Mark 7:7-8).

## **What hypocrites get big wrong about**

The great mistake made by hypocrites in the church  
who do not know the Bible and the power of God  
is that they think that God is the God of dead people  
(Mark 12:24, 27).

## **What comes from the heart of a hypocrite defiles a person.**

What comes from the heart of a hypocrite  
who honors God with his lips but whose heart is far from Him defiles a person.  
However, hypocrites are keeping laws made by people  
who, on the surface, have nothing to do with God's commandments  
(Mark 7:6-8, 15, 20).

## **“King of the Jews”**

When baby Jesus was born,  
the wise men who came from the East to worship him  
called him “the king of the Jews”  
(Matthew 2:1-2).

When the 33-year-old Jesus was crucified,  
Pilate placed a sign on the cross that read “Jesus, King of the Jews”  
(Matthew 27:37; John 19:19).

The beginning and end of Jesus on this earth was the “King of the Jews.”  
King Herod tried to kill Jesus, the king of the Jews,  
when he was a baby (Matthew 2:13),  
but Pilate tried three times to save him  
when he was 33 years old (23:4, 14-15, 22).

## **We who have received grace ...**

We who have received grace should rejoice.  
The Lord is with us. Let us not be afraid  
(Luke 1:27, 30).

## **Righteous person vs. sinner?**

Self-proclaimed “righteous” people  
who seek to be justified by their own works  
worship with a sense of merit,  
but “sinners” who acknowledge that they have no righteousness  
worship God solely by relying on the merits of Jesus on the cross  
and live a life of mercy, the life of a worshiper  
(Matthew 9:13).

## **The righteous man Joseph**

Joseph, a righteous man, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.  
He did something that, considering human reason, he could not obey.  
How could Joseph believe the messenger of the Lord  
that his fiancée Mary was pregnant with a child when she was a virgin?  
How could Joseph believe the messenger of the Lord  
that the child was born of the Holy Spirit?  
How could Joseph believe the messenger of the Lord  
that the baby was “Jesus” who had saved his people from their sins?  
How could Joseph believe that the child Jesus was “Emmanuel,”  
the messenger of the Lord, “God with us”?  
How could Joseph wake up from his sleep and take as his wife Mary, her fiancé,  
who was pregnant with baby Jesus, Immanuel, as the messenger of the Lord?  
How could Joseph not sleep with Mary until she gave birth to her son?  
How could Joseph give birth to a son and name him “Jesus,” as the angel of the Lord said?  
Joseph, a righteous man, had faith and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.  
Without faith, he cannot do the Lord's work, which cannot be understood by human reason  
(Matthew 1:19-25).

## **While living in this world ...**

While living in this world,  
I pray that I will give the words that the Lord has given me to the people  
that the Lord meets and that they will accept the words of the Lord  
(John 17:6, 8).

## **My prayer before I leave this world**

Before I leave This Age and enter The Coming Age,  
I pray this confession prayer in my heart and go to the Lord:  
'Lord, I want to do the work you gave me to do, John 6:1-15,  
according to the mission of the five loaves and two fish,  
I meditated on the words of Jesus, who is the bread of life, day and night,  
and shared my meditation on the words with my neighbors,  
thereby glorifying the Lord in this world'  
(John 17:4).

## **Don't fall for this test**

We must watch and pray, lest we fall into the temptation of praying to God,  
"Forgive us our sins," without forgiving those who sin against us  
(Matthew 26:41, Luke 11:4).



## **What kind of person will this child become in the future?**

When I catch a glimpse of the Lord's hand in the life of my beloved child,  
I wonder, 'What kind of person will this child become in the future?'  
I look forward to it as I pray  
(Luke 1:66).

## **I want to become this kind of worshipper.**

I want to become this kind of worshipper.

1. A worshiper who sits at the feet of the Lord and listens to His words (Luke 10:39).
2. A worshiper who pours extremely expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wipes the Lord's feet with his hair (John 12:3)
3. A worshiper who holds the feet of the Lord and worship him (Matthew 28:9)
4. A worshiper who knows that he is not qualified to untie the Lord's shoelaces (John 1:27)
5. A worshiper who becomes the voice of one crying in the wilderness, straightening the path for the Lord's second coming (v. 23).

## **We need to be careful of these people.**

Hypocrites in the church pray for a long time to appear holy in front of people,  
like to dress well, are greeted by people, and like to have high positions  
and special seats in the church. We must be careful of these people  
(Mark 12:38-40).

## **Let's pray like this.**

God delights in our prosperity (success, prosperity, happiness).

Let us pray with faith that God is a great God

(Psalms 35:27).

Let us believe that God's presence with us is the secret to prosperity

(Genesis 39:2, 3, 23)

and pray to God with Emmanuel faith.

In the process of making us prosperous,

let us pray and believe that God will work together

through all of these things to achieve the purpose of our prosperity

by elevating us from our lowly position,

even though there may be adversity and suffering

that cannot be understood through our reason

(Genesis 39-41; 45:5, 7; Romans 8:28).

## **Because we already have eternal life ...**

God's children, who already have eternal life

through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, belong to heaven,

so they hate their own lives to the point of giving up their lives for Jesus and the gospel,

so they preserve their lives forever

(Mark Gospel 8:35; John 12:25; 1 John 5:13; 1 Corinthians 15:48).

## **We will do even greater things than this.**

Those who believe in Jesus will not only do what Jesus does,  
but they will also do greater works than these  
(John 14:12).

## **‘Slaves of others’ who serve our neighbors**

We who believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,  
are no longer “slaves of sin” who commit sins,  
but “slaves of others” who serve our neighbors  
(John 8:33, 34).

## **When Jesus was kissed, how did He feel ...**

How did Jesus feel when Judas Iscariot kissed him  
in the process of being betrayed by his disciple?  
(Mark 14:45)

## **We must purify our hearts rather than our lips.**

Rather than purifying the lips that say they respect the Lord,  
we must cleanse our hearts of evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder,  
adultery, excessive greed, malice, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness  
(Mark 7:6, 20-22).

