**The Sword of Swords**

This book is dedicated to God the Holy Spirit.

**From Chapter 23, of Matthew**

**Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,**

Then spake Jesus. Blessed Word.

**Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat:**

It’s the sayings! You don’t want to lord over. Let no one have dominion over your faith. They would sit in Moses’ seat, but they didn’t have the love.

**All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.**

Done, do, will do. You want to be doers of the word. Not just what you’ve said. But, what you do.

**For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay *them* on men’s shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers.**

There’s a following hard after God. And yet, his yoke is easy, and his burden is light. Hallelujah!

**But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,**

The Bethlehem Ruler sees. With whom we will have to do.

**And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,**

To love the Bible! To love God! Supremely.

**And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.**

Just reading the Bible is a privilege, and it is rewarding. Pray, and pray it through. He is the exceeding great reward.

**But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ; and all ye are brethren.**

It’s Christ Jesus, the Bethlehem Ruler. Rabbi means, my great one.

**And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.**

One is your Father. Your heavenly Father, has the eternal perspective, for you.

**Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ.**

The word master, means leader, or teacher. The word Master, means Leader. One is the rule.

**But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.**

As the little child. The same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Love one another.

**And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.**

Amazing! That a whosoever, could be exalted. The word exalted, also means, lifted up.

**But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.**

They were disallowing. The stone that was disallowed, has become the head of the corner.

**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows’ houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.**

Notice it is written, “the greater damnation.” There is distinction, in heaven!

**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.**

We’re to guide others, to teach the Word of Truth.

**Woe unto you, *ye* blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!**

We want to see. We want to see his love. He loves you!

***Ye* fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?**

They didn’t know. Jesus said, “whether is greater?” There are weightier matters.

**And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.**

It’s the instructions. God is the great instructor.

***Ye* fools and blind: for whether *is* greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?**

It’s how Jesus says it. He is so loving. He has a loving tone in it all. He is wisdom.

**Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.**

He is the King. Respect Him. It’s his order.

**And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.**

We want to honor Him. You don’t want to be lightly esteemed. He will honor, those that honor him.

**And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.**

God’s on the throne. Try the heavenly view. See, like that. That’s vision.

**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.**

Again, it’s the weightier matters. It’s the Law of the Lord. Teach the Judgments. It’s mercy. It’s faith.

***Ye* blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.**

It’s the whole Bible. Straining at a little gnat, a point, will cause you to swallow a camel.

**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.**

It’s the heart. Guard your heart, with all diligence.

***Thou* blind Pharisee, cleanse first that *which is* within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.**

It flows from the heart. Feed the heart. It’s the Bible.

**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men’s* bones, and of all uncleanness.**

Again, it’s about having a right heart. That’s beauty!

**Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.**

It’s not about appearing righteous. Paul writes of crowns of righteousness, and not to him only.

**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,**

It’s the truth. You want to be in the truth. Garnish, in the original languages, is adorn.

**And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.**

All our righteousnesses, are as filthy rags. He is the Lord, our righteousness.

**Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.**

Again, sins of the heart. One can be corrupt, without actually murdering. Keep yourselves in the love of God.

**Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.**

It is written, be angry, and sin not. Jesus says it.

***Ye* serpents, *ye* generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?**

The word generation, in the original language, means offspring.

**Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some* of them ye shall kill and crucify; and *some* of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute *them* from city to city:**

He still sends.

It’s the Bible. He even sends the Bible. Pray that the Bible would be taught from city to city!

**That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.**

His judgments are true. All his judgments.

**Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.**

The love and the truth. Truly, I say unto you. As a hen gathereth. That’s his love.

**O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not!**

Again, he’s the Bethlehem Ruler. He loves. He protects. Under his wings.

**Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.**

We want to respect the Lord. His name is Lord!

**For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

He is the Blessed One. Blessed be the Lord. It is written, “in blessing, I will bless thee.” King David, went out against Goliath, in the name of the Lord.

**From Chapter 24, of Matthew**

**And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple.**

The Olivet Discourse. Trust the Bible. Trust not in a temple.

**And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**

Again, truly, truly Jesus sees. We want to see with a heavenly eternal perspective. Without vision, you perish, the Bible says.

**And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**

The end times. Also, the future! The Spirit of Truth shows things to come.

**And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.**

Lucifer is the deceiver. Jesus Christ said to take heed, that you be not deceived.

**For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**

Jesus is the Christ. There is one, God the Son.

**And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.**

Those of the faith, are saved from the tribulation period. Hallelujah! The Prince of Peace, can save, from the wrath to come.

