**CHAPTER 18**

*We must pray always. The Pharisee and the publican. The danger of riches. The blind man is restored to sight.*

**1** And he spoke also a parable to them, that we ought always to pray, and not to faint,

**2** Saying: There was a judge in a certain city, who feared not God, nor regarded man.

**3** And there was a certain widow in that city, and she came to him, saying: Avenge me of my adversary.

**4** And he would not for a long time. But afterwards he said within himself: Although I fear not God, nor regard man,

**5** Yet because this widow is troublesome to me, I will avenge her, lest continually coming she weary me.

**6** And the Lord said: Hear what the unjust judge saith.

**7** And will not God revenge his elect who cry to him day and night: and will he have patience in their regard?

**8** I say to you, that he will quickly revenge them. But yet the Son of man, when he cometh, shall he find, think you, faith on earth?

**9** And to some who trusted in themselves as just, and despised others, he spoke also this parable:

**10** Two men went up into the temple to pray: the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

**11** The Pharisee standing, prayed thus with himself: O God, I give thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, as also is this publican.

**12** I fast twice in a week: I give tithes of all that I possess.

**13** And the publican, standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes towards heaven; but struck his breast, saying: O God, be merciful to me a sinner.

**14** I say to you, this man went down into his house justified rather than the other: because every one that exalteth himself, shall be humbled: and he that humbleth himself, shall be exalted.

**15** And they brought unto him also infants, that he might touch them. Which when the disciples saw, they rebuked them.

**16** But Jesus, calling them together, said: Suffer children to come to me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

**17** Amen, I say to you: Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a child, shall not enter into it.

**18** And a certain ruler asked him, saying: Good master, what shall I do to possess everlasting life?

**19** And Jesus said to him: Why dost thou call me good? None is good but God alone.

**20** Thou knowest the commandments: Thou shalt not kill: Thou shalt not commit adultery: Thou shalt not steal: Thou shalt not bear false witness: Honour thy father and mother.

**21** Who said: All these things have I kept from my youth.

**22** Which when Jesus had heard, he said to him: Yet one thing is wanting to thee: sell all whatever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

**23** He having heard these things, became sorrowful; for he was very rich.

**24** And Jesus seeing him become sorrowful, said: How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God.

**25** For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

**26** And they that heard it, said: Who then can be saved?

**27** He said to them: The things that are impossible with men, are possible with God.

**28** Then Peter said: Behold, we have left all things, and have followed thee.

**29** Who said to them: Amen, I say to you, there is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God’s sake,

**30** Who shall not receive much more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**31** Then Jesus took unto him the twelve, and said to them: Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things shall be accomplished which were written by the prophets concerning the Son of man.

**32** For he shall be delivered to the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and scourged, and spit upon.

**33** And after they have scourged him, they will put him to death; and the third day he shall rise again.

**34** And they understood none of these things, and this word was hid from them, and they understood not the things that were said.

**35** Now it came to pass, when he drew nigh to Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the way side, begging.

**36** And when he heard the multitude passing by, he asked what this meant.

**37** And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

**38** And he cried out, saying: Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me.

**39** And they that went before, rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out much more: Son of David, have mercy on me.

**40** And Jesus standing, commanded him to be brought unto him. And when he was come near, he asked him,

**41** Saying: What wilt thou that I do to thee? But he said: Lord, that I may see.

**42** And Jesus said to him: Receive thy sight: thy faith hath made thee whole.

**43** And immediately he saw, and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.