## **We must examine our hearts through the words that come out of our mouths.**

We must examine our hearts through the words that come out of our mouths.  
The reason is because, as Jesus said,  
“what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart”  
(Matthew 15:18).

## **I have to prove it.**

The Lord wanted me to be cleansed of the sins  
that had spread throughout my body and mind,  
and by shedding his blood and dying on the cross,  
I received forgiveness of my sins and was cleansed.  
My responsibility is to worship God with thanksgiving  
and prove to others that I have been forgiven of my sins and am cleansed.  
(Luke 5:12-14).

## **Qualification**

John the Baptist said he was not worthy to untie Jesus' shoelaces (John 1:27),  
and a centurion said to Jesus, "I am not worthy to have you come to my house" (Luke 7:6).  
I am not qualified to serve the Lord.  
'We do not think that we are qualified to do these things from ourselves.  
Our qualifications come from God' (2 Corinthians 3:5).

### **Those who know they are not qualified.**

Those who cry in the wilderness preparing the way for the Lord's second coming  
are those who know that they are not qualified to untie the Lord's shoelaces  
(Luke 3:4, 16).

### **A pastor who preaches according to his own thoughts?**

A pastor who glorifies himself instead of glorifying the Lord  
is someone who preaches according to his own thoughts  
without leading believers into the truth.

The saints who receive 'grace' (?) from that sermon  
are not those who are guided by the Holy Spirit of truth  
(John 16:13-14).

## **They don't even know where they're going.**

Children of light who believe in Jesus Christ, the light of the world,  
walk in the light and know where they are going,  
but those who walk in darkness and do not believe in Jesus Christ  
do not know where they are going  
(John 9:5; 12:35-36).

## **A disciple of Jesus who denies himself, takes up his cross, and follows the Lord ...**

Jesus did not immediately ask God the Father  
to send more angels than 12 brigades of troops  
to fulfill the words of the prophets who said that this would happen.  
Instead, Jesus was captured by a large group of people sent by Judas Iscariot  
and the chief priests and elders, as if he were a robber.  
When Jesus was delivered,  
all his disciples abandoned him and ran away  
(Matthew 26:47, 50, 53-56).

A disciple of Jesus who denies himself, takes up his cross, and follows the Lord  
lives according to the Bible and dies according to the Bible,  
even if all his loved ones abandon him  
(Matthew 16:24; Ref.: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

## **The voice of the people is winning over their own conscience ...**

If the voices of people are winning over your own conscience,  
it is a conscience with offense and a weak conscience,  
so it must be trained by God and transformed into a pure conscience  
(Psalms 26:2; John 19:12; Acts 24:16; 1 Corinthians 8:12; 2 Timothy 1:3).

## **He who believes he is righteous ...**

People like the Pharisees who despise others and believe that they are righteous  
offer a prayer of thanks to God that they are not like the other people they despise.  
They also pray to show off their righteous deeds to God.  
In a word, they exalt themselves before God  
(Luke 18:9-14).

## **Often go to a quiet place**

When the news about Jesus spread and many people flocked to him,  
he often went to a quiet place and prayed.  
As more and more people flock to us,  
we are taught that we should often go to quiet places  
and spend time praying to the Lord  
(Luke 5:15-16).

## **The Lord who makes it calm.**

Suddenly, a great storm swept over the boat they were sailing in, causing it to sink.  
However, Jesus, who was asleep, was awakened by his disciples.  
When he got up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves,  
and the storm subsided, and the sea became calm.

Even when our lives encounter great storms of adversity,  
we gain strength by quietly trusting in the Lord.  
We pray, hope, and wait, expecting the Lord  
to calm the great storms of adversity and deliver us from peril  
(Isaiah 30:15; Luke 8:23-24).

## **Even if the Lord cut me off, I'm just a servant with nothing to say ...**

Like a fig tree that has been barren for years,  
even if you cut it down,  
I am a servant with nothing to say...  
Yet the Lord still leaves it standing this year as well.  
It must be God's grace  
(Luke 13:6-9).



## **We automatically judge others.**

We automatically judge others.

I cannot imagine that I will be judged as much as I judge others.

Because I can't see the beam in my own eye,

I don't even think about removing it.

But I only see the flaws in the other person,

and I judge them, and even condemn them.

Jesus said, "Hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye,

and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

Yet, I struggle to remove the plank from my own eye

without wrestling in prayer before God,

and instead of helping to remove the speck from my brother's eye,

I end up judging them, causing wounds in their hearts

(Matthew 7:1-5).

## **Evangelism**

Jesus' disciples went out and preached to people to repent.

How are we evangelizing?

(Mark 6:12).

## **Evangelism message**

When Jesus began preaching, his message was,

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”

(Matthew 4:17).

## **Hypocrites blocking the door of evangelism?**

Hypocrites in the church are blocking the door of evangelism  
(Matthew 23:13).

### **Never?**

All who God the Father gives to Jesus will go to Jesus.  
Anyone to whom Jesus goes will “never” thirst,  
and Jesus will “never” cast them out  
(John 6:35, 37).

### **Should we never believe it?**

We can never say “never”.

Apostle Peter even assured,  
Even if everyone abandons the Lord, I will never abandon the Lord”  
and “Even if I have to die with the Lord, I will never say that I do not know the Lord”  
(Matthew 26:33, 35).

When someone says "never,"  
should we "never" believe them when they say they will never abandon us?

## **Even if it is a cup of suffering that we absolutely want to avoid ...**

Even if it is a cup of suffering that we absolutely want to avoid,  
shouldn't we absolutely submit to the Lord's will?

(Matthew 26:39, 42, 44; Philippians 2:8)

## **Truly happy people**

When the Lord returns at an unexpected time,  
“Just like those who wait to open the door  
when their master comes back from a wedding  
and knocks, the servants of the Lord  
who are awake are truly happy people  
(Luke 12:35-40).

