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**34** Salt is good. But if the salt shall lose its savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

**35** It is neither profitable for the land nor for the dunghill, but shall be cast out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

## Chapter 15

Now the publicans and sinners drew near unto him to hear him.

**2** And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying: This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

**3** And he spoke to them this parable, saying:

**4** What man of you that hath an hundred sheep: and if he shall lose one of them, doth he not leave the ninety-nine in the desert, and go after that which was lost, until he find it?

**5** And when he hath found it, lay it upon his shoulders, rejoicing:

**6** And coming home, call together his friends and neighbours, saying to them: Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost?

**7** I say to you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven upon one sinner that doth penance, more than upon ninety-nine just who need not penance.

**8** Or what woman having ten groats; if she lose one groat, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she find it?

**9** And when she hath found it, call together her friends and neighbours, saying: Rejoice with me, because I have found the groat which I had lost.

**10** So I say to you, there shall be joy before the angels of God upon one sinner doing penance.

**11** And he said: A certain man had two sons:

**12** And the younger of them said to his father: Father, give me the portion of substance that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his substance.

**13** And not many days after, the younger son, gathering all together, went abroad into a far country: and there wasted his substance, living riotously.

**14** And after he had spent all, there came a mighty famine in that country; and he began to be in want.

**15** And he went and cleaved to one of the citizens of that country. And he sent him into his farm to feed swine.

**16** And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him.

**17** And returning to himself, he said: How many hired servants in my father's house abound with bread, and I here perish with hunger?

**18** I will arise, and will go to my father, and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee:

**19** I am not worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

**20** And rising up he came to his father. And when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and running to him fell upon his neck, and kissed him.

**21** And the son said to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, I am not now worthy to be called thy son.

**22** And the father said to his servants: Bring forth quickly the first robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

**23** And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat and make merry:

**24** Because this my son was dead, and is come to life again: was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

**25** Now his elder son was in the field, and when he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing:

**26** And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

**27** And he said to him: Thy brother is come, and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe.

**28** And he was angry, and would not go in. His father therefore coming out began to entreat him.

**29** And he answering, said to his father: Behold, for so many years do I serve thee, and I have never transgressed thy commandment, and yet thou hast never given me a kid to make merry with my friends:

**30** But as soon as this thy son is come, who hath devoured his substance with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

**31** But he said to him: Son, thou art always with me, and all I have is thine.

**32** But it was fit that we should make merry and be glad, for this thy brother was dead and is come to life again; he was lost, and is found.

## Chapter 16

And he said also to his disciples: There was a certain rich man who had a steward: and the same was accused unto him, that he had wasted his goods.

**2** And he called him, and said to him: How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship: for now thou canst be steward no longer.

**3** And the steward said within himself: What shall I do, because my lord taketh away from me the stewardship? To dig I am not able; to beg I am ashamed.

**4** I know what I will do, that when I shall be removed from the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

**5** Therefore calling together every one of his lord's debtors, he said to the first: How much dost thou owe my lord?

**6** But he said: An hundred barrels of oil. And he said to him: Take thy bill and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

**7** Then he said to another: And how much dost thou owe? Who said: An hundred quarters of wheat. He said to him: Take thy bill, and write eighty.

**8** And the lord commended the unjust steward, forasmuch as he had done wisely: for the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light.

**9** And I say to you: Make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity; that when you shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings.

**10** He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in that which is greater: and he that is unjust in that which is little, is unjust also in that which is greater.

**11** If then you have not been faithful in the unjust mammon; who will trust you with that which is the true?

**12** And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's; who will give you that which is your own?

**13** No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

**14** Now the Pharisees, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.

**15** And he said to them: You are they who justify yourselves before men, but God knoweth your hearts; for that which is high to men, is an

abomination before God.

**16** The law and the prophets were until John; from that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every one useth violence towards it.

**17** And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fall.

**18** Every one that putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and he that marrieth her that is put away from her husband, committeth adultery.

**19** There was a certain rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen; and feasted sumptuously every day.

**20** And there was a certain beggar, named Lazarus, who lay at his gate, full of sores,

**21** Desiring to be filled with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table, and no one did give him; moreover the dogs came, and licked his sores.

**22** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. And the rich man also died: and he was buried in hell.

**23** And lifting up his eyes when he was in torments, he saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom:

**24** And he cried, and said: Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, to cool my tongue: for I am tormented in this flame.

**25** And Abraham said to him: Son, remember that thou didst receive good things in thy lifetime, and likewise Lazareth evil things, but now he is comforted; and thou art tormented.

**26** And besides all this, between us and you, there is fixed a great chaos: so that they who would pass from hence to you, cannot, nor from thence come hither.

**27** And he said: Then, father, I beseech thee, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house,

for I have five brethren,

**28** That he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torments.

**29** And Abraham said to him: They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

**30** But he said: No, father Abraham: but if one went to them from the dead, they will do penance.

**31** And he said to him: If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they believe, if one rise again from the dead.

## Chapter 17

And he said to his disciples: It is impossible that scandals should not come: but woe to him through whom they come.

**2** It were better for him, that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should scandalize one of these little ones.

**3** Take heed to yourselves. If thy brother sin against thee, reprove him: and if he do penance, forgive him.

**4** And if he sin against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day be converted unto thee, saying, I repent; forgive him.

**5** And the apostles said to the Lord: Increase our faith.

**6** And the Lord said: If you had faith like to a grain of mustard seed, you might say to this mulberry tree, Be thou rooted up, and be thou transplanted into the sea: and it would obey you.

**7** But which of you having a servant ploughing, or feeding cattle, will say to him, when he is come from the field: Immediately go, sit down to meat:

**8** And will not rather say to him: Make ready my supper, and gird thyself, and serve me, whilst I eat and drink, and afterwards thou shalt eat