

¹³ O that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!
¹⁴ I would soon subdue their enemies,
and turn my hand against their foes.
¹⁵ Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward him,
and their fate would last for ever.
¹⁶ I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.” ¹

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.²

¹⁸ We know that any one born of God does not sin, but He who was born of God keeps him, and the Evil One does not touch him. ³

¹¹ ¶ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons; ¹² ¶ and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living.⁴

⁸ ¶ He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ ¶ Any one born of God does not commit sin; for God’s seed abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. ¹⁰ By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother. ⁵

¹ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ps 81:13–16.

² [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Php 4:8.

³ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), 1 Jn 5:18.

⁴ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Lk 15:11–13.

⁵ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), 1 Jn 3:8–10.

¹¹ “But my people did not listen to my voice;
Israel would have none of me.

¹² So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,
to follow their own counsels. ⁶

⁶ “Come, therefore, let us enjoy the good things that exist,
and make use of the creation to the full as in youth.

⁷ Let us take our fill of costly wine and perfumes,
and let no flower of spring pass by us.

⁸ Let us crown ourselves with rosebuds before they wither.

⁹ Let none of us fail to share in our revelry,
everywhere let us leave signs of enjoyment,
because this is our portion, and this our lot.

¹⁰ Let us oppress the righteous poor man;
let us not spare the widow
nor regard the gray hairs of the aged.

¹¹ But let our might be our law of right,
for what is weak proves itself to be useless.

¹² “Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.

¹³ He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.

¹⁴ He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;

¹⁵ the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.

¹⁶ We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.

¹⁷ Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;

⁶ [*The Holy Bible*](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ps 81:11–12.

¹⁸ for if the righteous man is God's son, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

¹⁹ Let us test him with insult and torture,
that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.

²⁰ Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

²¹ Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,

²² and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hope for the wages of holiness,
nor discern the prize for blameless souls;

²³ for God created man for incorruption,
and made him in the image of his own eternity,

²⁴ but through the devil's envy death entered the world,
and those who belong to his party experience it. ⁷

¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the
pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.⁸

51 [50] * Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your merciful love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ ¶ Against you, you only, have I sinned,
and done that which is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless in your judgment. ⁹

⁷ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Wis 2:6–24.

⁸ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), 1 Jn 2:16.

⁹ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ps 51:1–4.

¹⁶ But ungodly men by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away, and they made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his party. ¹⁰

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

¹¹ ¶ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons; ¹² ¶ and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵ So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² ¶ But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; ²³ and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; ²⁴ ¶ for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Behold, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends.

¹⁰ [*The Holy Bible*](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Wis 1:16.

³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf! ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.' " ¹¹

¹⁶ If any one sees his brother committing what is not a deadly sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not deadly. There is sin which is deadly; I do not say that one is to pray for that.¹²

The Rich Man

¹⁷ ¶ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ ¶ You know the commandments: 'Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰ And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth." ²¹ ¶ And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²² At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. ¹³

¹⁹ ¶ Now the works of the flesh are plain: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.¹⁴

²¹ ¶ But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death.¹⁵

¹¹ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Lk 15:11–32.

¹² [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), 1 Jn 5:16.

¹³ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Mk 10:17–22.

¹⁴ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ga 5:18–21.

¹⁵ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ro 6:21.

¹⁶ If any one sees his brother committing what is not a deadly sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not deadly. There is sin which is deadly; I do not say that one is to pray for that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin which is not deadly. ¹⁶

¹⁴ ¶ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love remains in death.¹⁷

⁹ ¶ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral,† nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, ‡ ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ ¶ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. ¹⁸

³¹ ¶ Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.†¹⁹ (12:31: To attribute to the devil the works of the Holy Spirit seems to imply a hardness of heart that precludes repentance.²⁰)

⁵ But by your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.²¹

⁵ Do not be so confident of atonement
that you add sin to sin.

⁶ Do not say, "His mercy is great,

¹⁶ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), 1 Jn 5:16–17.

¹⁷ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), 1 Jn 3:14.

¹⁸ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), 1 Co 6:9–11.

¹⁹ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Mt 12:31.

²⁰ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006).

²¹ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ro 2:5.

he will forgive the multitude of my sins,"
for both mercy and wrath are with him,
and his anger rests on sinners.
⁷ Do not delay to turn to the Lord,
nor postpone it from day to day;
for suddenly the wrath of the Lord will go forth,
and at the time of punishment you will perish. ²²

² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ ¶ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."²³

²³ ¶ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. ²⁴

¹² ¶ Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned*—²⁵

¹² Do not invite death by the error of your life,
nor bring on destruction by the works of your hands;
¹³ because God did not make death, and
he does not delight in the death of the living.
¹⁴ For he created all things that they might exist,
and the creatures of the world are wholesome,
and there is no destructive poison in them;
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.
¹⁵ For righteousness is immortal.

²² [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Sir 5:5–7.