## **They are truly happy people.**

Although what the Lord said is impossible and cannot happen in human terms,  
nothing is impossible with the Lord.

So Christians who believe in the words of the Lord  
are truly happy people  
(Luke 1:34, 37, 45).

## **If you truly believe in Jesus ...**

If you are a disciple of Jesus who truly believes in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, you will not seek praise from people but from God (John 5:44).

## **Just a little while Jesus will come again.**

Just a little while Jesus will come again.  
Although until then we will worry, cry and be sad  
because of the pain we will have to go through.  
But when Jesus comes again and we see Him for who He is,  
we will be filled with joy and no one will be able to take our joy away  
(John 16 :20-22; 1 John 3:2).

## **A narrow gate**

The gate to the kingdom of God is a narrow gate.  
We must strive to enter through that narrow gate.  
Many will try to enter that gate but will not be able to  
(Luke 13:24-28).

## **Although it's good, it's useless.**

Although salt is good, it's useless if it loses its taste.  
Although being a Christian who believes in Jesus  
and a disciple of Jesus is good,  
it is useless if we are a Christian and a disciple of Jesus  
who has lost its taste  
(Luke 14:34 -35).

## **People who think good things are a waste**

What Jesus saw as a good thing,  
his disciples thought that it was a waste  
(Matthew 26:8, 10).

## **What is the Pharisee within us who condemns innocent people as sinners?**

The Pharisee within us condemns innocent people as sinners  
for doing things they should not do on Sunday.  
The reason is that we still do not know what Jesus, the Lord of the Sunday,  
meant when he said, "I want mercy, not sacrifice"  
(Matthew 12:1-8).

## **I want to become a truly happy person in the eyes of the Lord.**

When the Lord returns,  
I, as His servant, will become a loyal and wise custodian of the Lord's word,  
and I want to be a truly happy person in the eyes of the Lord  
by distributing the Word of God, the spiritual food,  
to the people in the church  
that the Lord has entrusted to me in a timely manner  
(Luke 12:42-43).

## **A person who is truthful in the sight of the Lord...**

A person who is truthful in the sight of the Lord  
seeks to do God's will and speaks the teachings of the Lord  
who sent him to this world for His glory.  
There is no lying in such a person  
(John 7:16-18).

## **Lord, open our hearts and help us understand the Bible.**

Lord, open our hearts and help us to understand the Bible  
and use us as witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on the cross  
(Luke 24:45-48).

## **We do not love the Lord and the world together.**

Jesus' disciples, according to Jesus' commandment,

“love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind”

(Matthew 22:37).

We do not love the world (1 John 2:15).

In other words, Jesus' disciples do not love the Lord and the world together.

Rather, Jesus' disciples love the Lord and hate the world

(Matthew 6:24).

## **I'm sorry to the Lord and I don't know what to do.**

When I think of the Lord, I don't know what to do.

According to the Lord's words, I must stay awake and pray  
so that I do not fall into temptation.

Although my heart is willing, my body is weak and very tired.

When I see myself sleeping and falling into temptation  
and sinning against the Lord,

I pray to the Lord and I'm sorry and I don't know what to do

(Mark 14:38-40).

## **Because the Lord continues to work ...**

Even though there are times when we can no longer  
do the Lord's work in the church due to the system created by people in the church,  
we must continue to do the Lord's work  
until the day and moment when the Lord calls us  
because our Lord continues to work  
(John 5:17).

## **The Lord will give us words and wisdom.**

For the Lord will give us words and wisdom that our enemies cannot oppose or refute.  
We must decide not to think ahead of time to make excuses to those who oppose us  
(Luke 21:14-15).

## **Those whom the Lord loves**

Those whom the Lord loves  
are those who give up their lives for Jesus and the gospel  
in order to regain their lives  
(Mark 8:35; John 10:17).



## **The Lord will awaken those who have fallen asleep and raise them again!**

Jairus, the synagogue leader, fell at Jesus' feet and pleaded,

"My little daughter is dying ...."

The people from Jairus' house came and said,

"Your daughter is dead."

Yet Jesus said, "She is not dead but asleep."

To the onlookers, it seemed clear that the child had died,

but to Jesus, she was merely sleeping.

The death of the saints is like sleeping.

The Lord will wake the sleeping and raise them again

(Mark 5:23, 35, 39; John 11:11, 13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16).

## **The Lord knows.**

Even though the pastor speaks and teaches the right things

and does not look at people's outward appearance

and only teaches God's teachings according to the truth,

the cunning of the church members who hate the pastor and hate him

somehow find an excuse in what he says

and try to catch him and drive him out of the church.

The Lord knows

(Luke 19:20-21, 23, 26).

## **The Lord does this for our faith.**

Upon hearing that Lazarus, whom Jesus loved, was sick,  
Jesus remained where he was for two more days  
before returning to Judea after Lazarus had died.  
From the perspective of Lazarus's sisters, Mary and Martha,  
they likely wished earnestly for Jesus to come quickly  
and heal their brother so he wouldn't die.  
However, Jesus did not do so.  
The reason was to strengthen the faith of his disciples  
(John 11:1-15).

For the sake of our faith,  
the Lord does not always respond immediately to our earnest prayers as we hope,  
but instead, He acts according to His will, in His time, and in His own way.

## **The Lord is still working on our faith.**

Jesus, who stayed there for two more days, raised Lazarus,  
who had already been dead for four days and was almost stinking,  
and caused many Jews who came to comfort Mary to believe in Jesus  
(John 11:1-45).  
The Lord is still working on our faith.

## **The Lord Himself knows in advance what He will do.**

The Lord Himself knows in advance what to do.

But we are worried and anxious about what to do and how to do it

(John 6:6).

## **If we believe in the Lord ...**

If we believe in the Lord,

we will see greater things than these

(John 1:50).

## **A worshiper who loves the Lord**

A worshiper who loves the Lord

not only sits at His feet to listen to His words (Luke 10:39),

but also brings an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume,

pure nard, and pours it on Jesus' feet (John 12:3),

wiping His feet with her hair (Matthew 28:9).