**For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.**

It’s in God the Father’s hands. It’s rule. He’s truly on the throne.

**All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.**

The Bible, in context, tells it like it is. From beginning to end, it is amazing.

**Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake.**

In context, iniquity is obviously abounding. There’s a lawlessness.

**And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.**

Love. At the time, they are offended. They betray one another. They hate one another. Love.

**And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.**

You want to be true. It’s the word of truth. Be not deceived.

**And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.**

Again, this iniquity, means sin. But, every morning he does bring his judgment to light. The wicked compass, however, therefore wrong judgment proceeds. And because of this, there’s a lack of love. The upright shall have dominion in the morning. He first loved us.

**But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

You have to take this in context. Salvation, is not by works.

**And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**

Respect this. Appreciate this. It is written, and it’s the Bible.

**When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)**

There’s a reference to the Old Testament. This is the New Testament. It’s both. Whoso readeth, let him understand.

**Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:**

They’re to flee into the mountains. This word is going to come to pass!

**Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:**

They will be required, to be in haste.

**Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.**

Think about that. Not returning, to take clothes. Again, haste required, for them.

**And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!**

Behold, the days are coming, for them. Luke 23:29.

**But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:**

Jesus says here, to pray. But, pray.

**For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**

For then. Hallelujah, that we’re saved from wrath.

**And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.**

God even shortens the days. Hallelujah, again!

**Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not.**

Then. Delusion. False Christs. Deception.

**For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

It is thee, true Christ.

It is about having their eyes opened. Having them turned from darkness to light. From the power of Satan unto God.

**Behold, I have told you before.**

That word behold means, to come, to look, to see. He tells, before. Would to God, that we would love prophesy.

**Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not.**

Secret chambers, in the original languages, means, inner rooms.

**For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

God the Son is coming. This is clear.

**For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.**

There are certain truths, that you can know are going to happen, because God said they would happen.

**Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:**

Jesus is coming. Maranatha. Maranatha means, our Lord cometh or will come.

**And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

Jesus is coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Alleluia.

**And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

The angels, are at his direction. There are angels innumerable.

**Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh:**

The fig tree, speaks of Israel. It’s important!

**So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.**

It is written, “ye.” Ye can know.

**Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.**

It’s the truth of His power. It’s the power of the Spirit.

**Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**

The supremacy of the Bible. Jesus said, “my words shall not pass away.”

**But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**

You don’t want to set a date, for the rapture of the church.

**But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

The days of Noah. Great to teach on the days of Noah. The blessing of the warning, that they knew not.

**For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,**

You want to prepare. He’s preparing, as the morning. You want to do. He gives the doing.

**And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

You want to be knowing. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.

**Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.**

Again, you want to know. At a saving knowledge, of the Bible, you don’t have to worry about being left.

**Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.**

Watch unto prayer. We are told to, watch and pray.

**Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.**

Just shut it out. Stop the temptation, of setting hours. Ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But watch. But pray.

**But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.**

He wants you to know. Jesus said, “but know this.” He even tells you what to know. And he repeats himself. It is his desire, that you watch. Still watch.

**Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**

Be ye also ready. Be ready. Be ready because of the Bible. Be ready because of thee Ruler. Be ready because of the Bethlehem Ruler.

**Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?**

It’s the faith. And it’s wisdom. It’s amazing that he makes rulers. Take heed, how you feed.

**Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

It’s about doing. It’s blessed.

**Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.**

It is the truth, that he makes rulers. He rules.

**But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;**

You don’t want to say, “my lord delayeth his coming.” There’s repercussions, for being wholly evil.

**And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;**

Smite means, in the original languages, to beat.

**The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of,**

Look. Look for Him.

**And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Be ready.

**From Chapter 25, of Matthew**

**Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.**

The parable of the ten virgins. The focus of this parable is to be ready.

**And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish.**

Wisdom enjoined. The wise, are before the foolish.

**They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:**

Don’t be foolish.

Oil speaks of, God the Holy Spirit.

**But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.**

Be wise. Be, “simple concerning evil.”

**While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.**

The purport of verses 1 through 13, in Chapter 25, is not to slumber and sleep.

**And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.**

We can meet with him. Meet with Him in communion.

**Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.**

Love prepares.

**And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.**

You want to have a personal relationship with God.

**But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.**

Get wisdom. By wisdom, kings reign.

**And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.**

Know Him. Before it’s too late.

**Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.**

Notice, they came afterward. There is an order.

**But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.**

He answers. He answers with the truth. By his knowledge shall he justify many.

**Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.**

Watch and have faith.

