

## JESUS CHRIST SON OF MAN WARNINGS

### 1. WARNING AGAINST HYPOCRISY

- A. **Luke 12:1-3** Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "**Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup>There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>3</sup>What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.**
- i. **zume**, Greek 2219, Strong's **zume**, *dzoo'-may*; probably from Greek 2204 (zeo); *ferment* (as if *boiling up*) :- leaven
  - ii. **hupokrisis**, Greek 5272, Strong's **hupokrisis**, *hoop-ok'-ree-sis*; from Greek 5271 (hupokrinomai); *acting under* a feigned participle i.e. (figurative) *deceit* ("*hypocrisy*") :- condemnation, dissimulation, hypocrisy.
- III. **<sup>2</sup>THERE IS NOTHING CONCEALED THAT WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED**
- (1) THIS IS TAKING PLACE TODAY.
  - (2) IT WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE AT THE JUDGMENT
    - (a) **Revelations 20:11-15** And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. <sup>14</sup>And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup>And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

### 2. WARNINGS AGAINST FEARING MEN

- a. **Luke 12:4-9** And I say unto you my friends, **Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.** <sup>5</sup>But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. <sup>6</sup>Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? <sup>7</sup>But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>8</sup>Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: <sup>9</sup>But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.
- I. **BE NOT AFRAID OF THEM THAT KILL THE BODY**
- (1) WHAT THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH HAD TO REALIZE, MANY TODAY AND COMING THE TRIBULATION CHURCH
  - (2) <sup>7</sup>BUT EVEN THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED
- II. FEAR HIM, WHICH AFTER HE HATH KILLED HATH POWER TO CAST INTO HELL; YEA, I SAY UNTO YOU, FEAR HIM.
- (1) WHO IS THIS SPEAKING OF? DO YOU THINK IT STRANGE?
- III. CAST INTO HELL
- (1) **geenna**, Greek 1067, Strong's **geenna**, *gheh'-en-nah*; of Hebrew origin [Hebrew 1516 (gay') and Hebrew 2011 (Hinnom)]; *valley of* (the son of) *Hinnom*; *gehenna* (or *Ge-Hinnom*), a valley of Jerusalem, used (figurative) as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment :- hell.

- (2) **GEHENNA** ONLY CERTAIN PEOPLE ARE IN DANGER OF GOING
- (a) **Matthew 5:22-23** But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.  
<sup>23</sup>Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;  
 (I) NOTE WHAT THIS SAYS.  
 (II) SEE THE STAGES OF TRIALS, THOSE DOING THE JUDGING, AND WHAT YOU SHOULD DO!
  - (b) **Matthew 23:15** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.  
 (I) NOTE WHAT THIS VERSE SAYS!
  - (c) **Matthew 23:33** Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?  
 (I) WHAT IS THE QUESTION HERE?
- (3) ONLY VICTORY OVER SIN WILL ENABLE ONE TO ESCAPE HELL
- (a) **Matthew 5:29-30** And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.
  - (b) **Matthew 18:9** And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.
  - (c) **Revelations 21:8** But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.
- (4) BOTH BODY AND SOUL GO TO HELL
- (a) **Matthew 10:28** And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell
- (5) HELL IS A PLACE OF DAMNATION
- (a) **Isaiah 66:22-24** For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. <sup>23</sup>And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. <sup>24</sup>And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.
  - (b) **Revelations 14:9-11** And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, <sup>10</sup>The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: <sup>11</sup>And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.
- (6) BODIES OF MAN PUT IN HELL AFTER THE JUDGMENT
- (a) **Revelations 20:11-15** And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was

opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. <sup>14</sup>And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup>And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

(7) GOD ONLY HAS POWER TO CAST INTO HELL

(8) THE TONGUE A TYPE OF HELL

- (a) **James 3:6** And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

(9) DEGREES OF PUNISHMENT IN HELL

- (a) **Matthew 23:14-15** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. <sup>15</sup>Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.
- (b) **Revelations 20:13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