She holds onto Jesus' feet and worships Him,

acknowledging that she is unworthy even to untie His sandals (John 1:27).

Her voice cries out as one preparing the way for the Lord's coming, in the wilderness (v.23).

## **The will of the Lord, the work of the Lord**

We must carry out the will of the Lord who sent us and complete His work.

The Lord's work is to open our eyes during this harvest season,

see the ripe grain, and reap the fruit for eternal life

(John 3:34-36).

## **Persecution that comes when doing the Lord's will?**

The Lord Jesus did His will on the Sabbath,

but the Jews persecuted Jesus because He did not do their will

(John 5:1-16).

The Lord's servant is doing the Lord's will,

but there are times when church members give the Lord's servant a hard time

because they do not do their will.

On the contrary, there are times when church members suffer

because the Lord's servant does his own will instead of the Lord's will.

## **According to the word of the Lord ...**

According to the words of the Lord,

we must offer the born baby to the Lord

(Luke 2:23).

## **Why the word of the Lord comes to mind ...**

The reason the word of the Lord comes to mind  
when we look at the Lord is  
because the Lord is looking at us  
(Luke 22:61).

## **Shouldn't we serve even these people to the end with the love of the Lord?**

If Jesus knew who would betray him  
and yet loved and served him to the end,  
shouldn't we follow Jesus' example and serve  
even those who would betray us to the end  
with the Lord's love?  
(John 13:1, 11-12, 18)

## **Zeal for the Lord's temple**

When we see all kinds of worldly things going on in the church,  
we must have zeal for the Lord's temple burning within us  
(John 2:17).

## **We must not do the Lord's work in our own way.**

We must not do the Lord's work on our own,  
but allow the Lord within us to do the Lord's work  
(John 14:10).

## **Why we cannot experience the presence of the Lord.**

The reason we cannot experience the presence of the Lord is  
because we say with our lips that we love the Lord,  
but do not keep the Lord's commandments in our hearts  
(John 14:15, 21).

## **One of the signs of the Lord's second coming and the end of the world is ...**

One of the signs of the Lord's second coming and the end of the world is  
that many will turn away from the faith,  
betraying one another and hating one another  
(Matthew 24:3, 10).

**I hope that we will become  
those who prepare for the Lord's second coming.**

I pray that my beloved Dillon, Yeri, and Karis, with the spirit and power of Elijah,  
will 'turn the hearts of fathers toward their children,  
and give disobedient people the wisdom of righteous men,'  
so that many people will be prepared to meet the Lord  
(Luke 1:17).

**The voice of one crying in the wilderness  
preparing for the second coming of the Lord**

The voice of one crying in the wilderness,  
preparing the way for the Lord's second coming,  
spreads the baptism of repentance that leads to the forgiveness of sins  
(Luke 3:3-4).

**Servants of the Lord  
who do not prepare for the Lord's second coming**

The servant of the Lord who knows the Lord's will  
but does not prepare for the Lord's second coming  
and does not do what the Lord wants will be beaten many times,  
but the servant who did not know and did something worthy of being beaten  
will be beaten few times (Luke 12:47-48).

## **The voice of one crying in the wilderness, straightening the path for the Lord's second coming**

We are people like John the Baptist, who were sent by God,  
and are the voice of those who cry out in this wilderness-like world,  
called to straighten the path for the Lord's second coming.  
Therefore, we must testify about Jesus, the light of the world,  
and lead everyone to believe in Jesus Christ through us  
(John 1:6, 7, 23).

## **Those who prepare the way for the Lord's second coming**

I hope and pray that my beloved children will become  
those who prepare the way for the Lord's second coming  
by making the Lord's people aware of salvation  
through the forgiveness of their sins  
(Luke 1:76-77).



## **I want to believe because I know the existence of the Lord rather than His actions.**

Rather than believing in the Lord because of what I see Him doing,  
I want to believe in the Lord because I know who the Lord is.  
Believing in the existence of the Lord is more beneficial to the solidity of our faith  
than seeing and believing in what the Lord does.  
“Do you believe because you see me?  
Those who believe without seeing are truly happy people”  
(John 14:11, 20:29).

## **As the Lord decreed ...**

Jesus died as God appointed.  
We too just have to die as the Lord has determined  
(at the appointed time and in the appointed way)  
(Luke 22:22).

## **A disciple of Jesus who wisely keeps the peace the Lord gives.**

Disciples of Jesus who wisely keep the peace that the Lord gives  
have no hesitation in themselves because they love their brothers  
according to the Lord's commandments  
(John 14:15, 21, 27).

## **Look at the many people around us.**

Look at the many people around us.

Aren't we like sheep without a shepherd?

Like Jesus, we must take pity on them and teach them many things

(Mark 6:34).

## **What to watch out for**

What we need to watch out for is

the hypocrisy of legalistic church members who are clean on the outside while being full of greed and evil on the inside.

What is hidden within will definitely be revealed and made known

(Luke 11:39; 12:1-2)

## **Hypocrites who become the masters of Sunday**

The owner of the Sabbath (Sunday) is the Lord, and the Sabbath (Sunday) is for people.

However, people like the hypocrites, like the Pharisees, complain

that they do things they should not do on the Sabbath (Sunday)

as if the Sabbath (Sunday) is for people.

By holding on to it, they become the masters of the Sabbath (Sunday)

(Mark 2:24, 27-28).

## **Hypocritical church leaders who are only obsessed with keeping Sunday holy?**

It is more important for a person to recover on Sunday.  
But leaders in the church, such as hypocritical Pharisees,  
focus only on keeping Sunday 'holy'(?)  
rather than on that person's recovery  
(Mark 3:1-5).

## **Praise when facing death?**

As Jesus was heading toward death as recorded in the Bible,  
his disciples sang hymns and went with him to the Mount of Olives  
(Matthew 26:24, 30).

