

^{17.1} Jesus said to his apprentices,

“It is impossible for the things that cause people to stop following not to come. Nevertheless, the one through whom it comes is condemned! ² It would be more profitable for him if a grinding stone were tied around his neck and it were hurled into the sea, than that he cause one of these little ones to stop following. ³ Be attentive to yourselves! If your brother rebels, rebuke him. If he transforms, set him free. ⁴ If he rebels against you seven times in the day and he turns back seven times, saying to you,

‘I am transforming,’
you must set him free.”

⁵ The representatives said to the Lord,

“Add to our trust!”

⁶ The Lord said,

“If you have trust like a seed of the mustard plant, then whenever you are saying to the imitation-fig tree,

‘Be uprooted and be planted in the sea,’
it will listen to you! ⁷ Which of you, having a slave, entering from plowing or herding sheep in the field, will say to him,

‘Immediately, come sit down’?

⁸ But will he not say to him,

‘Prepare, so I may dine. Wrap yourself and serve me while I eat and drink and then, after that, you will eat and drink’?

⁹ He is not generous to the slave because he did the things he had been ordered. ¹⁰ So also, you, whenever you do all the things you have been ordered, say,

‘We are not special slaves, what we have done we were indebted to do.’”

¹¹ While they went to Jerusalem, Jesus was passing through between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² When he entered into a village, ten men with a repulsive-skin-condition, who stood at a distance, met him. ¹³ They lifted up a voice, saying,

“Jesus, mentor, have compassion on us!”

¹⁴ Seeing, Jesus said to them,

“Go, show yourselves to the temple-caretakers.”

As they went, they were purified. ¹⁵ One of them, seeing that he was healed, returned with a great voice, declaring the triumph of the Creator. ¹⁶ He fell on his face beside Jesus’s feet, giving thanks to him—and he was from Samaria. ¹⁷ Answering, Jesus said,

“Were not ten purified? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Were they not found returning to give triumph to the Creator? Only this one of foreign birth?”

¹⁹ Jesus said to him,

“Stand up! Go, your trust has rescued you.”

²⁰ Jesus began being asked by the Pharisees when the Rule of the Creator was arriving. He answered them,

“The Rule of the Creator is not arriving through organization. ²¹ They will not say, ‘Look here!’ or ‘Look there!’ for the Rule of the Creator is within you.”

²² Jesus said to the apprentices,

“The days will come when you will want to see one of the days of the Child of Humanity and you will not see one. ²³ They will say to you,

‘Look there! Look here!’

Do not go away or hunt after them. ²⁴ For as lightning flashes from heaven into heaven, so also will be the Child of Humanity. ²⁵ But first, it is necessary for him to suffer many things and to be rejected by this generation.

²⁶ As it happened in the days of Noah, so also it will be in the days of the Child of Humanity. ²⁷ They were eating, drinking, marrying, and being given in marriage till the day Noah entered into the wooden box and the flood came and destroyed all things. ²⁸ Likewise, it happened in the days of

Lot—they were eating, drinking, trading, selling, planting, and building,²⁹ but the day Lot came out from Sodom it rained fire and divine incense from heaven and destroyed all things.³⁰ It will be similar to these on the day the Child of Humanity is unveiled.

³¹ If, on that day, someone is upon the roof with his stuff in the house, then do not go down to take it. Likewise, if someone is in the field, then do not turn back for the things left behind.³² Remember Lot's woman!³³ Whoever seeks to preserve her life will destroy it. But whoever destroys it will come to life.³⁴ I say to you, on that night two will be upon one bed, the one will be taken and the other will be set free.³⁵ Two will be grinding grain together, one will be taken but the other will be set free.”

³⁷ Responding, they said to him,

“Where, Lord?”

Then Jesus said to them,

“Where the body is, there also the eagles will gather.”