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☒ Matthew

**Lord, search me, and know my heart:  
try me and know my thoughts.  
Determine if there is any offensive way  
in me, and lead me in the way of  
everlasting.**

**Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me,  
and know my thoughts: And see if there be any  
wicked way in me, and lead me in the way  
everlasting.**

**Psalm 139: 23-24**

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# Book of Matthew

## Chapter 1

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, and told him that Mary would conceive of the Holy Ghost, would bring forth a son, and he was to be named Jesus.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the angel of the Lord appearing to Joseph in a dream, told him that Mary's son, Jesus, was going to save his people from their sins.

Lord God, thank You for sending Your Son to save me from my sins.

Lord God, cause Your Son, Jesus, to save me from my sins.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1: 20-21

## Chapter 2

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when Jesus went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, it fulfilled what was spoken by Your prophets, that the Christ would be called a Nazarene.

Lord God, thank You for Your prophecies which are always fulfilled.

And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

Matthew 2: 23

## Chapter 3

**Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that John the Baptist, baptized with water unto repentance.**

**Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Jesus was greater than John the Baptist.**

**Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Jesus was to baptize with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.**

**Lord God, cause me to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.**

**Lord God, thank You for the gift of Baptism.**

**I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

**Matthew 3: 11**

**Lord God, thank You for Your declaration, that Jesus is Your beloved Son.**

**Lord God, thank You for Your declaration, that You were well pleased with Your beloved Son, Jesus.**

**Lord God, give me understanding in my heart that Jesus is Your Son, and You are extremely pleased with him.**

**And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

**Matthew 3: 17**

## Chapter 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that man shall not live by bread alone.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that man shall live by every word that proceeds out of Your mouth.

Lord God, thank you for bread, and thank You for Your word.

Lord God, thank you for bread which sustains me, and for Your word that gives me life.

But he answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4: 4

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Jesus taught in the synagogues, and preached the gospel of the kingdom.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You gave Jesus the power to heal all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease among the people.

Lord God, cause me to hear, and believe the words of the gospel, as taught by Your Son.

Lord God, cause me to receive healing of my sickness and diseases, by the power of Your Son, Jesus.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Matthew 4: 23

## Chapter 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Jesus taught his disciples.

Lord God, cause me to approach You, stay near, and listen for Your word.

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Matthew 5: 1-2

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You bless the poor in spirit.

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that the poor in spirit will inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Lord God, cause me to be poor in spirit, and to be blessed.

Lord God, cause me to be poor in spirit, and to inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5: 3

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You bless those who mourn.

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You promise comforting when we mourn.

Lord God, when I mourn, cause me to be blessed.

Lord God, when I mourn, cause me to be comforted.

**Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

**Matthew 5: 4**

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You bless the meek.

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that the meek will inherit the earth.

Lord God, cause me to be meek, and to be blessed.

Lord God, cause me to be meek, and to inherit the earth.

**Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.**

**Matthew 5: 5**

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You bless those who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You fill those who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that as I hunger and thirst after righteousness, I will be blessed and filled.

Lord God, cause me to hunger and thirst after righteousness, and be blessed.

Lord God, cause me to hunger and thirst after righteousness, and be filled.

**Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.**

[Matthew 5: 6](#)

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You bless those who are merciful.

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You give mercy to those who are merciful.

Lord God, cause me to be merciful, and be blessed.

Lord God, cause me to be merciful, and obtain mercy.

**Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**

[Matthew 5: 7](#)



Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You bless those who are pure in heart.

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You will show Yourself to those who are pure in heart.

Lord God, cause me to be pure in heart, and to be blessed.

Lord God, cause me to be pure in heart, and to see You.

**Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

**Matthew 5: 8**

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You bless those who are peacemakers.

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You call those who are peacemakers, Your children.

Lord God, thank You for blessing those who are peacemakers, and for calling them Your children.

Lord God, cause me to be a peacemaker, and to be blessed.

Lord God, cause me to be a peacemaker, and to be called Your child.

**Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.**

**Matthew 5: 9**

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You bless those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, will inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Lord God, thank You for blessing Your children who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.