**For *the kingdom of heaven is* as a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.**

We want to hear, “well done.” We want to hear, “I will make thee ruler over many things.” Again, keep the faith.

**And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.**

He’s the one, that distributes. It is written, “but thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among, the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”

**Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made *them* other five talents.**

We’re to occupy. He is the authority.

**And likewise he that *had received* two, he also gained other two.**

It’s the kingdom of heaven. You can gain.

**But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord’s money.**

God gave. Trade wisely.

**After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.**

He gave them a long time. Know that he loves you.

**And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.**

The Master has mercy. You receive. Then you increase.

**His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**

He is the Lord. Redeem the time. Isn’t that amazing! Only a few things.

**He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.**

Increase with the increase of God.

**His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**

The joy of the Lord, is strength.

**Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:**

He still gives. Even though the individual receiving the one talent, did wickedly.

**And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that is* thine.**

He said, he was afraid. It’s the Prince of Peace. It’s the presence.

**His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:**

He knew. Act for the truth.

**Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and *then* at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.**

Exchangers, meaning in the original language, the bank. Usury means, interest.

**Take therefore the talent from him, and give *it* unto him which hath ten talents.**

The abundant rule in God!

**For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.**

He deals bountifully. It’s the heart.

**And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

It’s faith. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:**

The judgments are important. You can trace out the judgments, of the Bible. It’s rewarding.

**And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:**

It’s doctrine. His doctrine is as the rain.

**And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.**

He is the King. You want to catch the heart of this, without overstating.

**Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

He’s at the helm, and he has heart.

**For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:**

The judgments are righteous. He is the righteous judge. He takes note.

**Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.**

Again, the heart of love, here.

**Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink?**

It’s amazing, that the King, even answers prayers.

**When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*?**

Give thanks. Not only does God notice, but he blesses.

**Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?**

He knows. He sees. He hears. Here, a little and there a little. Do it little by little. He delights in this.

**And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.**

It’s about doing things, unto the Lord.

**Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**

The right hand, is the position of honor. Not the left hand. Notice it was prepared for the devil and his angels.

**For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:**

Know. Have compassion. Lovingkindness. Do it unto Him.

**I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.**

What a privilege! That we get to visit one another.

**Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?**

He is the greatest. He is to be esteemed. He is the Ruler. It’s His vision.

**Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me.**

He answers. Truly, he has said.

**And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.**

It’s the Everlasting Father. It’s all eternity.

**From Chapter 26, of Matthew**

**And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples,**

He takes time. And it came to pass. Jesus Christ said, all these sayings. And he still kept teaching.

**Ye know that after two days is *the feast of* the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.**

So exact. Even, His passion.

**Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,**

God said, “you are either for, or you are against.”

**And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill *him*.**

In the original languages, subtilty, means trickery.

**But they said, Not on the feast *day*, lest there be an uproar among the people.**

He is Lord. And yet, they were so subtle, in their being against him.

**Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,**

The word Bethany means, “house of dates.”

**There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat *at meat*.**

It was a flask. It was a costly oil.

**But when his disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?**

It is written. We’re to worship.

**For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.**

It’s His way. It’s thy will be done.

**When Jesus understood *it*, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.**

You, make it count, for God!

**For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.**

But me you have not always. You have a period of time, now. And the rewards are great.

**For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial.**

God is the teacher. God has made provision. And it’s in the death of his Son.

**Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.**

He states the truth. Wheresoever. Hallelujah!

**Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,**

Judas means, praise. Iscariot means, men.

**And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.**

He wanted to be given opportunity. But, to betray. And that God.

**And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.**

He sought it. He sought opportunity to betray. But God, is the one that gives the increase.

**Now the first *day* of the *feast of* unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?**

Come to Jesus. Pray to him. It’s the will. Prepare!

**And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.**

He is masterful. His time was at hand, for us.

**And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.**

Make ready, for him. Do as Jesus, has appointed.

**Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.**

He is the Bread. He is the Ruler.

**And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.**

Truly, one shall betray. Verily, he even emphasized it. He loves so much, that he will warn.

**And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?**

Love the Lord, you His. Purpose it in your heart! Not to betray!

**And he answered and said, He that dippeth *his* hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.**

Jesus was with Judas. Be warned.

**The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.**

As it is written. Delight in the Bible.

**Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.**

Master, means Rabbi. Said, means said it!

**And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.**

Prayer blessings, are enjoined. And we’re even to take from Him.

**And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;**

And the cup runs over.

**For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

The Book of Hebrews, brings out the importance of the blood.

**But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.**

My Father’s kingdom. All that we have to look forward to.

**And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.**

The Lord sang. Rejoice evermore!

**Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.**

Jesus knows. He even has the right timing. Then, said Jesus. He is the Shepherd.

**But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.**

The Father’s pleasure, is to give you the kingdom. He goes before us.

**Peter answered and said unto him, Though all *men* shall be offended because of thee, *yet* will I never be offended.**

Offended means, stumbled.

**Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.**

Though, likewise also said all the disciples, Jesus was speaking here directly to Peter. He warns.

**Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.**

Stay in the light. Keep yourselves in his love.

**Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.**

God prayed. Isn’t that amazing! The Almighty prayed.

**And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.**

What the Lord went through, for us! Negative after negative.

**Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.**

The word tarry, means stay.

**And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.**

Go a little farther, with the Lord. Pray the Bible.

**And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?**

The sweetest hour of prayer is most sweet. To pray!

**Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.**

Pray, that ye enter not into temptation. Pray, “deliver us from evil.”

**He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.**

Thy will be done. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10.

**And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.**

Arise. And stay in communion.

**And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.**

Behold the Bible. Consider how he cared.

**Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take *your* rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.**

It’s wonderful even, that he comes to us. Praise ye the LORD.

**Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.**

After the previous, Jesus said, “rise.” His going forth has been prepared, as the morning.

**And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.**

It’s rule. It’s the Bible. The Principles. Thee Sword OF Swords.

**Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.**

Even the kiss, was sensual, in the original languages.

**And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.**

Even forthwith, in evil. He said Master, as he sinned, even.

**And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.**

Jesus knows. He is God the Son. God the Father rules. It’s the Bible!

**And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out *his* hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest’s, and smote off his ear.**

The Bible will keep you from just striking out with the sword. It’s the sword over all the swords.

**Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.**

It’s not “thy” sword. It’s not swords. It’s the Sword of Swords. It’s all of the Bible. It’s even a twoedged sword. It’s the scriptures. It’s the rule!

**Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?**

He is Reason. Pray to the Father. He presently can give!

**But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?**

It’s all scripture. Things happen according to scripture. Thus it must be.

**In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.**

It’s not swords. You want to be teaching the Sword. Teaching the Bible.

**But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.**

The scriptures, have foretold this. It is written, all this was done.

**And they that had laid hold on Jesus led *him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.**

It’s poetic. It’s the Father’s foreknowledge. You don’t lead God the Son.

**But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest’s palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.**

But God. It’s the Bible!

**Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;**

Thank God, for the Son’s Sovereignty.

**But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, *yet* found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,**

One true rule, many false witnesses.

**And said, This *fellow* said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.**

He IS able to allow one to be damned. But, he is able to save.

**And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness against thee?**

It’s not a high priest. It’s Jesus, God the Son.

**But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.**

Jesus Christ has perfect timing.

**Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

Jesus Christ said, “you said it!”

**Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.**

The word rent means, tore. Jesus Christ mends.

**What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.**

They wanted to put him to death. They we’re fulfilling the Bible.

**Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands,**

Father forgive them, for they know not what they do. He makes intercession for transgressors.

**Saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?**

Evil. This is sin. And he knows.

**Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.**

Peter denies thrice. But, he’s thrice told to feed others.

**But he denied before *them* all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.**

Rule freely. The truth sets you free.

**And when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him, and said unto them that were there, This *fellow* was also with Jesus of Nazareth.**

Into the porch, means in the original language, to the gateway. God is the way.

**And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.**

Tell all of the saved Peters, it’s covered.

**And after a while came unto *him* they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art *one* of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.**

Peter received sure mercy.

**Then began he to curse and to swear, *saying*, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.**

Know that there is no fear in love. Again, we love, because he first loved us.

**And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.**

It’s the word of Jesus Christ, God the Son. God foreknows. And he still, loves.

**From Chapter 27, of Matthew**

**When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:**

Every time you have communion, you show forth his death.

**And when they had bound him, they led *him* away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.**

The Word of God, is not bound.

**Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,**

The word for repented, here, means that he had some remorse.

**Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*.**

Better not to go against his blood.

**And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.**

Betrayal is unfruitful.

**And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.**

Beware of the leaven. This leaven is hypocrisy.

**And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in.**

You have to go through, all these machinations, when you are hypocritical.

**Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.**

You don’t want to walk over the blood of Jesus.

**Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;**

God the Son was betrayed, as predicted, in many places.

**And gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord appointed me.**

This is hypocritical! Don’t be like this.

**And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.**

He is the Ruler of Bethlehem.

**And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.**

Nothing.

**Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?**

He hears.

**And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.**

And he is the Word.

**Now at *that* feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.**

The word wont, in the original languages, means accustomed.