(10) MEN WILL BE ALIVE WHEN THEY GO INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE

- (a) **Revelations 19:20** And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.
- (b) **Revelations 20:11-15** And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. <sup>14</sup>And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup>And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

(11) HELL IS A PLACE OF ETERNAL TORMENT WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE

- (a) **Revelations 14:9-11** And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, <sup>10</sup>The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: <sup>11</sup>And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

- (b) **Revelations 20:10-15** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. <sup>11</sup>And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. <sup>13</sup>And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. <sup>14</sup>And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup>And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

### 3. THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

- a. **Luke 12:10** And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.
- i. **blasphemeo, Greek 987, Strong's blasphemeo, blas-fay-meh'-o**; from Greek 989 (blasphemos); to *vilify*; specially to *speak impiously* :- (speak) blaspheme (-er, -mously, -my), defame, rail on, revile, speak evil.
- (1) SPEAK EVIL OF
- (a) **Ephesians 4:31** Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.
- (b) **Jude 1:8** In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings.
- (2) RAIL
- (a) **1 Timothy 6:3-4** If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, <sup>4</sup>he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions
- (b) **2 Peter 2:10-11** This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority.
- (c) **1 Timothy 6:3-4** If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; <sup>4</sup>He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,
- (d) **2 Peter 2:10-11** But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. <sup>11</sup>Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings; <sup>11</sup>yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord.
- (3) REVILE
- (a) **Matthew 27:39** Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads
- (b) **Matthew 27:39** And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,
- (4) DEFAME
- (a) **1 Corinthians 4:13** Being defamed, we entreat: we are made as the filth of the world, *and are* the off scouring of all things unto this day.
- (b) **1 Corinthians 4:13** when we are slandered, we answer kindly. Up to this moment we have become the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world.
- (5) SLANDER
- (a) **Romans 3:8** And not *rather*, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we

say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

- (b) **Romans 3:8** Why not say--as we are being slanderously reported as saying and as some claim that we say--"Let us do evil that good may result"? Their condemnation is deserved.

(6) INSULT

- (a) **Matthew 12:28-33** But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup>"Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can rob his house. <sup>30</sup>"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. <sup>31</sup>And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>32</sup>Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. <sup>33</sup>"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.

(1) BLASPHEMY IS ANY INSULTING REMARK OR CURSE ATTRIBUTING TO SATAN THE WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. IT IS UNFORGIVABLE IF IT IS DONE MALICIOUSLY AND KNOWINGLY

- 1) **Hebrews 6:4-9** It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup>who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, <sup>6</sup>if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace. <sup>7</sup>Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. <sup>8</sup>But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned. <sup>9</sup>Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case--things that accompany salvation.
- 2) **Hebrews 10:26-31** If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, <sup>27</sup>but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. <sup>28</sup>Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. <sup>29</sup>How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup>For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." <sup>31</sup>It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

4. OPPOSITION TO THE GOSPEL

- a. **Luke 12:11-12** "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, <sup>12</sup>for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

I. THE IMPORTANT THING HERE TO SEE 'WHEN' NOT 'IF'. WE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TODAY WHEN THE WORD OF GOD IS RESISTED. WE KNOW THAT AROUND THE WORLD OUR FELLOW BELIEVERS ARE FACING HARD TIMES.

II. BUT LET US LOOK AT THE THREE CLASSES OF GROUPS THAT WE WILL BE FACING!

- (1) **synagoge**, Greek 4864, Strong's **sunagoge**, *soon-ag-o-gay'*; from (the reduplicated form of) Greek 4863 (sunago); an *assemblage* of persons; specially a Jewish "synagogue" (the meeting or the place); by analogy a Christian *church* :- assembly, congregation, synagogue.

- (2) **arche**, Greek 746, Strong's **arche**, *ar-khay'*; from Greek 756 (archomai);

(properly abstract) **A COMMENCEMENT**, or (concrete) *chief* (in various applications of order, time, place or rank) :- beginning, corner, (at the, the) **FIRST (ESTATE)**, magistrate, power, principality, principle, rule.

