34. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.7

7. We either have remorse over the past or fear of the future. 'What will tomorrow bring?' 'The fear of man is a trap: but whoever puts his trust in the LORD shall be safe.' (Prov.29:25) 'But what about ..?' - We'll cross that bridge when we get to it.'

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- not judged.
- 2. With what judgment you judge, you shall be judged: and with what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again.8
- 3. And why do you see the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but don't consider not the beam that is in own eye?
- 4. Or how will you say to your brother, Let me pull out the mote out of your eye; and, behold, a beam is in your own eye?
- **5.** You hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of your own eye; and then shall you see clearly to cast out the mote out of vour brother's eve. 9
- 6. Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend vou. 10

- 1. Judge not, that you be 8. Don't be critical of others and judge them, as you dig your own grave with your betterthan-you attitude, as with that same lack of love attitude that you show, that will be shown to you, when your time will come; and coming it will.
 - 9. The beam that is in our own eyes blinds us and we become blind guides, which strain at a anat, and swallow a camel. (Mat.23:24)
 - 'Brother there is something I noticed with you; let me correct you on that tiny thing.' We do that while we are blinded with the self-righteous beam in our own eyes.
 - Holier-than-thou hypocrite, first get repent of your so-called religious perfection, then you can clearly see how you can help your brother overcome his weakness.
 - 10. Be careful about who you try to help by sharing your lessons and how the Lord helped you to overcome certain weaknesses in your life. If they are not receptive, they might use it against you and gossip about you, 'Do you know he did this?'

- 7. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto vou: 11
- 8. For every one that asks receives: and he that seeks finds: and to him that knocks it shall be opened.12
- 9. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?
- 10. Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
- 11. If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? 13
- 12. Therefore, all things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.14
- **13.** Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 15

- 11. Please be free to ask the Lord for help, but then do what he tells you to do and he will help you find it. Or if he shows you to knock on a certain door then you will have to do the knocking.
- 12. if you obey the Lord by asking and obeying what he tells you, then you will find and if you knock then doors will open for his service.
- 13. Jesus says that anybody in his right mind will not give a stone when his child asks him for bread, or a snake when he ask for a fish. If you then with all your mental problems know how to give good things to your children, then how much more shall your Father in heaven who created you and loves you give good things to those that ask him. Not only good things but he will also gladly give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him. (Luke 11:13)
- 14: 'Now I beg you to obey, the commandment which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.' (2John 1:5) If you want to be treated with respect and kindness then threat others with respect and kindness.
- 15. We all know and yet we decide against the narrow gate and path, because we think that it puts restrictions on our liberty and our pursuit for happiness. Nothing could be a bigger lie

- 14. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.16
- **15.** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 17
- 16. You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
- 17. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. **18.** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- **19.** Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- **20.** Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them. 18
- **21.** Not everyone that says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven. 19

- 16. When we walk the narrow mountain path, we see things that no one has seen and we hear things that no one has heard and we begin to grasp truly how beautiful life is.
- 17. They preach under the cloak of Christianity. They teach the doctrines of men. 'They are prophets of the deceit of their own heart' The prophets prophesy LIES IN MY NAME: I sent them not, I have not commanded them, nor did I speak to them: they prophesy a false vision and nonsense, and the deceit of their heart.' (Jer.14:14; 23:26)
- 18. They take one scripture or passage and spin a theory around it that the audience likes and you wonder if the Bible and what Jesus said still holds true; and it's all to get the crowds and the money. Jesus said to Pilate: 'For this cause came I into the world to be a witness of the truth and everyone that seeks the truth listens to me.' (John 18:37) If they are true prophets, they will stand by what Jesus said and they teach scripture as 100% true, 'take it or leave it'.
- 19. Preaching or doing is miles apart. The Lord is more than a once-a-week sing-long. They hear and preach your words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth, they show much love, but their heart goes after their materialism. (Eze.33:31)

- 22. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works? ²⁰
- **23.** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.²¹
- **24.** Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
- **25.** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.²²
- 26. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:
 27. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.²³

- 20. But Lord didn't we do all these things in your name? Yes, you used my name and preached in my name, but we had no relationship and you treated me as your servant that you yelled at to do things. Yet I answered and was merciful for the people's sake.
- 21. When Adam knew Eve, they had a son. They were intimate. Jesus is our Bridegroom and we the Bride; he desires a humble, warm, intimate relationship.
- 22. The rock is Bible scripture unadulterated. 'Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.' (2Pet.1:20) To build on a rock, it is hard on your muscles to climb with bricks and cement and building materials up onto a rock. Not many people will want to help with that kind of building.
- 23. We can also build a huge building, that everyone can see and admire with a lot less effort if we build it on level land, which is sand. Coming to a church once a week does not necessarily imply that you are building your house on the rock! No matter what building we build or are part of, one thing is certain - the floods and storm will come. Guaranteed! The survival of our house is in the foundation, not in its size or numbers, or how many think the same as we do. What Jesus said will happen; 100% sure.

- **28.** And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, people were astonished at his doctrine: ²²
- **29.** For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.²³
- 22. He is shocking... isn't he?
- 23. He did not just preach a good sermon; he overturned the whole apple cart, for all to pick up and give us life. 'The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life.' (John 6:63)



IN CONCLUSION:

Living on earth for us as humans is being in the arena with different temptations coming at us. What we do and decide now here on earth sets our compas and direction, if we'll spend eternity in the Kingdom of God.

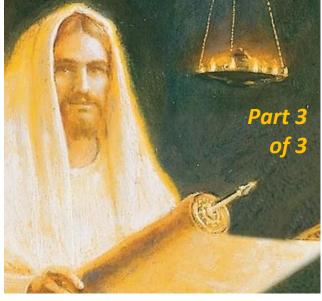
In times past Royal Princes had a 'Whipping Boy' which is 'a person who is blamed or punished for the faults or incompetence of others.' (Dictionary)

To truly show our imperial importance and royalty, <u>Jesus</u> <u>presented himself</u> as our Whipping Boy. "For the transgression of my people was he stricken." (Isa.53:5,8) Jesus did this in the hope that we'd behave as royals. As it says: "you are a chosen generation, a ROYAL priesthood ... called out of darkness into his marvellous light." (1Pet.2:9) "You made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." (Rev.5:10)

He came so we would truly learn what it means to serve, to teach, to love, to forgive, to wash each other's feet, to guide in wisdom, honesty and humility and to "fulfil the royal law... love your neighbour as yourself:" (James 2:8)

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- **31.** Therefore, take no thought, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink? or, what clothes shall we wear?'
- **32.** (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knows that you need all this.¹
- **33.** But you seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.²
- 1. 'The care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.' (Mat.13:22)
 Jesus tells us not to preoccupy ourselves with these daily needs like the Gentiles (a Gentile is a non-Jew or in this case a non-believer)
 Our Father knows all about us and what we need.
- 2. If we truly seek to do God's highest will in our lives, then this promise is 100% true; 'my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.' (Phil.4:19)