## **The purpose of plotting and planning to kill?**

The chief priests began plotting to kill Jesus,  
who had raised Lazarus from the dead,  
and even planned to kill Lazarus.

The reason was that because of Lazarus,  
many Jews left them and believed in Jesus  
(John 11:53; 12:10-11).

Satan is trying to make us not believe in Jesus through any plot or plan.

## **Jesus, who was under threat of being killed ...**

Herod said to the wise men  
who had come to Jerusalem from the East to kill the baby Jesus,  
'Go and find out more about the baby, and when you find out, let me know ....'  
The chief priests and Pharisees plotted to kill Jesus  
and said, 'If you know where he is, you must tell him'  
(Matthew 2:1, 7-8, 13; John 11:53, 57).  
Jesus, under the threat of his death,  
gave himself up on the cross to save us  
and give us eternal life  
(John 10:15, 28; 1 John 3:16).

## **This will be an opportunity to testify.**

In the end, people will arrest Jesus' disciples,  
harass them, and send them to prison because of the name of Jesus,  
but rather, this will be an opportunity to testify about Jesus to those people  
(Luke 21:12-13).

## **That's exactly what I'm doing right now ...**

The work that the Lord has entrusted to me to complete,  
that is, the very work that I am doing now,  
testifies that the Lord has sent me  
(John 5:36).

## **How many churchgoers are ...?**

How many churchgoers are being deceived  
by the words of many pastors who speak in the name of Jesus  
while attending church in magnificent church buildings?  
(Mark 13:1-6)

## **Ask wisely and biblically.**

When hypocritical church members unite to ask tentative questions  
to trap the servant of the Lord with cunning thoughts,  
the servant of the Lord must be wise like Jesus and ask biblical questions  
to keep them from answering even a single word  
(Matthew 22 :15-20, 34-46).

## **Hearing the word of the Lord directly and believe it**

It is better to hear the word of the Lord directly and believe it  
than to hear the word of the Lord and believe in the Lord through others  
(John 3:42).

## **What is truth?**

When Roman governor Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” Jesus gave no answer.

Why did he do that? Perhaps the reason is because Jesus himself is the truth

(John 14:6, 18:38).

The Bible testifies about Jesus (John 5:39).

Therefore, we must strive to know Jesus through the Bible (Hosea 6:3).

When we come to know Jesus, who is the truth, the truth will set us free

(John 8:32).

## **Because they don't believe in the truth ...**

Even if the truth is told to them, they do not believe it,

so they cannot understand the truth and do not follow it

(Ref.: John 10:24-27).

## **A truthful person**

A truthful person does not look at people's appearances

and teaches God's teachings according to the truth,

so he has no hesitation towards anyone

(Mark 12:14).

## **Church members who attack true believers ...**

Church members who attack true believers  
who follow God's teachings to do God's will for God's glory  
are causing problems within the church  
while not keeping God's commandments themselves.  
To such people, the Lord, who is the head of the church, may be saying,  
'Why do you attack me when not one of you keeps my commandments?'  
(Ref.: John 7:17-19)

## **If you are a disciple of Jesus who truly loves Jesus ...**

If you are a disciple of Jesus who truly loves Jesus,  
you will keep Jesus' commandments and pray to God the Father in Jesus' name  
(John 14:13-15).

## **Truly free people ...**

Truly free people are those to whom the Lord has given freedom;  
they are no longer "slaves of sin" but "slaves of righteousness"  
and "slaves of others" through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God  
(John 8: 33, 36; Romans 6:18).

## **Differences in interest in disease?**

From the family's perspective,  
they would be very interested in whether their loved one's illness  
is a 'life-threatening illness' or a 'mortal illness'.

But from the Lord's perspective,  
He is more interested whether it is more about God and His Son  
being glorified through this illness  
(John 11:1-4).

## **She experienced the power of Jesus to free her from illness.**

A woman who had been suffering from bleeding for 12 years  
heard about Jesus and was walking among the crowd.  
She thought that if she just touched Jesus' clothes,  
she would be cured of her illness,  
so she touched the hem of Jesus' clothes from behind.  
As a result, she was healed of her illness,  
so she experienced Jesus' power to free her from illness  
(Mark 5:25-34).

## **The family too ...**

If a family fights against each other and is divided, it will fall apart  
(Luke 11:17).



## **People who begged Jesus to leave after he had kicked them out**

People begged Jesus,  
who had driven out numerous demons from the demon-possessed man,  
to leave the area (Mark 5:1-17).

### **Let your good deeds shine.**

We Christians, who are the light of the world,  
must let the light of our good deeds shine to everyone  
(Matthew 5:14-16).

### **We can't help but praise God.**

When we enter the temple of the Lord and see Him under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
we cannot help but praise God  
(Luke 2:27-28).

## **Truly blessed person**

Those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb in the kingdom of God and eat the feast food are truly blessed people (Luke 14:15, Revelation 19:9).

## **Truly repented?**

While the prophet Jonah does not seem to have truly repented, the people of Nineveh seem to have truly repented (Jonah chapters 2 and 3).

## **Instead of feeling remorse after being rebuked ...**

In a church that does not bear the good fruits of right actions to show that one has truly repented, the “brood of vipers” are rebuked by the Lord’s servant for all the evil they have committed, but instead of repenting, they persecute the Lord’s servant (Luke 3:7-8, 19-20).

## **It wasn't like that from the beginning.**

The reason Moses wrote a divorce certificate  
and allowed divorce from one's wife  
is not because it was originally permitted,  
but because of "your stubbornness and hardness of heart."  
In the beginning, the Creator God made male and female  
and intended for a man to join with his wife so that the two would become one flesh.  
Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.  
Jesus said, "Anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality,  
and marries another woman commits adultery"  
(Matthew 19:4-9).

## **Those who do God's will will enter heaven.**

Those who do the will of God the Father in heaven  
and who will enter heaven  
are those who hear and do the words of the Lord  
and are like the wise man who built his house on the rock  
(Matthew 7:21, 24).