**And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.**

Barabbas means, “son of the master.”

**Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?**

Jesus is the master.

**For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.**

Bitter or better? Choose better!

**When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.**

He is just. Zephaniah has it that, “the just LORD is in the midst.”

**But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.**

Jesus is God the Son. He is eternal.

**The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.**

Whether of the twain? Jesus said, “you are either for me, or against me.”

**Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified.**

What do you want to do with Jesus?

**And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.**

Why? Had they truly known, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.

**When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it*.**

Jesus is just. And Jesus is judgment.

**Then answered all the people, and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children.**

They didn’t truly know what they were saying. Prized Jesus.

**Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified.**

The Love Letter’s scarlet thread is golden.

**Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band *of soldiers*.**

Again, you don’t take Jesus. He let the soldiers take him. Jesus gathers.

**And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.**

He brings forth the best robe, by shedding scarlet.

**And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!**

It’s the Father’s rule. It’s his skull. And he is the Ruler.

**And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.**

Spitting on God. Can you believe it? Believe!

**And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify *him*.**

Again, be not deceived. God is not mocked.

**And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.**

The crown is after the cross.

**And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,**

All of the times that you have communion, you do show forth his death.

**They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink.**

It is written, in Psalm 69:21, “they gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink!”

**And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.**

Things happen according to the Bible. The Bible is power.

**And sitting down they watched him there;**

The word watched, in the original languages, means guarded.

**And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

God the Son is King.

**Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.**

Even the thief on the cross, goes to heaven.

**And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,**

They passed by, reviled him, and wagged their heads. Don’t pass by him.

**And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

His purpose was to save. His name is salvation.

**Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders, said,**

Love rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth.

**He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.**

He is the Savior. He is also the Ruler.

**He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.**

God the Son has come. He saves the lost.

**The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.**

It’s amazing that God could save a thief, that cast against him, in his teeth.

**Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.**

In Bible numerology, six is the number of man. Nine is the number of prayer.

**And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**

Jesus said the first of the 22nd Psalm.

**Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that*, said, This *man* calleth for Elias.**

We want to be aware. Stay in the scriptures.

**And straightway one of them ran, and took a spunge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink.**

Know the Bible. You want, thee Savior.

**The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.**

There is the name. Jesus came to save.

**Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.**

He hath done it. His soul unto death. For us. Hallelujah!

**And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;**

Top to the bottom. He hath done this. It is written, to behold. It is communion.

**And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,**

What a sign! That it’s his power.

**And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.**

God rules the grave.

**Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.**

It is done. He is God the Son.

**And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:**

Many. One by one. They follow Jesus Christ.

**Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee’s children.**

Among those that follow God the Son. What a privilege!

**When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus’ disciple:**

He made his grave with the rich in his death.

**He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.**

Begged, in the original languages, means asked for.

**And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,**

It’s about the best, for Him.

**And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.**

The Gospel of Matthew, has it, that the house should be upon the rock.

**And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.**

One thing is needful. Sitting at his feet. Hearing his word.

**Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,**

No matter how many come together against him, he is the Lord of Hosts.

**Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.**

They thought that he was a deceiver. He is the truth.

**Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.**

There is no way to make the tomb sure, against Jesus Christ, for he is thee way.

**Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make *it* as sure as ye can.**

Make it as sure as you can. Against, thee Almighty!

**So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.**

They purpose in their hearts. The word watch, in the original languages, means guard. They tried to guard. But, it is God that guards.

**From Chapter 28, of Matthew**

**In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.**

See the sepulchre. All the times, that you have communion, you show forth his death.

**And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.**

Is there anything, too hard for the Lord? All things are possible, with God!

**His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:**

Raiment, in the original languages, means clothing.

**And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.**

Keepers, in the original languages, means guards.

**And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.**

Risen. Ruler. Rule!

**He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.**

As he said. It is written.

**And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.**

Tell. He is risen.

**And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.**

From the sepulchre. How he loves!

**And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.**

Behold Jesus Christ. All hail, in the original languages, means to rejoice.

**Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.**

The Prince of Peace, said “be not afraid.” He has his presence.

**Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.**

Watch, in the original languages, means guard.

**And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,**

Large, in the original languages, means much.

**Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him *away* while we slept.**

No lie is of the truth.

**And if this come to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.**

The word secure, in the original languages, more fully, means to make you secure.

**So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.**

Bribery is sin.

**Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.**

Mountains speak of power.

**And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.**

We’re going to see Jesus Christ, face to face.

**And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

He said, “all power.”

**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

It’s the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost!

**Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.**

To rule is to teach.

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