- (3) **exousia**, Greek 1849, Strong's **exousia**, *ex-oo-see'-ah*; from Greek 1832 (*exesti*) (in the sense of *ability*); *privilege*, i.e. (subject) *force, capacity, competency, freedom*, or (object) *mastery* (concrete *magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control*), **DELEGATED INFLUENCE** :- authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

## 5. WARNING AGAINST COVETOUSNESS

- a. **Luke 12:13-15** Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, "**Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?**" <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, "**Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.**"

### I. "MAN, WHO APPOINTED ME A JUDGE OR AN ARBITER BETWEEN YOU?"

- (1) [Matthew Henry] Christ's kingdom is spiritual, and not of this world. Christianity does not meddle with politics; it obliges all to do justly, but worldly dominion is not founded in grace. It does not encourage expectations of worldly advantages by religion. The rewards of Christ's disciples are of another nature. Covetousness is a sin we need constantly to be warned against; for happiness and comfort do not depend on the wealth of this world. The things of the world will not satisfy the desires of a soul.

### II. A MAN'S LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST IN THE ABUNDANCE OF HIS POSSESSIONS."

- (1) [DAVID SPEAKS OF THE LIFE TO COME]

(A) **Acts 2:28** You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

- (2) GOD HAS CALLED US INTO A NEW LIFE

(a) **Romans 6:4** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

(b) **Romans 8:6** The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;

- (3) A LIFE IN A NEW COVENANT

(a) **2 Corinthians 3:6** He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

(b) **Colossians 3:3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

(c) **James 4:14** Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

- (4) YOUR LIFE TODAY IS NOT TO BE AIMED AT THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD.

(a) **1 John 2:16** For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world.

- (5) MY LIFE IS TO DO THE WILL OF GOD!

## 6. PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

- a. **Luke 12:16-21** And he told them this parable: "**The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop.** <sup>17</sup>**He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'** <sup>18</sup>**Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.** <sup>19</sup>**And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink**





LIFE IS MORE THAN MEAT	Life is more than food
THE BODY MORE THAN CLOTHES	and the body more than clothes
Men are greater than Birds	how much more valuable you are than birds
WORRY CAN NOT CHANGE THE BODY	by worrying can add a single hour to his life?
MEN GREATER THAN PLANTS THAT DO NOT WORRY	They do not labor or spin
GOD PROVIDES FOR ALL	is how God clothes the grass of the field, ...even the pagans
WORRY IS USELESS AND SINFUL AND MAY NOT BE TOLERATED	O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it.

II. HERE WE ARE TOLD WHAT TO DO!

(1) <sup>31</sup>**BUT SEEK**

- (a) seek = **punthanomai**, Greek 4441, Strong's **punthanomai**, *poon-than'-om-ah-ee*; middle prolonged from a primary **putho** (which occurs only as an alternate in certain tenses); to *question*, i.e. *ascertain* by inquiry (as a matter of *information* merely; and thus differing from Greek 2065 (erotao), which properly means a *request* as a favor; and from Greek 154 (aiteo), which is strictly a *demand* of something due; as well as from Greek 2212 (zeteo), which implies a *search* for something hidden; and from Greek 1189 (deomai), which involves the idea of urgent *need*); by implication to *learn* (by casual intelligence) :- ask, demand, enquire, understand.
- (b) **zeteo**, Greek 2212, Strong's **zeteo**, *dzay-the'-o*; of uncertain affinity; to *seek* (literal or figurative); specially (by Hebrew) to *worship* (God), or (in a bad sense) to *plot* (against life) :- be (go) about, desire, endeavor, enquire (for), require, (× will) seek (after, for, means). Compare Greek 4441 (punthanomai).

