

*1 Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love endures forever.*

*2 Let the redeemed of the Lord
say this—
those he redeemed
from the hand of the foe*

Ps 107:1, 2

Scripture Reading:

Luke 6:17-42

17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon,

*18 who had come to hear him and
to be healed of their diseases.
Those troubled by evil spirits were
cured, 19 and the people all tried
to touch him, because power was
coming from him and healing
them all.*

20 Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

22 Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. 23 “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.

*24 “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received
your comfort. 25 Woe to you who
are well fed now, for you will go
hungry. Woe to you who laugh
now, for you will mourn and weep.*

26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets. 27 “But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

29 If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. 30

Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that.

34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full.

35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

*36 Be merciful, just as your
Father is merciful. 37 “Do not
judge, and you will not be judged.
Do not condemn, and you will not
be condemned. Forgive, and you
will be forgiven.*

*38 Give, and it will be given to you.
A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over,
will be poured into your lap. For with
the measure you use, it will be
measured to you.” 39 He also told
them this parable: “Can a blind man
lead a blind man? Will they not both
fall into a pit?*

40 A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher. 41 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?”

42 How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Man's Judgment vs God's Judgment

People who judge others... vs 1

Are without excuse...

Because they sin too!

Man's Judgment vs God's Judgment

God's judgment...

vs 2

...is based on Truth!

We are to:

Man's Judgment vs God's Judgment

People who judge others will be judged

vs 3

We are mere men.

We judge others.

We sin.

We will not escape judgment.

Man's Judgment vs God's Judgment

God's kindness... vs 4

...tolerance and patience...

Leads to repentance!