Lord God, when I am persecuted for righteousness' sake, give me Your blessings.

Lord God, when I am persecuted for righteousness' sake, cause me to inherit the kingdom of heaven.

**Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Matthew 5: 10**

Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that You bless those who men revile, and persecute, and say all manner of evil against, for Your sake.

Lord God, thank You for blessing those who are reviled, persecuted, and have all manner of evil said against them falsely, for Your sake.

Lord God, bless me when I am reviled, persecuted, and have all manner of evil said against me, falsely, for Your sake.

**Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.**

**Matthew 5: 11**

**Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the prophets before us were reviled, persecuted, and had all manner of evil said against them falsely, for Your sake.**

**Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that those who men revile, and persecute, and say all manner of evil against falsely, for Your sake, have a great reward in heaven.**

**Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who men revile, and persecute, and say all manner of evil against falsely, for Your sake, should rejoice, and be exceedingly glad.**

**Lord God, thank You for blessing those who are reviled, persecuted, and have all manner of evil said against them falsely for Your sake.**

**Lord God, bless me if I should be reviled, persecuted, and have all manner of evil said against me falsely for Your sake.**

**Lord God, thank You for rewarding those in heaven who are reviled, persecuted, and have all manner of evil said against them falsely for Your sake.**

**Lord God, if I should be reviled, persecuted, and have all manner of evil said against me falsely for Your sake, bless me with Your promised reward in heaven.**

**Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**

**Matthew 5: 12**

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we are the salt of the earth.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that if we are the salt of the earth and lose our flavor, we are not good for anything, except to be cast out and trampled on by men.

Lord God, cause me to be salt of this earth, that has not lost it's flavor.

Lord God, keep me from being cast out, and being trampled on by men.

**Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.**

**Matthew 5: 13**

Lord God, help me understand the parable of the Lamp Under a Bowl.

**"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.**

**Matthew 5: 14-16 (NIV)**

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Jesus did not come to destroy the law, or the prophets, but to fulfill them.

Lord God, give me understanding of Jesus words, that He did not come to destroy the law, or the prophets, but to fulfill them.

**Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**

**Matthew 5: 17**

**Lord God, thank You for Your promise, that until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, or the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the law until everything is accomplished.**

**Lord God, give me understanding of Jesus words, that until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, or the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the law until everything is accomplished.**

**For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**

**Matthew 5: 18**

**Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that of those who believe in You, who break Your commandments and teach others to break them, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven.**

**Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that of those who believe in You, who do Your commandments and teach others to do them, will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**

**Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**

**Matthew 5: 19**

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that unless our righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, we will in no way enter the kingdom of heaven.

Lord God, thank You for providing a way, through the righteousness of Your Son, that we can be counted righteous for his names sake.

Lord God, cause me to believe on Your Son, and be found righteous in Your sight.

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

[Matthew 5: 20](#)

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it has been said by them of old, that whosoever kills shall be in danger of the judgment.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are angry with their brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who tell their brother that he is worthless, shall be in danger of the council.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who say to their brother, "You fool!" will be in danger of hell fire.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

[Matthew 5: 21-22](#)

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not come to the alter with a gift, if our brother has something against us.

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to be reconciled to our brethren, before bringing a gift to the alter.

Lord God, cause me to seek reconciliation with my fellow man, before bringing my gifts to the alter.

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

[Matthew 5: 23-24](#)

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that it has been said by them of old, that we should not commit adultery.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that whoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Lord God, cause me to not commit adultery, or look on someone with lust in my heart.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

[Matthew 5: 27-28](#)

Lord, thank You for Your instruction, to not swear at all; not by heaven, or by earth, or by our head. Our Yes, should be, "Yes", and our No, should be "No", because anything else is evil.

Lord, thank You for Your truth, that heaven is Your throne.

Lord, thank You for Your truth, that the earth is Your footstool.

Lord, thank You for Your truth, that you are the King of Jerusalem.

Lord, cause me to not swear at all; not by heaven, by earth, or by my head. Allow my Yes, to be, "Yes", and my No, to be "No".

