

²⁵ A Torah-expert stood up to test Jesus, saying,
“What must I do to inherit sustainable life?”

²⁶ Jesus said to him,
“What is written in the Torah? How do you read it?”

²⁷ Answering, he said,
“You will love the Lord your Creator out of your whole heart, with your whole life, with your whole strength, and with all of your decisions, and your fellow creature as much as yourself.”

²⁸ Jesus said to him,
“You have answered correctly. Do this and you will be living.”

²⁹ But, wanting to show himself to be living-justly, he said to Jesus,
“But who is my fellow creature?”

³⁰ Taking it up, Jesus said,
“A person was coming down from Jerusalem to Jericho and he fell among terrorists. Stripping and wounding him, they departed, setting him free near death. ³¹ Coincidentally, a temple-caretaker was coming down on that way and, seeing him, passed by on the opposite side. ³² Likewise, a member of the tribe of Levi also came up to that place and, seeing him, passed by on the opposite side. ³³ Then a traveler from Samaria came up to him and, seeing him, had empathy on him. ³⁴ Coming to him, he wrapped his injuries after pouring olive oil and wine on them. Mounting him on his own animal, he brought him into a lodge and assisted him. ³⁵ On the next day, he gave two days’ pay to the lodge and said,
‘Assist him. Whatever you consume I will give back to you when I return.’

³⁶ Which of these three do you assume was a fellow creature of the one who fell among the terrorists?”

³⁷ He said,
“The one living compassionately alongside him.”

Then Jesus said to him,
“Go and do likewise.”

³⁸ While they went, Jesus came into a village and a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary who, sitting near the feet of the Lord, began listening to his word. ⁴⁰ Martha was being distracted by a great amount of service and, standing over them, said,
“Lord, are you not concerned that my sister leaves me to serve all alone? Speak to her, so she will assist me!”

⁴¹ Answering, Jesus said to her,
“Martha, Martha, you are worrying and being disturbed by many things. ⁴² Only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

^{11.1} While Jesus was in a certain place praying, one of his apprentices said to him when he stopped,
“Lord, teach us to pray. Like how John taught his apprentices.”

² Jesus said to them,
“When you pray, say,
‘Father, make your name divine, bring your Rule, ³ give us our necessary bread for this day, ⁴ set us free from our rebellions as we also set free every debt owed to us, and do not bring us into testing.’”

⁵ Jesus said to them,
“If one of you went to a friend at midnight and said to her,
‘Friend, I need three loaves of bread ⁶ since my friend has come forth from the way and I do not have anything to set down before her,’
⁷ will she answer from within, saying,
‘Do not provide me with trouble! The door has already been closed and my servant-children are in bed, as am I. I am not able to give to you?’
⁸ I say to you, even if, after standing up, she will not give to you because she is your friend, yet because of your shamelessness she will give to you as much as you need.
⁹ I also say to you, ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened for you.
¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, whoever seeks finds, and for whoever knocks it will be opened.
¹¹ Which father among you, if his child will ask for a fish, will give him a serpent in place of a fish? ¹² Or if he will ask for an egg, will give to him a scorpion? ¹³ Therefore, if you evil possessed people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father from heaven give the Divine Breath to those who ask him?”

¹⁴ While Jesus was casting out an animating-force from a person who was deaf-mute, the deaf-mute person spoke and the crowds marveled. ¹⁵ But some among them said,
“By the Lord-of-Feces, the leader of the animating-forces, he is casting out animating-forces!”

¹⁶ Testing Jesus, others began seeking a heavenly sign from him. ¹⁷ But perceiving their minds, Jesus said to them, “Every rule, if it is divided against itself, is laid waste and a house divided against itself is falling. ¹⁸ If the Attacker has been divided, how will its rule stand? You are saying that I cast out animating-forces by the Lord-of-Feces. ¹⁹ If I am indeed casting out animating-forces by the Lord-of-Feces, by what are your children casting them out? Because of this, they will be your judges. ²⁰ But, if I am casting out animating-forces by the finger of the Creator, then the Rule of the Creator has arrived against you!

