**CHAPTER 17**

*Lessons of avoiding scandal: of the efficacy of faith, etc. The ten lepers. The manner of the coming of Christ.*

**1** 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 and drink?

**9** Doth he thank that servant, for doing the things which he commanded him?

**10** I think not. So you also, when you shall have done all these things that are commanded you, say: We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which we ought to do.

**11** And it came to pass, as he was going to Jerusalem, he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

**12** And as he entered into a certain town, there met him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off;

**13** And lifted up their voice, saying: Jesus, master, have mercy on us.

**14** Whom when he saw, he said: Go, shew yourselves to the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were made clean.

**15** And one of them, when he saw that he was made clean, went back, with a loud voice glorifying God.

**16** And he fell on his face before his feet, giving thanks: and this was a Samaritan.

**17** And Jesus answering, said, Were not ten made clean? and where are the nine?

**18** There is no one found to return and give glory to God, but this stranger.

**19** And he said to him: Arise, go thy way; for thy faith hath made thee whole.

**20** And being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come? he answering them, and said: The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

**21** Neither shall they say: Behold here, or behold there. For lo, the kingdom of God is within you.

**22** And he said to his disciples: The days will come, when you shall desire to see one day of the Son of man; and you shall not see it.

**23** And they will say to you: See here, and see there. Go ye not after, nor follow them:

**24** For as the lightning that lighteneth from under heaven, shineth unto the parts that are under heaven, so shall the Son of man be in his day.

**25** But first he must suffer many things, and be rejected by this generation.

**26** And as it came to pass in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

**27** They did eat and drink, they married wives, and were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark: and the flood came and destroyed them all.

**28** Likewise as it came to pass, in the days of Lot: they did eat and drink, they bought and sold, they planted and built.

**29** And in the day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

**30** Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man shall be revealed.

**31** In that hour, he that shall be on the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away: and he that shall be in the field, in like manner, let him not return back.

**32** Remember Lot’s wife.

**33** Whosoever shall seek to save his life, shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose it, shall preserve it.

**34** I say to you: In that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

**35** Two women shall be grinding together: the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left: two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

**36** They answering, say to him: Where, Lord?

**37** Who said to them: Wheresoever the body shall be, thither will the eagles also be gathered together.