**But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.**

**Matthew 5: 34-37**

Lord God, thank You for Jesus instructing his disciples to be perfect, even as You are perfect.

Lord God, cause me to be an imitator of You , and accomplish Your will, not my own.

**Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.**

**Matthew 5: 48**



## Chapter 6

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to not practice acts of righteousness, and charitable deeds in front of men, to be seen by them.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who practice their righteousness in front of men, to be seen by them, have no reward from You.

Lord God, cause me to perform acts of righteousness, and charitable deeds in secret, not to be recognized before men, so that You may be able reward me.

**Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.**

**Matthew 6: 1**

Lord God, concerning our prayer time, thank You for Jesus instructing us to enter our closets, shut the door, and pray to You in secret.

Lord God, thank you for the promise, that if we enter our closets, shut the door, and pray to You in secret, You will reward us openly.

Lord God, place it on my heart, and make a way for me to have time alone with you in prayer. Without distraction, without putting on a show, cause me to speak to you from my heart. As my Father, please hear and answer my prayers

**But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.**

**Matthew 6: 6**

Lord God, thank You for Jesus teaching us to not use vain repetitions while praying, as You know what things we have need of before we ask You.

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

[Matthew 6: 7-8](#)

Lord, fill my life with Your righteousness, and with Your light. Cause Your light to illuminate a path that leads me closer to You, and accomplishes Your will for my life.

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

[Matthew 6: 22-23 \(NKJV\)](#)

Lord, take away my desires for things of this world, so my attention will be fixed upon You.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

[Matthew 6: 24](#)

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who worry, are not able to add even an hour to their life.

Lord God, cause me to not worry about the things of this life.

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

[Matthew 6: 27](#)

Lord, cause me to seek after Your kingdom and righteousness. Lead me not to worry about what You will provide tomorrow, and let me be fully content with Your provision, leading, and guidance for today.

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

[Matthew 6: 31-34 \(NIV\)](#)

## Chapter 7

Lord God, thank You for Jesus' instructing, to ask and it shall be given us.

Lord God, thank You for Jesus' instructing, to seek and we shall find.

Lord God, thank You for Jesus' instructing, to knock and it will be opened to us.

Lord God, cause me to ask, and to receive.

Lord God, cause me to seek, and to find.

Lord God, cause me to knock, and have it opened to me.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

[Matthew 7: 7](#)

Lord, thank You for Your promise that I can ask and will receive, that I can seek and will find, and that I can knock and it will be opened.

**For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.**

**Matthew 7: 8**

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to do to others, whatsoever we would want others to do to us.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that doing to others as we would have them do to us, is the law and the prophets.

Lord God, cause me to do to others, what I would have them do to me.

**Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.**

**Matthew 7: 12**

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to enter at the straight gate.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leads to destruction.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that many go through the wide, and broad, gate that leads to destruction.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the gate is straight and narrow that leads to life, and there are few that will find it.

Lord God, cause me to enter the straight gate and the narrow way that leads to life.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

[Matthew 7: 13-14](#)

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to beware of false prophets which come to me in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that we can know those who are false prophets by their fruits.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that just as we do not gather grapes from thorns, we should not expect good fruit from false prophets.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that just as we do not gather figs from thistles, we should not expect good fruit from false prophets.

Lord God, cause me to beware of false prophets, and help me be able to identify them through the fruit they bear.

**Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?**

**Matthew 7: 15-16**

Lord God, thank You for Jesus' teaching, that not everyone who says to Him, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Lord God, thank You for Jesus' teaching, that those who enter the kingdom of heaven, are those who do the will of His Father which is in heaven.

Lord God, cause me to do Your will, and to enter heaven to be with You.

**Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

**Matthew 7: 21**

Lord God, thank You for Jesus' truth, that in that day, many will say to Him, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?", and Jesus will then profess to them, I never knew you.

Lord God, create a relationship with me, and cause my works, and my desires to come from You.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

[Matthew 7: 22-23](#)

Lord God, help me understand the parable of the Wise and Foolish Builder

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

[Matthew 7: 24-27 \(NIV\)](#)

## Chapter 8

Lord, give me faith that is able to take hold of Your promises, knowing You are able to fulfill them.

