

<sup>18.1</sup> Jesus began saying an analogy to them, about how it is always necessary to pray and not be discouraged, <sup>2</sup> saying,

“A judge of a city was not fearing the Creator and was not respecting humanity. <sup>3</sup> A widow was in that city and began coming to him, saying,

‘Bring me justice from my opponent!’

<sup>4</sup> At the time he was not willing to, but, after she kept coming, he said within himself,

‘Even if I do not fear the Creator or respect humanity <sup>5</sup> yet, because this widow provides me trouble, I will bring her justice, so she will not put circles under my eyes by coming till the end!’”

<sup>6</sup> The Lord said,

“Listen to what the unjust judge is saying. <sup>7</sup> Will not the Creator bring justice to those he has chosen, who are crying out to him day and night? Is he not being patient with them? <sup>8</sup> I say to you, he will bring them justice with haste! Nevertheless, when the Child of Humanity arrives, will he find any trust upon the earth?”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus also said this analogy to those who are persuaded that they themselves live-justly and yet are despising others,

<sup>10</sup> “Two persons went up to the temple-complex to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing for himself, began praying these things,

‘the Creator, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—violently greedy, unjust, a violator of sexual honor, or even like this tax-collector! <sup>12</sup> I go without consuming twice on the Sabbath! I give a tenth of all the things which I acquire!’

<sup>13</sup> But the tax-collector, far off, was not willing to stand or to lift up his eyes to heaven. He began hitting his chest, saying,

‘the Creator, be reconciled with me, a rebel.’

<sup>14</sup> I say to you, this one went down into his house having shown justice, rather than the other one. For everyone who is lifting himself up will be made low. But the one who is lowering himself will be lifted up.”

<sup>15</sup> Then they were bringing infants to Jesus so he would hold them. But, after seeing it, his apprentices began to rebuke them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called to them, saying,

“Set the servant-children free to come to me and do not prevent them! For the Rule of the Creator belongs to those like this. <sup>17</sup> Truly I say to you, whoever does not embrace the Rule of the Creator like a servant-child will never enter into it.”

<sup>18</sup> A leader asked Jesus,

“Good teacher, what must I do to inherit sustainable life?”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus said to him,

“Why are you saying that I am good? No one is good except the one the Creator. <sup>20</sup> You know the commands,

‘Do not violate the sexual honor of yourself or another, do not kill, do not steal, do not give misrepresenting testimony, value your father and mother.’”

<sup>21</sup> He said,

“All these I have guarded since my youth.”

<sup>22</sup> Listening, Jesus said to him,

“Still, there is one thing you are leaving out. Sell everything you have and distribute it to the dirt-poor, for through this you will have a storage in the heavens. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>23</sup> Listening to these things, he became deeply grieved, for he was exceedingly wealthy. <sup>24</sup> Discerning it, Jesus said to him,

“How difficult is it for those having riches to enter the Rule of the Creator? <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a wealthy person to enter the Rule of the Creator.”

<sup>26</sup> Those listening said,

“Then who is able to be rescued?”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus said,

“The powerless in the sight of humanity are powerful in the sight of the Creator.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter said,

“Look! After setting free the things we owned, we followed you!”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to them,

“Truly I say to you, there is no one who has set free their house, spouse, brothers, parents, or children, for the cause of the Rule of the Creator, <sup>30</sup> who is not receiving many times more in this season and, in the arriving age, sustainable life.”

<sup>31</sup> Taking the twelve aside, Jesus said to them,

“Look! We are going up into Jerusalem and all the things written through the prophets about the the Child of Humanity will be completed. <sup>32</sup> He will be given over to the nations and he will be mocked, shamed, and spit upon, <sup>33</sup> and, after beating him, they will put him to death. But on the third day he will stand up.”

<sup>34</sup> They understood none of this—this matter was hidden from them and they did not know what Jesus was saying. <sup>35</sup> When Jesus was within grasp of Jericho, a blind man was sitting beyond the Way, begging. <sup>36</sup>

Listening to the crowd going through, he began inquiring about what this was. <sup>37</sup> They reported to him,

“Jesus of Nazareth is coming by!”

<sup>38</sup> He cried out, saying,

“Jesus, child of David, have compassion on me!”

<sup>39</sup> Those going in front, began rebuking him,

“Silence!”

But he began shouting much more,

“Child of David, have compassion on me!”

<sup>40</sup> Standing still, Jesus instructed him to come to him. When he was within his grasp, Jesus asked him,

<sup>41</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?”

He said,

“Lord, let me see again!”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him,

“See again! Your trust has rescued you.”

<sup>43</sup> Immediately, he saw again and began to follow Jesus, declaring the triumph of the Creator. Upon seeing this, all the people gave praise to the Creator. <sup>19.1</sup> Entering Jericho, Jesus began going through it. <sup>2</sup> There was a man named Zacchaeus, who was a leader of the tax-collectors and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He was seeking to see who Jesus was, but was not able to because of the crowd, for he was little in stature. <sup>4</sup> Running ahead to the front, he climbed a fig-mulberry tree so he could see Jesus, for Jesus was about to be going through that place. <sup>5</sup> As Jesus came upon the place, he looked up and said to him,

“Zacchaeus! Speedily come down! Today it is necessary for me to remain in your house.”

<sup>6</sup> Rejoicing, Zacchaeus speedily came down and welcomed Jesus. <sup>7</sup> Seeing this, they all began complaining, saying,

“Jesus is entering with a rebellious man to relax!”

<sup>8</sup> But, standing still, Zacchaeus said to the Lord,

“Look! Half of my possessions, Lord, I am giving to the dirt-poor! Then to the one I oppressed I am giving back four times as much!”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him,

“Today, rescue has come to this house because he is now a child of Abraham! <sup>10</sup> The Child of Humanity came to seek and rescue those headed to destruction.”