## **Those who are filled with joy as they stand by the Lord, their friend, and hear His voice ...**

Those who stand by the Lord, their friend,  
and are filled with joy hearing to the Lord's voice,  
know that the Lord must gradually prosper and they must gradually decline,  
that the Lord is high and that they are lowly people,  
and they do as the Lord commands  
(John 3:29-31; 15:14).

## **All who use the sword perish by the sword ...**

All who use the sword will perish by the sword.  
But those who use the sword of the Spirit will win  
with the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God  
(Matthew 26:52, Ephesians 6:17).

## **One mustard seed, which is smaller than big branches ...**

After sowing the gospel and love of the kingdom of God,  
which is like a small as a mustard seed among seeds,  
I hope to become a sower who believes  
that it will grow larger than all the garden plants and spread out big branches  
(Mark 4:31-32).

## **A loud and persistent request**

Even within the church,  
there are times when the voices of those who have the wrong thoughts  
and are walking the wrong path shout out loudly and persistently  
overpower the voices of those who have the right thoughts  
and are walking the right path  
(Luke 23:21, 23).

## **A lamp that glows as it burns**

Just as a candle melts to give light,  
we are lamps that burn and give light  
(John 5:35).

**If we give up your sense of privilege and serve humbly,  
we will be happy.**

If we, following the example of Jesus Christ, the Son of God,  
who humbled himself and served his disciples by washing their feet in an act of love,  
knowing the model of serving in humility by laying aside all privileges,  
also humbly serve one another to the extent of washing each other's feet,  
then we will be blessed  
(Matthew 16:16; John 11:27; 13:14-17; Philippians 2:7-8).

## **Rather than a pastor who enjoys being served by sitting in a high position ...**

Rather than a pastor who enjoys being served  
by sitting in a high position and having special seats at church events,  
the greatest person among us is someone  
who serves others in a low, nameless position  
(Matthew 23:6, 11).

## **Hypocrites who do not know what is important in the eyes of God**

People like the hypocritical Pharisees in the church  
who do not know what is important in God's eyes  
make a list of things not to do on the Sabbath (Sunday)  
and watch whether church members keep them or not  
(Mark 2:24; 3:2, 4).

## **A righteous couple in the eyes of God ...**

A righteous couple in the eyes of God  
strictly keeps all of the Lord's commandments and regulations  
(Luke 1:6).

## **What does a pastor look like worthy of God?**

What does a worthy servant of the Lord look like in the eyes of God?

A servant who correctly spreads the word of God?

A servant who is wise like Solomon and guides his flock well?

A servant with great pastoral skills? etc?

After meeting a servant of the Lord,

my thoughts were that of a servant who obeys Jesus' twofold commandment:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind"

and "Love your neighbor as yourself"

(Matthew 22:37, 39).

## **Heavenly Father will value me.**

If I deny myself and take up my cross every day and follow Jesus and serve Him,

God the Father will value me

(Luke 9:23; John 12:26).

## **Children of God whom God the Father personally loves ...**

Children of God whom God the Father personally loves

are those who love Jesus and believe that Jesus came from God

(John 16:27).

## **God the Father receives the glory.**

God the Father receive the glory from  
those who are cleansed by God and bear much fruit,  
showing that they are disciples of Jesus,  
(John 15:2, 8).

## **Those whom God the Father leads ...**

Those whom God the Father leads  
come to Jesus as people who have heard and learned the words of God the Father  
(John 6:44-45).

## **Who is God the Father more pleased with?**

The chief priests, scribes, and elders said,  
'If God is pleased with Jesus, he will save (him from the cross)'  
(Matthew 27:43).

However, God the Father's will is not to save Jesus Christ, the Son of God,  
who is his beloved Son, with whom he is well pleased (Matthew 3:17) from the cross,  
but to save us, who are spiritually dead and destined to die for eternity, instead.  
Because He loves and delights in us, He saved us and gave us eternal life.



## **False pastors who are not doing the will of God the Father?**

False pastors may prophesy in the name of the Lord, saying “Lord, Lord,”  
cast out demons, and perform many miracles,  
but their actions do not follow the will of God the Father in heaven  
(Matthew 7:20-22).

## **Our duty as children of God the Father**

Our duty as children of God the Father  
is to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.  
(Matthew 5:44-45).

## **We must perform our duties before God.**

Whether we have children or not, whether we are old or young,  
we must faithfully perform our duties before God  
(Luke 1:7-8).

## **When all words are consistent with God**

When the word of God we hear and everything we hear and see are consistent,  
we have no choice but to give glory and praise to God  
(Luke 2:20).

## **Why give glory to God?**

Was the reason why everyone was astonished and glorified God and had great fear  
because Jesus had healed a paralyzed man and the paralyzed man got up in front of the people,  
rolled up his bedclothes, glorified God and returned home,  
or was it because Jesus knew that there was authority on earth to forgive sins  
and said to the paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven'?  
(Luke 5:18-26)

Is the reason why we are surprised and give glory to God  
because the Lord heals our disease  
or because He forgives our sins that were caused by our disease?

## **God will reward us.**

When we serve and treat our neighbors,  
we will be more blessed if we serve and treat those  
who have nothing to repay, especially those who have nothing to repay,  
rather than those who can repay what we have given them.

The reason is that God will repay us  
when the righteous are resurrected  
(Luke 14:12-14).

## **What is the Pharisee in us who does not value the one person whom God values?**

The Pharisee within us values Sunday worship,  
but does not value a single worshiper struggling in the pit of life.  
Therefore, we may do our best to worship God,  
but we do not do good things to that one worshiper whom God values  
(Matthew 12:10-12).

## **What did God try to teach you?**

While the unbelieving boatmen rowed hard  
to save Prophet Jonah's life  
and tried to return the ship to land,  
God worked hard to teach Prophet Jonah  
how God cared for the 120,000 people  
and many livestock in Nineveh, a large city.  
(Jonah 1:13; 4:11).