And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, **I will; be thou clean.** And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

[Matthew 8: 2-3](#)

## Chapter 9

Lord, help me understand the parable of the new cloth on an old coat.

"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse.

Matthew 9: 16 (NIV)

Lord, help me understand the parable of the new wine in an old wineskin.

Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Matthew 9: 17 (NIV)

## Chapter 10

Lord, teach me not to fear them which may kill my body, but to fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10: 28

## Chapter 11

Lord, let me take rest in You from my labor and burdens.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11: 28



## Chapter 12

Lord, when You cast out devils by the Spirit of God, You showed that the kingdom of God had come to us.

**But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.**

**Matthew 12: 28**

Lord, thank You for sharing the truth, that idle words spoken by men, will need to be accounted for in the day of judgment.

**But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.**

**Matthew 12: 36**

Lord, cause my speech to be fitting, and to be for Your glory, so that words I have spoken will be evidence used to justify me, and not to condemn.

**For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.**

**Matthew 12: 37**

## Chapter 13

Lord, help me understand the parable of the Sower and Four Types of Soil.

Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

... Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Matthew 13: 3-8 and Matthew 13: 18-23 (NIV)

Lord, help me understand the parable of the Weeds Among The Good Plants.

**Jesus told them another parable:** "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

**... He answered,** "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

**Matthew 13: 24-30 & Matthew 13: 37-43 (NIV)**

Lord, help me understand the parable of the Mustard Seed.

**He told them another parable:** "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

**Matthew 13: 31-32 (NIV)**

Lord, help me understand the parable of the yeast.

**He told them still another parable:** "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

**Matthew 13: 33 (NIV)**

Lord, help me understand the parable of the hidden treasure.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

[Matthew 13: 44 \(NIV\)](#)

Lord, help me understand the parable of the Valuable Pearl.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

[Matthew 13: 45-46 \(NIV\)](#)

Lord, help me understand the parable of the Fishing Net.

"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

[Matthew 13: 47-50 \(NIV\)](#)

Lord, help me understand the parable of the Owner of a House.

He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

[Matthew 13: 52 \(NIV\)](#)

## Chapter 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when Jesus saw a great multitude he had compassion on them, and healed the sick.

Lord God, thank You for Jesus compassion, and for causing Him to heal the sick.

Lord God, have compassion on myself and others, and heal us of our infirmities this day.

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Matthew 14: 14

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that when Jesus' disciples saw him walking on the water, He told them to be of good cheer, and to not be afraid.

Lord God, when I realize You are near me, cause me to be of good cheer and to not be afraid.

And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

Matthew 14: 26-27 (KJV)

## Chapter 15

Lord God, thank You for Jesus' truth, that those plants which His heavenly Father has not planted, shall be rooted up.

Lord God, cause my faith to be planted by You, so it will take firm root and grow.

**But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.**

**Matthew 15: 13**

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that things which come out of the mouth, come from the heart.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that things which come from the heart, are what defile men.

Lord, cause my heart to be clean, pure, and let my heart not defile me.

**But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.**

**Matthew 15: 18**

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction, to leave alone the teachers who just put on a show, but do not really know You.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are led by teachers who do not know You, will be led away from You.

Lord God, place others in my life who truly know You, who will faithfully join me in seeking a relationship with You.

Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Matthew 15: 14 (KJV)

## Chapter 16

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that You are the living God.

Lord God, thank You for giving Simon Peter understanding, that Jesus was the Christ, and Your Son.

Lord God, give me understanding, that Jesus is the Christ, and he is Your Son.

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Matthew 16: 16

## Chapter 17

Lord God, thank You for Your declaration, that Jesus Christ is Your Son, and You are well pleased with him.

Lord God, thank You for Your instruction to listen to what Jesus says.

Lord God, cause me to understand that You are well pleased with Jesus.

Lord God, cause me to listen to what Your Son, Jesus, says.

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Matthew 17: 5

## Chapter 18

Lord, help me understand the parable of the Lost Sheep regarding children.

