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Chapter 5

3How good is life for the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of the skies.

4How good is life for those who grieve, because they will be comforted.

5How good is life for the unimportant, because they will inherit the land.

6How good is life for those who hunger and thirst for right relationships, because they will be satisfied.

7How good is life for those who show mercy, because they will be shown mercy.

8How good is life for the pure in heart, because they will see God.

9How good is life for the peacemakers, because they will be called children of God.

10How good is life for those who had been persecuted on account of doing what is right, because theirs is the kingdom of the skies.

11How good is life for you when they insult you and persecute and speak any evil lies against you on account of me. 12Celebrate and shout for joy because your reward is great in the skies. Because this is how they persecuted the prophets before you.

13You are the salt of the land. But if the salt becomes unsalty, with what can it be made salty again? It is useful for nothing except to be thrown out and stepped on by humans.

14You are the light of the world. A city that is set up on a mountain is not able to be hidden, 15and they don't light a candle and place it under a basket; rather, upon a candle stand and it will shine on everyone in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before people so that they can see your good works and they can give honor to your Father who is in the skies.

17Don't suppose that I have come to do away with the Torah or the prophets. I have not come to do away with them, but to fill them full. 18Because truly I tell you until the sky and the land pass on, not one dot, or one squiggle will pass on from the Torah until all things have taken place. 19Therefore, whoever undoes one of the least of these commands, and then they teach people to do this, that person will be called least in the kingdom of the skies. And whoever does the commands and then teaches people to do this, that person will be called great in the kingdom of the skies. 20Because truly I tell you, unless you're doing what is right

far surpasses the scribes and Pharisees, you won't be entering into the kingdom of the skies.

21You have heard that it was said to the ancients, you will not murder and whoever murders will be guilty by the court. 22And I say to you, that anyone who is angry with his brother will be guilty by the court, and whoever calls his brother good for nothing will be guilty by the Sanhedrin. And whoever says “fool” will be guilty of the fire of Gehenna.

23Therefore, if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24leave your offering there before the altar and go first be reconciled to your brother and then come and present your offering. 25Settle matters in a friendly way with your legal opponent while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent doesn't hand you over to the court judge and the court judge to the officer so that you are thrown into prison. 26Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid back the last coin.

27 You have heard that it was said you will not commit adultery. 28 I say to you that anyone who goes on looking at a woman in order to cultivate lust for her, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes your downfall, tear it out and throw it from you, for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into Gehenna.

30 If your right hand causes your downfall, cut it off and throw it from you, for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, then for your whole body to go off into Gehenna.

31 It has also been said whoever sends away his wife, he must give her a certificate of divorce. 32 And I say to you that anyone who sends away his wife except on the ground of sexual immorality, he makes her the victim of adultery and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

33 Again, you have heard that it was said to the ancients do not break your oath but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made. 34 And I tell you do not swear an oath at all. Not by the sky because it is God's throne, 35 not by the land because it is his footstool, not by Jerusalem because it is the city of the great king. 36 And do

not swear by your head for you cannot make even one hair white or black. [37]But let your word be YES YES or NO NO. Anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

[38]You have heard that it was said an eye in recompense for an eye and a tooth in recompense for tooth, [39]and I say to you do not resist in kind an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

[40]If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also.

[41]Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. [42]To the one who asks of you, give and the one who wants to borrow from you, don't turn away.

[43]You have heard that it was said you will love your neighbor and you will hate your enemy. [44]And I say to you love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, [45]so that you may be children of your Father who is in the skies, for he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and he sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. [46]For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? [47]If you greet only

your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the nations do

the same? 48Therefore, you are to be whole as your father in the skies is whole.

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Chapter 6

1Be careful about your doing what is right. Don't do it in front of people for the purpose of being seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in the skies.

2So then, when you do acts of generous giving, don't signal with a trumpet before you like the hypocrites do in the gathering places in alleyways for the purpose of being honored by people. Truly I tell you, they have fully received their reward.

3But you when you do acts of generous giving, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4so that your generous giving is done in a hiddenness and your Father who sees what is done in a hiddenness, he will fully reward you.

5And when you pray, don't be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray while standing in the gathering places and at the corners of wide streets for the purpose of being visible to people. Truly I tell you, they have fully received their reward. 6But you, when you pray, enter into your inner room and shut the door, so you can pray to your Father in hiddenness, and your Father, who sees what is done in hiddenness, he will fully reward you.