## **All things are possible fro God.**

Although we cannot save ourselves from what causes us great sorrow,  
all things are possible for God  
(Luke 18:23-27).

## **Although God was right to be angry with the prophet Jonah ...**

Although it was not right for the prophet Jonah to be angry (Jonah 4:4, 9),

I think it was right for God to be angry with the prophet Jonah.

The reasons I think so are ...

1. Prophet Jonah disobeyed God's word (1:1-3).
2. Because of the disobedient prophet Jonah, great damage was inflicted on the unbelieving captain and sailors who were on the ship (v. 4).
3. When the boat on which Prophet Jonah was riding was almost destroyed by a strong wind and storm sent by God, the unbelieving sailors were afraid and each called out to their god. But Prophet Jonah did not even cry out to God, but instead lay down in the bottom of the boat and fell into a deep sleep (vv. 4-5). Even the unbelieving captain said to the prophet Jonah, 'What do you do, you who sleep? Rise and ask your God; perhaps he will remember us and prevent us from perishing,' but the prophet Jonah did not even ask God (v. 6).
4. God reminded Prophet Jonah of God's word to "rise" (v. 2) through the non-believing captain's words, "rise" (v. 6), but Jonah continued to disobey God's words.
5. When the unbelieving sailors cast lots and found out that this disaster was caused by Jonah, they said, 'He is one who fears the Lord, the God of heaven, who created the sea and the land' (v. 9). But in reality, it is the one who fears God. As a servant (prophet), he was not an example to non-believers.
6. When the prophet Jonah confessed that the unbelieving sailors also encountered a great storm because of him, the unbelieving sailors rowed hard to bring the ship back to land (vv. 12-13). Prophet Jonah did not spare the unbelieving sailors, but they did spare Prophet Jonah.
7. While the unbeliever sailors prayed to God, saying, 'The Lord God does according to Your will' (v. 14), Prophet Jonah did not do according to the Lord's will.
8. The unbeliever sailors 'feared Jehovah greatly' (v. 16), but the Bible does not say that the prophet Jonah greatly feared Jehovah.
9. The prophet Jonah said that when God changed his mind and did not bring the disaster he had promised to bring on the people of Nineveh, who repented (3:9-10), Jonah became very angry and angry (4:1).

10. Jonah prayed to God and said that the reason he disobeyed the word of God and quickly fled to Tarshish instead of going to Nineveh was, 'The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love, and relents.' 'I knew that he is a God who does not bring disaster' (v. 2).
11. The prophet Jonah did not change his will even though God changed his will (v. 5).
12. The prophet Jonah was not very happy that the people of Nineveh had repented and had not been plagued by God. On the contrary, he was very displeased and angry. However, he was very happy because of the gourd vine that God had prepared, which gave shade to his head and saved him from suffering (v. 6).
13. Even though it was not right for the prophet Jonah to be angry with God (vv. 4, 9), he said, 'It is right for me to be angry even to the point of death' (v. 9).
14. Although the prophet Jonah did not toil himself, did not cultivate anything, and cared for the gourd vine that grew overnight and withered overnight, he did not spare the more than 120,000 people in Nineveh whom God had cared for, who could not tell their left from their right (vv. 10-11).

Although it was right for God to be angry with the prophet Jonah, God, who is slow to get angry (v. 2), did not become angry with the prophet Jonah.

## **Death row inmate who fears God**

The death row inmate who fears God  
does not rebel against Jesus even at the moment of death  
(Luke 23:39-40).

## **Saints who fear God**

Saints who fear God  
not only know that they have committed mortal sins  
and deserve the punishment they deserve,  
but they also know that Jesus,  
who was punished on the cross for them,  
did nothing wrong  
(Luke 23:40-41).

## **Not related to God's commandments ...**

Keeping the many traditional laws made by people  
who are not related to God's commandments  
is to worship God in vain,  
and there is a great risk of pursuing self-glory  
through self-righteousness and a sense of self-merit  
(Mark 7:4, 7).

## **When God's power covers us ...**

When God's power covers us,  
the impossible becomes possible  
(Luke 1:34-35).

## **God's will**

Just as God's will has already been accomplished in heaven,  
it will also be accomplished on earth.

Our responsibility is to pray only according to God's will  
and live according to God's will

(Matthew 6:10; 1 John 3:17; 5:14).

## **God's will, God's work**

Jesus' food was to do the will of God who sent Jesus  
and completely accomplish God's work

(John 4:34).

God's food is Jesus who came down from heaven and gives life to the world (6:33).

God's will is for Jesus to give us eternal life.

God's work is to believe in Jesus whom God sent (6:28-29).

## **According to God's will, toward God's time!**

Jesus carried out his public ministry  
to fulfill the words spoken through the Old Testament prophets (God's will),  
and also moved toward the time set by God (God's time, death on the cross).  
In a word, Jesus did his work according to God's will and in God's time.



## **Those who seek the will of God ...**

If Jesus, in the midst of extreme agony nearing death, had not prayed to God the Father, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done," but instead had prayed, "Father, if you are able, please take this cup of suffering from me according to my will," then when the crowd sent by Judas Iscariot, the chief priests, and the elders came to arrest Jesus with swords and clubs, Jesus would have immediately requested more than twelve legions of angels from God the Father. If Jesus had done so, the Scripture saying, "But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way" (Matthew 26:38-39, 47, 50, 53-54), would not have been fulfilled. Even in extreme agony, praying for God's will to be done is crucially important, understanding clearly what should not be prayed for, and earnestly seeking the fulfillment of the Scripture that surely what is meant to happen will happen. Those who seek God's will live according to God's will (the Scripture) and die according to God's will (the Scripture).

## **Those who seek to do God's will shall discern ...**

Those who seek to do God's will shall discern whether the teachings of the Lord's servant come from God or from the pastor speaking of his own accord. The criterion for this discernment is that the pastor speaking of his own accord seeks only his own glory, but the servant of the Lord who speaks of God's teachings works for the glory of the Lord who sent him. A pastor who seeks only his own glory is a false person, but the servant of the Lord who works for the glory of the Lord is a truthful person (John 7:17-18).