²¹ When a fully-armed strong one is guarding his own courtyard, his possessions are safe. ²² But, when one stronger than him comes upon him, the stronger one conquers him, takes his armament which he had been persuaded to rely on, and distributes his goods.

²³ Whoever is not with me, is against me. Whoever is not gathering with me, is dispersing. ²⁴ Whenever an impure breath comes out of a person it goes through dry places seeking rest. Not finding it, it says,

‘I will return to my house where I came out.’

²⁵ Arriving, it finds it swept and arranged. ²⁶ Then it goes, takes seven other evil breaths with it, and enters to dwell there. The last situation of the person has become worse than the first!”

²⁷ As Jesus said these things, a woman’s voice, lifting up from the crowd, said to him,

“Privileged is the womb that carried you and the breasts that nursed you!”

²⁸ Jesus said,

“On the contrary, privileged are those who listen to and guard the word of the Creator!”

²⁹ As the crowds were gathering together, Jesus began to say,

“This generation is an evil generation! It is seeking a sign, but it will not be given a sign, except for the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For as Jonah became a sign for those in Nineveh, so also the Child of Humanity will be for this generation. ³¹ The Ruler of Southern Arabia will be raised at the judgment with the men of this generation and she will judge against them, for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon. Look! One much greater than Solomon is here!

³² The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and they will judge against it, for they transformed because of the proclamation of Jonah. Look! One much greater than Jonah is here!

³³ No one, kindling a lamp, puts it in a hidden place, but upon a lampstand so those entering will see the light.

³⁴ The lamp of the body is your eye. When your eye is single-focused, your entire body is also light. But when it is evil, your body is also dark. ³⁵ Therefore, make sure that the light, which is in you, is not darkness! ³⁶ Therefore, if your entire body is light, having no part which is darkness, it will be fully light, like when a lamp lights you up with a flash.”

³⁷ While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee requested to have a meal with him. Entering in, Jesus sat down. ³⁸ Seeing that Jesus was not first baptized before the morning meal, the Pharisee marveled. ³⁹ The Lord said to him,

“You Pharisees purify the outside of the cup and plate, but within you are full of stolen-wealth and evil. ⁴⁰ Fools! Whoever did the outside also did the inside. ⁴¹ Give away what you are holding for yourselves as gifts-of-compassion and, look, everything will be pure for you.

⁴² But you Pharisees are condemned, for you give a tenth of mint, rue, and every garden plant, but you ignore the judgment and love of the Creator. It is necessary to do and not disregard these things! ⁴³ You Pharisees are condemned, for you love the seat of power in the synagogues and formal greetings in places of trade. ⁴⁴ You are condemned, for you are like unseen graves that humanity walks around upon without knowing.”

⁴⁵ Answering him, one of the Torah-experts said,

“Saying these things you are shaming us as well!”

⁴⁶ Jesus said,

“You Torah-experts are condemned as well! For you load humanity with difficult loads, but not even one of your fingers is holding the loads. ⁴⁷ You are condemned, for you build the graves of the prophets and your fathers put them to death. ⁴⁸ You are testimonies of this and are approving of the works of your fathers, for they put them to death and you build! ⁴⁹ Because of this the wisdom of the Creator also said,

‘Send them prophets and representatives and some of them they will kill and hunt down.’

⁵⁰ The blood of all the prophets, poured out for the sake of the creation of the world, will be sought out from this generation! ⁵¹ From the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was destroyed between the altar and the house. Yes, I say to you, it will be sought out from this generation. ⁵² You Torah-experts are condemned, for you took the key of knowledge, but you did not enter and you prevented those who are trying to enter!”

⁵³ Afterward, as Jesus was going out, the writers and Pharisees began to hold a terrible grudge against him. They interrogated him about many things, ⁵⁴ while lying in wait to catch something from his mouth.