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7And when you are praying, don't use meaningless repetition like the nations
because they suppose that they will be heard on account of their many words.
8So don't be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you
even ask him.
9Therefore, when you pray, do it this way.
Our father who is in the skies, may your name be recognized as Holy. 10May
your kingdom come and may your will be done as it is in the skies, so also on the
land. 11Our daily provision of bread, give to us today 12and forgive us our debts
just as we also have forgiven those indebted to us.
13And don't lead us to be tested but deliver us from the evil one.
14For if you forgive people their transgressions, your father in the skies will also
forgive you, 15but if you will not forgive people, then neither will your Father
forgive your transgressions.
16And when you fast, don't look gloomy like the hypocrites for they make their
faces look disfigured, so that their fasting will be visible to people. Truly I tell you,
they have fully received their reward.

17But you when you fast, anoint your head with oil and wash your face 18so that your fasting won't be visible to people, but to your father in a hidden way. And your Father who sees what is hidden, he will fully reward you.

19Don't store up for yourselves stored wealth on the land where moth and nibbler can ruin and where thieves break in and steal. 20But store up for yourselves stored wealth in the sky where neither moth nor nibbler can ruin and where thieves can't break in or steal. 21For where your stored wealth is, there your heart will be also.

22The lamp of the body is the eye. So then if your eye is genuine and generous, your whole body will be radiant. 23But if your eye is bad and greedy, your whole body will be dark. If then the light that is in you is darkness. How great is the darkness.

24No one is able to serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You are not able to serve God and wealth. 25Because of this, I say to you do not worry about your life being, what you will eat or what you will drink, not even about your body, what

you will put on. Isn't the living self more than food and the body more than clothing? [26]Look at the birds of the air, how they don't sow seed and they don't harvest and they don't gather into barns. And yet your father in the skies feeds them. Aren't you all much more valuable than they?

[27]And who among you is able to add an hour to your lifespan by worry? [28]And about clothing, why do you worry? Pay attention to the lilies of the field, how they grow. They don't labor and they don't weave cloth, [29]but I say to you all, that not even Solomon with all his honor clothed himself like one of these. [30]Now if the grass of the field, which is there today and tomorrow is tossed into the furnace, is clothed this way by God, won't he much more clothe you all who have so little trust? [31]So then don't worry saying “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear for clothing?” [32]For the nations, they constantly seek for all these things. And your father in the skies knows that you need all that. [33]Rather, first of all seek for His Kingdom and doing what is right by him and all these things will be added to you. [34]So then, don't worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow can worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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Chapter 7

1Do not judge so that you will not be judged, 2because with the judgment that you judge, you will be judged and with the measure that you measure, it will be measured to you.

3Why do you see the speck in the eye of your brother, but you don't perceive the beam in your eye? 4Or how can you say to your brother, allow me to take out the speck from your eye and look- the beam is in your eye?!

5Hypocrite. First take out the beam from your eye and then you can see clearly the speck in the eye of your brother.

6Do not give what is holy to dogs. And don't throw your pearls in front of pigs, so they don't trample them with their feet and turning around they will tear you apart.

7Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened for you. 8For everyone who asks will receive and the one who seeks will find, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9For what person is among you who, when their son asks for bread will give him a rock, 10or when he asks for a fish will give him a snake? 11So then if you all are bad, but you know how to give

good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in the skies give good things to those who ask? 12So then everything you desire that people do to you, so also you do to them. For this is the Torah and the prophets.

13Enter through the narrow gate, because wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to ruin and those who enter through it are many.

14How narrow is the gate and constricted is the road that leads to life? And those who find it are few.

15Watch out for illegitimate prophets who come to you in the clothing of sheep, but inside they are wolves who snatch. 16By their fruits you will recognize them. Do people gather grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?

17Similarly, every good tree produces good fruit, but the diseased tree produces bad fruit. 18A good tree cannot produce bad fruit and a diseased tree cannot produce good fruit. 19Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20So then, by their fruit, you will recognize them.

21Not everyone who says to me “Master Master” will enter into the kingdom of the skies, but rather the one who does the desire of my Father in the skies.

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22Many will say to me on that day, “Master Master didn't we prophesy in your name and cast out demons in your name and do many mighty acts in your name?” 23And then I will confess to them “I have never known you, go away from me, you who act as if there is no Torah.”

24So then everyone who hears these words of mine and does them, they will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock 25and the rain came down and the rivers came and the winds blew and they fell upon that house. But it did not fall, because its foundation was on the rock.

26And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them, they will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand 27and the rain came down and the rivers came and the winds blew and they fell upon that house and it fell and its falling was huge.