

¹⁰ Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbaths. ¹¹ There was a woman having a breath of weakness for eighteen years—she was bending over and was not able to straighten up completely. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he voiced to her and said,

“Woman, be released from your weakness!”

¹³ He put hands upon her and immediately she was upright and began declaring the triumph of the Creator. ¹⁴ The synagogue-leader, angry that Jesus had cared for someone on the Sabbath, began saying to the crowd,

“There are six days when it is necessary to work—therefore, come be cared for on those and not on the day of the Sabbath!”

¹⁵ The Lord answered him and said,

“Pretenders! Do not each of you, on the Sabbath, release your ox or donkey from the feeding trough and, after bringing it out, give it a drink? ¹⁶ This woman is a daughter of Abraham whom the Attacker bound for, look, eighteen years—is it not necessary to release her from this binding on the day of the Sabbath?”

¹⁷ As Jesus was saying these things all those opposing him began being dismissive, but the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the splendid things happening through him. ¹⁸ Therefore, Jesus began saying,

“What is the Rule of the Creator similar to and with what will I compare it? ¹⁹ It is similar to a seed of a mustard plant, which a person received and threw into her garden. It grew and became a tree and ‘the birds of heaven settled in its branches.’”

²⁰ Again Jesus said,

“With what will I compare the Rule of the Creator? ²¹ It is similar to yeast, which a woman received and hid in three measures of wheat flour till it had all been yeasted.”

²² Jesus was going through cities and villages, teaching and journeying to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone said to him,

“Lord, are only a few being rescued?”

Jesus said to them,

²⁴ “Struggle to enter through the narrow door! I say to you, many will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ Once the house-master has been raised and has closed the door, then you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for us!’ Answering, he will say to you, ‘I do not recognize who you are.’ ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your sight and you taught in our streets!’ ²⁷ He will speak, saying to you, ‘I do not recognize who you are. Stand away from me, all workers of injustice!’

²⁸ There will be crying and snarling of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the Rule of the Creator, while you are being cast outside. ²⁹ They will show up from sunrise and sunset and from north and south and they will recline in the Rule of the Creator. ³⁰ Look! Those who are last will be first! Those who are first will be last!”

³¹ During that hour, some Pharisees came, saying to Jesus,

“Come out and go away from here! Herod Antipas is wanting to kill you!”

³² Jesus said to them,

“Go say to that fox,

‘Look! I am casting out animating-forces and accomplishing healings today, the next day, and on the third I am completing it!’

³³ Nevertheless, it is necessary for me to go today, the next day, and on the one after, because it is not allowable for a prophet to be destroyed outside Jerusalem.

³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem. The one who is putting to death the prophets and throwing stones at those sent to it. How often I have wanted to gather together your children in the manner that a hen gathers her own chicks under the wings—but you were not willing! ³⁵ Look! Your house is being set free for you! I say to you, you will not see me till you say,

‘Honored is the one coming in the name of the Lord!’”

^{14.1} When Jesus came to the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees to eat bread on a Sabbath, they began keeping close to him. ² A person, who was swelling with fluids, was in front of him ³ and Jesus spoke to the Torah-experts and Pharisees, saying,

“Is it appropriate to care for others on the Sabbath or not?”

⁴ But they did nothing. Taking hold of the man, Jesus healed him and released him. ⁵ Jesus said to them,

“If a child or ox will fall into a pit, which of you will not immediately pull her out on a day of the Sabbath?”

⁶ They were not able to give a rebuttal to these things. ⁷ Pausing over how those who had been invited there were choosing the positions of status, Jesus then began speaking an analogy, saying to them,

⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a marriage feast, do not sit down in the position of status! If there is one more valued than you invited by him, ⁹ then the one who invited both of you will say to you,

‘Give up this place.’

Then you will be dismissed to hold the last place. ¹⁰ But, when you are invited, go sit down in the last place so, when the one who invited you comes, he will say to you,

‘Friend! Go up higher!’

Then there will be triumph for you in the sight of all those eating with you. ¹¹ Everyone who lifts himself up will be made low! But whoever lowers himself will be lifted up!”

¹² Jesus also began saying to the one who had invited him,

“Whenever you have a morning or evening meal, do not invite your friends, your brothers, your relatives, or wealthy neighbors, lest they also invite you back and you are repaid. ¹³ But, when you have a feast, invite the dirt-poor, the crippled, the disabled, and the blind. ¹⁴ You will be privileged because they cannot repay you. Certainly it will be repaid to you at the resurrection of those living-justly.”

¹⁵ Listening to these things, one of those eating said to Jesus,

“Privileged is the one who will eat bread in the Rule of the Creator!”

¹⁶ Jesus said to him,

“A person was having a great evening meal and invited many. ¹⁷ She sent her slave, at the hour of the evening meal, to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come! It is now ready!’

¹⁸ They began, one at a time, to refuse. The first said to her, ‘I traded for a field and I have an obligation to go out and see it. I am requesting of you, have me excused.’ ¹⁹ Another said, ‘I traded for five pairs of oxen and I am going to examine them. I am requesting of you, have me excused.’ ²⁰ Another said, ‘I married a woman and because of this I am not able to come.’

²¹ Coming forth, the slave reported these things to his Lord. Becoming angry, the house-master said to her slave, ‘Quickly, go out into the streets and alleys of the city and bring the dirt-poor, crippled, blind, and disabled in here!’ ²² The slave said, ‘Lord, what you ordered has happened and space is still available.’ ²³ The Lord said to the slave, ‘Go out to the ways and fences and compel them to come in so my house will be filled! ²⁴ For I say to you, none of those men who were invited will partake of my evening meal!’”