

^{12.1} When the crowd of thousands had gathered together so they trampled one another, Jesus first began to say to his apprentices,

“Be attentive to yourselves and stay away from the Pharisees’ yeast, which is pretending. ² There is nothing, having been veiled, which will not be unveiled, or hidden, which will not be made known. ³ Whatever things you spoke as in darkness, will be listened to in the light. The thing you whispered while in the inner rooms, will be proclaimed upon the roofs.

⁴ I say to you, my friends, do not fear because of those who kill the body but, beyond these things, do not have more that they can do. ⁵ I will show you whom to fear. Fear the one who, beyond putting to death, has the authority to throw into the Valley of Hinnom. Yes, I say to you, fear this one! ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for an eighth of a day’s pay? Yet not one of them is forgotten in the sight of the Creator. ⁷ Even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear! You are being carried like many sparrows.

⁸ I say to you, everyone who will declare loyalty to me in front of humanity, the Child of Humanity will declare loyalty to her in front of the messengers of the Creator. ⁹ But whoever says ‘no’ to me in the sight of humanity, will be said ‘no’ to in the sight of the messengers of the Creator. ¹⁰ Whoever will speak a word for the Child of Humanity, will be set free by him. But the one who is slandering the Divine Breath, will not be set free. ¹¹ When they bring you to the synagogues, the leaders, and the authorities, do not worry about how or whether to explain yourselves or what to say, ¹² for the Divine Breath will teach you in that hour what it is necessary to say.”

¹³ Someone from the crowd said to Jesus,

“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me!”

¹⁴ But Jesus said to him,

“Man, who put me as judge or divider over you?”

¹⁵ Then Jesus said to them,

“Watch and guard yourselves from all desire to have more! For with an excess of possessions a person has no life!”

¹⁶ Jesus spoke an analogy to them, saying,

“The land of a wealthy person produced well ¹⁷ and he began considering within himself, saying, ‘What will I do? For I have nowhere to gather my fruits.’ ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this. I will take down my barns and I will build larger ones. There I will gather all of the grain and my goods. ¹⁹ I will say to my life, “Life, you have many goods laid up for many years! Rest! Eat! Drink! Celebrate!”’

²⁰ But the Creator said to him, ‘Fool! This night your life is being demanded back from you! Then what will be of the things you prepared?’ ²¹ The one who stores things up for his own, is not wealthy with respect to the Creator.”

²² Then Jesus said to his apprentices,

“Because of this I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, nor your body, what you will put on.

²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.

²⁴ Observe the ravens! They do not scatter seed or harvest, they have no inner room or barn, and yet the Creator nourishes them. How much more are you being carried than the birds? ²⁵ Which of you, by worrying, is able to add any length to his lifespan? ²⁶ Therefore, if you are not able to do the smallest thing, why are you worrying about the rest?

²⁷ Observe the wildflowers! How does one grow? It does not labor or spin cloth. But I say to you, Solomon in all his triumph was not clothed like one of these! ²⁸ If the Creator so adorns the grass in the field, which is here today and the next day is thrown into the furnace, how much more will he adorn you?

You people of little trust! ²⁹ Do not seek what you will eat or drink. Do not worry. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world are seeking after these things and your Father already knows that you need them. ³¹ Seek your Father’s Rule instead and these things will be added to you. ³² Do not fear, little flock. It is your Father’s good desire to give you his Rule! ³³ Sell your possessions and give gifts-of-compassion. Make a money-bag for yourselves that is not becoming useless—an unfailling storage in the heavens where no thief is within grasp and no moth is consuming. ³⁴ For where your storage is, there your heart is also.

³⁵ Be ready! Your waist wrapped and lamps burning. ³⁶ Like persons waiting for when their Lord will release them for the marriage feasts, so when he comes and knocks they will immediately open up for him. ³⁷ Privileged are those slaves that the Lord will find staying awake. Truly I say to you, he will wrap himself, recline them, and, coming by, he will serve them. ³⁸ And if he comes between nine at night and three in the morning and

finds it as such, privileged are these. ³⁹ Know this! If the house-master had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have set his house free to be broken into. ⁴⁰ Be ready! The hour of the Child of Humanity is coming when you are not assuming.”

⁴¹ Peter said,

“Lord, are you saying this analogy for us or also for all?”

⁴² The Lord said,

“It is for the trusting, intelligent economic-manager. The Lord will place this one under his care and will give him food rations in season. ⁴³ Privileged is that slave who, when his Lord comes, will be found living in this manner. ⁴⁴ Truthfully I say to you, the Lord will put him over all his possessions.

⁴⁵ But if that slave says in his heart, ‘My Lord is delaying to come,’ and begins to hit the male and female servants, to eat, drink, and get drunk, ⁴⁶ then the Lord of that slave will show up, on a day he is not expecting and in an hour he is not knowing, and he will cut him off and his part will be with the untrustful. ⁴⁷ The slave who knew the desires of his Lord, but did not prepare or do his desires, will be whipped many times. ⁴⁸ The one who did not know and does what is worthy of wounds, will be whipped a few times. Much will be sought from everyone who was given much, and they will ask for more from the one to whom they entrusted more.

⁴⁹ I came to throw fire upon the earth and how I want it to already be started! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism to be baptized with and how I am gripping till it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you assume that I have come forth to give harmony to the earth? Not at all! Instead, I say to you, division. ⁵² For from now on, five in one house will be divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against bride and bride against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ Jesus was also saying to the crowds,

“When you see a cloud ascending in the west, you immediately say,

‘A thunderstorm is coming,’

and so it happens. ⁵⁵ When a south wind is blowing, you say,

‘It will be very hot,’

and it happens. ⁵⁶ Pretenders! You know how to examine the face of earth and heaven, so how do you not know how to examine this season?

⁵⁷ Why can’t you also judge for yourselves what is justice? ⁵⁸ As you are going with your opponent to the leader, work to be released from him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge. The judge will give you over to the officer and the officer will throw you under guard. ⁵⁹ I say to you, you will never come out from there till you have given back the last smallest coin.”

^{13.1} Some were present in that same season, reporting to Jesus about those in Galilee whose blood Pilate had mixed with their victims. ² Answering, Jesus said to them,

“Do you assume these Galileans were more rebellious than all those in Galilee because they suffered these things?

³ Not at all! I say to you, on the contrary, unless you transform you will all be similarly destroyed! ⁴ Or those eighteen that the tower in Siloam fell upon and killed, do you assume that they were in more debt than all of the humanity dwelling in Jerusalem? ⁵ Not at all! I say to you, on the contrary, unless you transform you will all likewise be destroyed!”

⁶ Jesus began saying this analogy,

“Someone had a fig tree planted in his orchard and he came seeking fruit on it and did not find any. ⁷ He said to the orchard worker,

‘Look! I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree for three years and I am finding none. Cut it down! Why should it even use the earth?’

⁸ Answering, he said to him,

‘Lord, set it free this year till I dig around it and throw on manure. ⁹ See if it produces fruit this coming year. Then, if not, cut it down.’”