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.

Matthew 18: 12-14 (NIV)



Lord, help me understand the parable of the Unmerciful Servant who owed a debt and had a debt due.

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. 'The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. 'Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.'"

[Matthew 18: 23-35 \(NIV\)](#)

## Chapter 19

Lord, thank You for being able to do what man is not able to do, and saving me from my sins.

When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

[Matthew 19: 25-26](#)

## Chapter 20

**Lord, help me understand the parable of the Workers Hired To Work In a Vineyard.**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. "About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. "He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' "The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**Matthew 20: 1-16 (NIV)**

## Chapter 21

**Lord, increase my faith and replace any doubts I may have, with trust in You and Your faithfulness to answer prayer.**

**Jesus answered and said unto them,** Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

**Matthew 21: 21-22**

Lord, help me understand the parable of the two sons, one obeys and one does not.

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' "'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Matthew 21: 28-32 (NIV)

## Chapter 22

Lord, help me understand the parable of the Invitation to a Wedding Banquet.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' "But they paid no attention and went off--one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22: 2-14 (NIV)

Lord, help me love You with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my mind. Thank You the love You have shown me, and demonstrated through people who love You. Help me be a person who has the opportunities, and the desire, to demonstrate Your love to others.

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22: 36-40

## Chapter 23

Lord, lead my steps based on truth, not by following the example of those who know the truth, but do not follow it.

Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

Matthew 23: 2-3

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that some do works to be seen of men.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that some try to make it a show that they are godly, when they are really far from You.

Lord God, cause me to do the works You would have me do, for You, and not as a show of righteousness.

Lord God, cause me to not try to show myself righteous before men, but actually make me righteous in Your sight.

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

Matthew 23: 5

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are greatest among us, serve us.

Lord God, cause me to serve Your will in this world, and be great in Your eyes.

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

**Matthew 23: 11**

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who are humble will be exalted.

Lord God, cause em to be truly humble in Your sight.

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

**Matthew 23: 12**

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who devour widow's houses may receive a greater damnation.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that those who try to make it look like they love You by putting on a show that they are prayerful, may receive a greater damnation.

Lord God, cause me to be mindful of widows, and those in need.

Lord God, cause me to pray in earnest to you, and not as a show for others.

**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.**

**Matthew 23: 14**

## Chapter 24

Lord, although heaven and earth will pass away, Your words will not pass away.

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

Matthew 24: 35

Lord, help me understand the parable of the Wise and Foolish Servants.

"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 24: 45-51 (NIV)

## Chapter 25

Lord, help me understand the parable of the ten virgins, five were wise, five were foolish.

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

[Matthew 25: 1-13 \(NIV\)](#)

**Lord, help me understand the parable of the Three Servants Given Talents.**

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. "'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**Matthew 25: 14-30 (NIV)**



Lord, help me understand the parable of the sheep and goats being separated.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

[Matthew 25: 31-46 \(NIV\)](#)

## Chapter 26

Lord God, thank You for the example Your Son set for us, that we should get by ourselves, and pray to You.

Lord God, cause me to make times to be alone with You in prayer.

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

[Matthew 26: 36](#)

## Chapter 27

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the chief priests, and Pharisees went to Pilate, and stated that Jesus had claimed that after three days he would rise, and they asked that the tomb Jesus was in would be made secure until after the third day.

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that the chief priests, and Pharisees asked that Pilate to secure Jesus' tomb, so Jesus disciples would not be able to come steal his body, and claim he had risen from the dead.

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

Matthew 27: 63

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, that Pilate placed guards to secure Jesus tomb, so his rising from the dead on the third day could not be faked.

Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Matthew 27: 65-66

## Chapter 28

Lord God, thank You for Your truth, declared by Your Son, that all power was given to him in heaven and in earth.

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

Matthew 28: 18

**Lord, take Your word throughout the world, having people baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.**

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

**Matthew 28: 19**

**Lord, bring up teachers, that instruct Your followers to observe all things You have commanded. Thank You for promising to be with me always, even to the end of the world. Amen.**

**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.**

**Matthew 28: 20**

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