(2) **HIS KINGDOM**, [KINGDOM OF GOD THE FATHER]

- (a) **Ephesians. 5:5** For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
- (b) **Romans 14:17** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

(I) THESE ARE THE THINGS WE ARE TO SEEK

- 1) **RIGHTEOUSNESS** = **DIKAIOSUNE**, GREEK 1343, STRONG'S **DIKAIOSUNE**, *DIK-AH-YOS-OO'-NAY*; FROM GREEK 1342 (DIKAIOS); *EQUITY* (OF CHARACTER OR ACT); SPECIALLY (CHRISTIAN) *JUSTIFICATION* :- *RIGHTEOUSNESS*.
- 2) **PEACE** = **EIRENE**, GREEK 1515, STRONG'S **EIRENE**, *I-RAY'-NAY*;



PROBABLY FROM A PRIMARY VERB **EIRO** (TO JOIN); *PEACE* (LITERAL OR FIGURATIVE); BY IMPLICATION *PROSPERITY* :- ONE, PEACE, QUIETNESS, REST, + SET AT ONE AGAIN.

- 3) JOY = **CHARA**, GREEK 5479, STRONG'S **CHARA**, *KHAR-AH'*; FROM GREEK 5463 (CHAIRO); *CHEERFULNESS*, I.E. CALM DELIGHT :- GLADNESS, × GREATLY, (× BE EXCEEDING) JOY (-FUL, -FULLY, -FULNESS, -OUS).

(C) **1 CORINTHIANS 4:20** FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT A MATTER OF TALK BUT OF POWER.

(D) **Romans 4:25** He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

(e) **1 Cor. 6:11** And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

(I) TEN PROOFS OF BEING JUSTIFIED

1) WHEN WE ARE WASHED AND SANCTIFIED

- a) **2 Corinthians 5:17-18** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

2) WHEN WE REPENT

- a) **Luke 18:13-14** "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' <sup>14</sup>"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

3) WHEN WE BELIEVE

- a) **Acts 13:38-39** Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: <sup>39</sup>And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.
- b) **Romans 4:5** But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.
- c) **Romans 5:1** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

4) WHEN REDEEMED

- a) **Romans 3:24** and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
- b) **Romans 5:9** Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

5) WHEN WE PARTAKE OF HIS GRACE

- a) **Titus 2:11-14** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup>Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and

worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; <sup>13</sup>Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup>Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

- b) **Titus 3:4-7** But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, <sup>5</sup>Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; <sup>6</sup>Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; <sup>7</sup>That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- 6) WHEN WE ACCEPT GOD'S MISSION FOR US
  - a) **Romans 8:30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
- 7) WHEN BORN AGAIN
  - a) **Galatians 3:24** Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
  - b) **Galatians 3:27** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- 8) WHEN BROUGHT TO CHRIST
  - a) See above
- 9) WHEN RECONCILED
  - a) **Colossians 1:20-23** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. <sup>21</sup>Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup>But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation-- <sup>23</sup>if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.
- 10) WHEN ALL SINS ARE BLOTTED OUT
  - a) **Isaiah 43:25** I, *even I, am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.
  - b) **Acts 13:38-39** Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: <sup>39</sup>And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.
  - c) **1 Corinthians 6:11** And such were some of you: but ye are

washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

8. WARNING AGAINST TRUST IN RICHES

- a. **Luke 12:33-34** Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
  - I. THE POSSESSIONS ARE NOT HOME, CAR AND THE THINGS YOU NEED. THEY ARE THE BARNES SPOKEN OF IN THE ABOVE PARABLE.
  - II. SO WE ARE TOLD WHAT TO DO:
    - (1) SELL THESE POSSESSIONS
      - (A) THE TREASURES OF JESUS TIME WERE; FINE CLOTHES, POLISHED ARMOR, WEAPONS OF WAR, GOLD AND SILVER
    - (2) GIVE TO THE POOR.
      - (A) ANYTHING GIVEN IN THE NAME OF JESUS IS CREDITED TO YOU.
        - (i) **Matthew 10:40-42** "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. <sup>42</sup>And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."
    - (3) PROVIDE PURSES FOR YOURSELVES THAT WILL NOT WEAR OUT, A TREASURE IN HEAVEN THAT WILL NOT BE EXHAUSTED, WHERE NO THIEF COMES NEAR AND NO MOTH DESTROYS. <sup>34</sup>FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.
      - (A) TREASURE = **THESAUROS, GREEK 2344, STRONG'S THESAUROS, THAY-SOW-ROS'**; FROM GREEK 5087 (TITHEMI); A *DEPOSIT*, I.E. *WEALTH* (LITERAL OR FIGURATIVE) :- TREASURE.