**I want to receive God's word well  
and deeply treasure it in my heart.**

When hearing the word of God through those who proclaim it,  
I want to receive it well and deeply treasure it in my heart  
so that, despite any suffering or persecution that may come because of the word,  
I will not falter but endure well, living a life that bears fruit,  
yielding thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times what was sown  
(Mark 4:14-20).

**God's word will definitely be fulfilled in God's time.**

God will definitely fulfill the good news He promised us in His own time  
(Luke 1:19-20).

**We must live by all the words of God.**

Even though he fasted for 40 days and was very hungry,  
Jesus said in the Bible, "Man will not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"  
(Matthew 4:2-4; Quote: Deuteronomy 8:3).

## **The basis for confidence in God's love**

The basis for confidence in God's love  
is not because of what God has done for me  
(rather than because He expresses love),  
but because God is love  
(1 John 4:8).

## **A person who experienced the presence of God**

Having heard the word of the Lord,  
those who, instead of relying on their own understanding,  
humbly obey the word, experiencing God's grace,  
confess to the Lord, saying, "Lord, leave me, for I am a sinful person."  
The Lord then calls such a confessing person and uses them as a fisher of people  
(Luke 5:4-10).

## **God's children ...**

God's children are people who are recognized as qualified to live in heaven  
and are like angels at the time of resurrection and cannot die again  
(Luke 20:33, 35-36).

## **God's children whom God loves and delights in ...**

God's children, whom God loves and delights in,  
fulfill all righteousness (God's will) worthy of His sight.  
(Matthew 3:15, 17).

## **It is to show what God is doing ...**

Jesus said that the man born blind was not blind  
because of his sin or his parents' sin,  
but rather so that the works of God might be displayed in him.  
However, the Jews said to the blind man,  
'You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!'  
(John 9:1-3, 34).

Even though the blindness was not caused by sin  
but rather to display the works of God,  
do we not, in our hearts or with our words, sometimes say,  
'That person is suffering from illness due to sin'?

## **A person who voluntarily gave up marriage for the sake of heaven?**

Jesus' disciples said,

‘If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry.’

Jesus replied,

‘Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given.

For there are eunuchs who were born that way,

and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—

and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.

The one who can accept this should accept it’

(Matthew 19:10-12).

## **The greatest man in heaven**

The greatest man in the kingdom of heaven

is the one who humbles himself

(Matthew 18:4).

## **Our pastor, the least man in heaven?**

The reason why our pastor is the least man in heaven

is because he breaks even the smallest of God's commandments,

and yet teaches his congregation to keep even the smallest of them

(Matthew 5:18).

## **Christians are like trees planted by God the Father in heaven.**

Christians, like trees planted by God the Father in heaven,  
do not respect God with their lips but love Him with their hearts.  
(Matthew 15:8, 13, 18; 22:37).

## **Heart in heaven**

We Christians, with a heart longing for eternity,  
lay up our treasures in heaven  
(Ecclesiastes 3:11; Matthew 6:20-21).

## **Then surely even we ...**

If one of the twelve disciples, Judas Iscariot, who followed Jesus for about three years,  
heard Jesus' teachings and witnessed all the miracles Jesus performed,  
had been tempted by Satan and agreed to betray Jesus  
to the chief priests and temple guards in exchange for money  
when an opportunity arose in the absence of people,  
then surely even we might also be susceptible to Satan coming in to test us,  
choosing to follow the will of those who oppose Jesus  
rather than following the will of Jesus,  
thus opposing Jesus, His gospel, and His church  
(Luke 22:3-6).

## **A robber and Jesus**

A robber who was crucified alongside Jesus,  
realizing that he deserved the punishment for his sins, feared God,  
knowing that Jesus had done nothing wrong,  
and entrusted his soul into Jesus' hands,  
while Jesus, knowing that He had done nothing wrong,  
entrusted His soul into God the Father's hands  
(Luke 23:41-46).

## **There are times when a single grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies.**

All things in the world have their appointed time.  
There is a time to be born and a time to die.  
There is a time to plant and a time to harvest.  
There are moments when a single grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies.  
That time is appointed by God.  
It is the time for glory to be revealed.  
Just as Jesus, at the appointed time determined by God,  
like a single grain of wheat falling to the ground and bearing much fruit through death,  
even now, through His death on the cross, continues to bear much fruit  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-2; John 12:23-24).

## **If we confess our love and lie with the same lips ...**

Saying that we love the Lord and the church with our lips,  
but continuing to lie with the same lips,  
pleases the devil, the father of lies  
(John 8:44).

## **Even though we have a lot to say ...**

Even if we have a lot to say,  
if the other person will not understand,  
it is better to remain silent  
(John 16:12).

## **We must always pray and be awake.**

We must always pray and stay awake  
so that we can stand before the Lord without experiencing all these things  
that will happen in the future  
(Luke 21:36).



## **Blessed are those ...**

Blessed is those who do not doubt Jesus  
(Luke 7:23).

## **We need to pray alone.**

Jacob got up during the night and took his two wives, his two female servants,  
and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.  
After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.  
So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak  
(Genesis 32:22-24).

After Jesus had performed the miracle of feeding  
the five thousand with five loaves and two fish, he sent the crowd away.  
After saying goodbye to them, he went up on a mountainside to pray alone  
(Mark 6:45-46).

We need to send everyone away and pray alone.  
In quiet times, in quiet places, with quiet hearts,  
we should grasp and proclaim the promises of God, wrestling in prayer.

## **Repentance and disaster**

God did not bring about the disaster on the people of Nineveh because they repented, while God did not bring about the disaster on the prophet Jonah even though he did not repent (Jonah chapters 3-4).

### **If we don't repent ...**

If we don't repent, we will perish (Luke 13:3, 5).