²³ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ge 3:2–5.

²⁴ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ro 6:23.

²⁵ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ro 5:12.

¹⁶ But ungodly men by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away,
and they made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his party.
2 For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
“Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a man comes to his end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.
² Because we were born by mere chance,
and hereafter we shall be as though we had never been;
because the breath in our nostrils is smoke,
and reason is a spark kindled by the beating of our hearts.
³ When it is extinguished, the body will turn to ashes,
and the spirit will dissolve like empty air.
⁴ Our name will be forgotten in time,
and no one will remember our works;
our life will pass away like the traces of a cloud,
and be scattered like mist
that is chased by the rays of the sun
and overcome by its heat.
⁵ For our allotted time is the passing of a shadow,
and there is no return from our death,
because it is sealed up and no one turns back. ²⁶

¹⁶ ¶ Do you not know that if you yield yourselves to any one as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?²⁷ ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life.²⁸

5 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² ¶ And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³ But

²⁶ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Wis 1:12–2:5.

²⁷ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ro 6:16.

²⁸ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ro 6:22.

immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is fitting among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness, nor silly talk, nor levity, which are not fitting; but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ Be sure of this, that no immoral or impure man, or one who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.²⁹

⁴ Do not say, "I sinned, and what happened to me?"
for the Most High is slow to anger. ³⁰

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted with evil and he himself tempts no one; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown brings forth death. ³¹

The Temptation of Jesus

⁴ ¶ And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit ² ¶ for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴ ¶ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ ¶ and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours." ⁸ ¶ And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.' "

⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; ¹⁰ ¶ for it is written,
'He will give his angels charge of you, to guard you,'

¹¹ and

²⁹ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Eph 5:1–5.

³⁰ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Sir 5:4.

³¹ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Jas 1:13–15.

'On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.' "

¹² ¶ And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" ¹³ ¶ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time. ³²

¹⁵ For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning.³³

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.³⁴

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.*³⁵

³² ¶ For God has consigned all men to disobedience, that he may have mercy upon all. ³⁶

²³ ¶ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ ¶ they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus,³⁷

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God

³² [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Lk 4:1–13.

³³ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Heb 4:15.

³⁴ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), 1 Jn 1:8–9.

³⁵ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Is 53:6.

³⁶ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ro 11:32.

³⁷ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ro 3:23–24.

among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ³⁸

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 ¶ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ ¶ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.' ⁷ ¶ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." ³⁹

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." ⁴⁰

¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." ⁴¹

³⁸ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ge 3:8–9.

³⁹ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Lk 15:1–10.

⁴⁰ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Mk 1:14–15.

⁴¹ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Mk 2:17.

³² ¶ And I, when I am lifted up* from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” ⁴²

⁴⁴ ¶ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.⁴³

³ ¶ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak like this? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they questioned like this within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question like this in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk?’ ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic—¹¹ “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” ¹² ¶ And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!” ⁴⁴

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁶ Behold, you desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ Make me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities. ⁴⁵

⁴² [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Jn 12:32.

⁴³ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Jn 6:44.

⁴⁴ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Mk 2:3–12.

⁴⁵ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ps 51:5–9.

¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants." ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.⁴⁶

⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. ⁷ ¶ And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸ ¶ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹ ¶ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."⁴⁷

³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ ¶ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "What is it, Teacher?" ⁴¹ "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² ¶ When they could not pay, he forgave them both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ ¶ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, to whom he forgave more." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house, you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."* ⁴⁸ ¶ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."⁴⁹ Then those who were at

⁴⁶ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Lk 15:18–20.

⁴⁷ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Lk 19:5–10.

table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?"⁵⁰ ¶ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."⁴⁸

⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ ¶ and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,⁴⁹

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"⁴¹ ¶ And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power."⁴³ ¶ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."⁵⁰

²¹ ¶ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."²² ¶ And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."²³ ¶ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."⁵¹

¹⁸ ¶ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,* not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.²⁰ ¶ So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.⁵²

⁴⁸ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Lk 7:38–50.

⁴⁹ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Heb 5:8–9.

⁵⁰ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Lk 23:39–43.

⁵¹ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Jn 20:21–23.

⁵² [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), 2 Co 5:18–20.

²⁵ ¶ Therefore, putting away falsehood, let every one speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.⁵³

¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a man. ¹⁹ ¶ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ⁵⁴

²⁶ ¶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ ¶ And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.⁵⁵

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguilt, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

¹⁶ For you take no delight in sacrifice;
were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;

⁵³ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Eph 4:25.

⁵⁴ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Mt 15:18–19.

⁵⁵ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Eze 36:26–27.

rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
19 then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar. ⁵⁶

⁴ ¶ We were buried‡ therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵⁷

²² Put off the old man that belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and put on the new man, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ⁵⁸

⁵⁶ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ps 51:10–19.

⁵⁷ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Ro 6:4.

⁵⁸ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Eph 4:22–24.