9. PARABLE OF THE WATCHING SERVANTS

- a. **Luke 12:35-38** "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup>It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. <sup>38</sup>It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night.
  - I. BE DRESSED READY FOR SERVICE
    - (1) **Ephesians. 6:11-12** Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
  - ii. keep your lamps burning
    - (1) **Matthew 5:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
  - III. <sup>37</sup>IT WILL BE GOOD FOR THOSE SERVANTS WHOSE MASTER FINDS THEM WATCHING WHEN HE COMES.
    - (1) HERE WE HAVE A PROMISE!
      - (A) HE WILL DRESS HIMSELF TO SERVE,

- (1) HERE WE ARE BEING TOLD THE ROLE OF JESUS IN RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE HE FINDS WATCHING AND WAITING FOR HIM AT HIS RETURN.
  - 1) THIS IS TO SHOW US HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS US. NOT THE FUNCTION HE WILL DO.
  - 2) GO BACK TO ALL THAT HAS BEEN SAID. HE IS READY TO PROVIDE WHAT IS NEEDED. PROTECT THOSE THAT NEED PROTECTION. UP LIFT THOSE WHO ARE DOWN.

IV. EVEN IF HE COMES IN THE SECOND OR THIRD WATCH OF THE NIGHT.

10. PARABLE OF THE GOODMAN OF THE HOUSE

- a. **Luke 12:39-40** But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."
  - i. **HAD KNOWN AT WHAT HOUR**
    - (1) AGAIN JESUS IS WANTING TO TELL HIS SERVANTS THAT THEY MUST BE ABOUT THE FATHERS BUSINESS.
    - (2) WE CAN NOT SAY "BACK WHEN I \*\*\*\* I DID THIS OR I DID THAT" God WANTS US WORKING FOR HIM WHEN HE COMES. NOT BECAUSE OF THE WORK BUT BECAUSE HE WANTS OUR ATTITUDE TO BE ONE OF SERVICE.
  - ii. <sup>40</sup>**YOU ALSO MUST BE READY,**
    - (1) WE MUST ASK THE QUESTION, "AM I READY FOR THE RETURN OF THE LORD?"
      - (A) **Matthew 26:41** Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.
      - (b) **Revelations 22:17** And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

11. PARABLE OF THE UNFAITHFUL SERVANT

- a. **Luke 12:41-48** Peter asked, "Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?" <sup>42</sup>The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? <sup>43</sup>It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. <sup>44</sup>I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. <sup>45</sup>But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to eat and drink and get drunk. <sup>46</sup>The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers. <sup>47</sup>"That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. <sup>48</sup>But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

Question	Who is this parable for?
Answer	<sup>42</sup> The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager,
What was the manager to do?	in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time

When must they be doing this	for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns
What will the Master do for this servant	<sup>44</sup> I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.
What is the attitude of the most dangerous	'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to eat and drink and get drunk - Remember the parable above. You are to give to the poor
What will happen to that servant	<sup>46</sup> The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers
What will happen to other servants	<sup>47</sup> "That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows
What will happen to the unlearned?	<sup>48</sup> But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows
What must we learn from this.	From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

## 12. OPPOSITION TO THE GOSPEL WILL COME

- a. **Luke 12:49-53** "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup>From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."
- I. "I HAVE COME"
  - (1) Jesus makes it clear, this is the result of His coming, the purpose of His coming
- ii. Fire
  - (1) Here used to show how the Gospel will be passed one to another
- iii. Kindled
  - (1) He wishes the CHURCH was already in place
- iv. Baptism
  - (1) The baptism of suffering
- v. ALL MEN WILL DECIDE
  - (1) the question for all men today, "WHO IS JESUS, WHAT AM I TO DO WITH THIS INFORMATION"

13. Jesus again rebukes the Pharisees

- a. **Luke 12:54-57** He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. <sup>55</sup>And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. <sup>56</sup>Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time? <sup>57</sup>"Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right?
  - I. HE SAID TO THE CROWD
    - (1) UP TO NOW JESUS HAS BEEN TALKING TO THE DISCIPLES
  - II. YOU CAN TELL BY THE WIND WHAT IS HAPPENING.
  - III. YOU CAN ALSO TELL NOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IF YOU WOULD. YOU ARE A HYPOCRITE.
  - IV. <sup>57</sup>"WHY DON'T YOU JUDGE FOR YOURSELVES WHAT IS RIGHT?
    - (1) THEY WILL ALLOW THE CHURCH LEADERS AND TEACHERS TO TELL THEM.

14. CONCERNING RESTITUTION

- a. **Luke 12:58-59** As you are going with your adversary to the magistrate, try hard to be reconciled to him on the way, or he may drag you off to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. <sup>59</sup>I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny."
  - I. BE A PERSON OF PEACE WITH ALL MEN

WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED IN THE 12<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER FOLLOWING PRAYER  
KNOW GOD

1	Beware of Hypocrisy
2-3	All secrets will be revealed
4-5	Fear God, not man
7	Gods provision is over all
8-9	Confess Christ
10	Honor the Holy Spirit
12	Rely on the Holy Spirit
13-14	Refuse to be a busy body
15	Life is more than possessions
15	Beware of covetousness
15-21	Do not trust in riches



15-21	Do not seek riches
16-21	Do not waste your life getting wealth, put what is important first
18-20	Never seek wealth at the expense of the soul
18-20	Life is uncertain
18-21	Human plans for long life is foolishness
18-21	Make more provisions for the soul than the body
20	Death is certain
20	Use wealth wisely while we have control of them
20	No security in possessions
20-21	We will all give an account to God
21, 33-34	Laying up riches on earth only will damn the soul
22 - 30	Never worry about the necessities of life
23	body is more than raiment
23	life is more than meat
24	Man is better than fowls
27 - 28	God cares for man more than fine lilies
27	Worry is sinful
28 - 29	Live free from doubt
29 - 31	God knows all needs
29 - 31	Seek God first and all other things will be added
32	God's pleasure is to give even the kingdom to His children
32	Fear not the future
33 -34	Only things in heaven will last
35 - 38	Be watchful servants in light of Christs return
39 - 40	Be reconciled to opposition from you best friends
54 - 57	Know the times
58 - 59	Life in peace with all men

## 20 VERSES WITH THINGS WE ARE TO DO

**Luke 12:1** In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, **Beware ye of the leaven** of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

**Luke 12:4-5** And I say unto you my friends, **Be not afraid of them that kill the body**, and after that have no more that they can do. <sup>5</sup>But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

**Luke 12:11** And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and *unto* magistrates, and powers, **take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:**

**Luke 12:15** And he said unto them, **Take heed, and beware of covetousness:** for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

**Luke 12:22** And he said unto his disciples, **Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.**

**Luke 12:24** **Consider the ravens:** for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

**Luke 12:27** **Consider the lilies** how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

**Luke 12:29** **And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.**

**Luke 12:31-33** **But rather seek ye the kingdom of God;** and all these things shall be added unto you. <sup>32</sup>Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell that ye have, **and give alms;** provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

**Luke 12:35-36** **Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;** <sup>36</sup>And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

**Luke 12:40** **Be ye therefore ready** also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

**Luke 12:58** When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, *as thou art* in the way, **give diligence** that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison.