

Scriptural References to the Commentary on the Song of Songs by Gregory of Nyssa

PROLOGUE

Prov 1.6: To understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles.

Rom 7.14: We know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Gal 4.20-31: (allegory of Hagar and Sarah).

1Cor 10.11: Now these things happened to them as a warning, but they were written down for our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages has come.

1Cor 9.9-10: You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain. Is it for the ox that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake?

Dt 24.4: Then her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she had been defiled.

1Cor 13.12: For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.

Ex 34.34: But whenever Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

Mt 10.14: And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.

2Cor 3.6: Who has qualified us to be ministers of a new covenant, not a written code but in the Spirit; for the written code kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Hos 1.2: Go take to yourself a wife of harlotry and have children of harlotry, for the land commits great harlotry by forsaking the Lord.

Is 8.3: And I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said to me, "Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz."

2Kg 11: (usurpation of Athaliah in Judah).

2Cor 3.6: (cf. 4 vss. above).

Ps 18.1-7: (glory of the heavens).

Dt 32.43: Praise his people, O you nations; for he avenges the blood of his servants, and takes vengeance on his adversaries, and makes expiation for the land of his people.

Heb 1.6: And I pray that the sharing of your faith may promote the knowledge of all the good that is ours in Christ.

Phl 2.7: But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Jn 8.17-8: Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

Dt 19.15: Only on the evidence of two witnesses shall a charge be sustained.

Jn 3.14: And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up.

Num 21.8: Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.

Mt 13.34-6: (Jesus' use of parables).

Mt 16.6-12: (leaven of the Pharisees).

Jn 4.31-4: (Jesus bearing witness to truth).

Dt 19.15: (cf. 6 vss. above).

Jn 3.14: (cf. 5 vss. above).

Num 21.8: (cf. 6 vss. above).

Mt 13.34-6: (cf. 4 vss. above).

Mt 16.6-12: (cf. 6 vss. above).

Jn 4.31-4: (cf. 6 vss. above).

Jn 7.37-8: If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, "Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water."

Jn 4.13-4: Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Jn 6.33: For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.

Jn 2.19: Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Jn 14.6: I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but by me.

Jn 10.9: I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Acts 4.11: This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner.

Mt 21.42: The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.

Ps 118.22: The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.

Lk 17.34: I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed; one will be taken and the other left.

Mt 24.41: Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left. Mt 24.28: Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

Mt 24.32: From the fig tree learn its lesson; as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

Jn 5.39: You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me.

2Tm 3.14-6: (scripture inspired by God).

1Tm 4.13: Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching.

Gen 2.16-7: You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in that day that you eat of it you shall die.

Mk 7.15: There is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him.

Mt 15.11: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.

Gen 2.8-9: (tree of life in Eden).

Gn 1.31: And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

Mic 4.1: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it.

Is 11.1: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

Ps 68.1: With mighty chariotry, twice then thousand, thousands upon thousands, the Lord came from Sinai into the holy place.

Ps 68.30: Rebuke the beasts that dwell among the reeds, the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples.

Ps 68.23: That you may bathe your feet in blood.

Ps 29.6: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf.

Mt 3.12: His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor.

Mt 3.10: Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Lk 13.6-9: (parable of fig tree which bore no fruit).

Mt 3.9: "We have Abraham as our father;" for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

1Cor 3.8: He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive his wages according to his labor.

FIRST HOMILY: Sg. 1-4

Col 3.9: Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices.

Mt 17.2: And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.

Rev 19.7-9: (marriage of the Lamb).

Ecc 9.8: Let your garments be always white.

Eph 5.32: This is a great mystery, and I take it to mean Christ and the church.

1Tm 2.4: Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1Jn 4.18: There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

Dt 6.5: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Wisd 13.1-8: (origin and folly of idolatry).

Rom 1.25: Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator who is blessed forever.

1Cor 1.9: God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Kg 3.12: Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

1Kg 5.9-14: (Solomon & building of temple).

1Kg 3.4: Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings upon that altar.

1Kg 11.6-8: (Solomon's plea for wisdom).

Rom 1.3: The gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh.

Heb 7.2: He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace.

Jn 1.49: Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!

Jn 12.13: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!

Jn 18.36: My kingship is not of this world.

1 Kg 7.12: The great court had three courses of hewn stone round about, and a course of cedar beams; so had the inner court of the house of the Lord, and the vestibule of the house.

1Kg 5.(18)19: So Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the men of Gebel did the hewing and prepared the timber and the stone to build the house.

Ezk 40.3: Behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like bronze, with a line of flax and a measuring reed in his hand.

Mt 16.18: And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.

lPt 2.5: And like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifice, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Mt 26.61: This fellow said, '41lp able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.'

Mt 27.40: You who would destroy the temple and build it in three day, save yourself!

Jn 2.19: And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

Wisd 7.17-21: (power to know creation).

Prov 8.22-31: (creation of wisdom).

1Cor 1.30: He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Prov 3.19: The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens.

Jn 14.6: I am the way, truth and life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

1Cor 13.11: When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

Jn 14.6: (cf. 2 vss. above).

1Cor 13.11: (cf. 2 vss. above).

1Cor 14.20: Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; be babes in evil, but in thinking be mature.

1Cor 3.1: But I, brethren, could not address you as spiritual men, but as men of the flesh, as babes in Christ.

Eph 4.13: Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Heb 5.13: For everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a child.

Prov 1.8: Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and reject not your mother's teaching.

Prov 1.9: For they are a fair garland for your head, and pendants for your neck.

Wisd 8.2: I loved her and sought her from my youth.

Wisd 8.14: I shall govern peoples, and nations will be subject to me.

Prov 8.18-9: Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver.

Wisd 8.2: (cf. 3 vss. above).

Wisd 8.9: Therefore I determined to take her to live with me.

Wisd 8.16-8: (friendship with wisdom).

Prov 6.22: When you walk, they will lead you.

Prov 7.4: Say to wisdom, "You are my sister."

Prov 8.17: I love those who love me.

Wisd 4.6: Do not forsake her, and she will keep you.

Prov 3.16: Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

Prov 8.20: I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice.

Prov 3.18: She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her.

Prov 3.19: The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens.

Prov 1.2-4: (invitation to wisdom).

Prov 4.6-9: (exhortation to keep wisdom).

Prov 6.22: When you walk, they will lead you.

Prov 8.17: I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

Prov 31.10-31: (the good housewife).

Eccl 11.8: For if a man lives many years, let him rejoice in them all...All is vanity.

1Cor 6.17: But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

Dt 6.5: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Prov 4.6: Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you.

Wisd 8.2: I loved her and sought her from my youth.

Sg 1.2: Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth, for your breasts are better than wine.

Eph 1.7: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Gen 3.23: Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

2Ths 1.5: That you may be made worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

Ps 16.11: You show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy.

Jn 3.29: He who has the bride is the bridegroom.

1Cor 6.17: But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

2Cor 2.16: To one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.

Ps 38.5: My wounds grow foul and fester because of my foolishness.

2Cor 12.2-4: (rapture of Paul).

Lk 16.29: They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

Ex 19.10-4: (people prepare for God's descent, Mt. Sinai).

Ex 19.15: Be ready by the third day; do not go near a woman.

Ex 19.21: God down and warn the people, lest they break through to the Lord to gaze and many of them perish.

Ex 19.13: No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot.

Ex 19.16: On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.

Ex 19.18: And Mt. Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire.

Lk 12.49: I will send them prophets and apostles, so of whom they will kill and persecute.

1Kg 3.12: Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

1Kg 5.9-14: (Hiram supplies Solomon with wood for the temple).

Sg 1.1: The Song of Songs which is of Solomon.

1Kg 5.10: (cf. 2 vss. above).

Col 3.5: Put to death therefore what is earthly in you.

Rom 12.2: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

Mk 8.27: Who do men say that I am?

Mk 8.29: But who do you say that I am? Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."

Eph 2.19: And what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might.

1Cor 15.42-50: (the 1st & 2nd Adams).

Jn 5.24: Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life.

Lk 20.35: But those who are accounted worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

1Cor 15.42: (cf. 3 vss. above).

Phl 3.21: Who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body.

Rom 8.11: If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

Rom 7.23: But I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members.

Eph 2.16: And might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end.

Gal 2.20: It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

2Cor 10.3: For though we live in the world we are not carrying on a worldly war.

Rom 8.9: But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit.

1Pt 4.2: So as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer by human passions but by the will of God.

Phl 4.7: And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Ex 33.11: Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

Dt 34.10: And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.

Ex 33.13: Blessed by the Lord be his land, with the choicest gifts of heaven above, and of the deep that couches beneath.

Ex 33.18: Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out; and Issachar, in your tents.

Jn 6.63: It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail.

1Cor 6.17: But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

Jn 5.24: Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life.

Jn 4.14: But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give me will never thirst.

Jn 6.68: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Ps 119.131: With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.

Jn 7.37: If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

Sg 1.2: Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth.

1Tm 2.4: Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Lk 7.45: You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet.

Mt 26.6: Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper. Cot 2.3: In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

1Pt 2.2: Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk.

1Cor 3.2: I fed you with milk, not solid food.

Heb 5.12: You need milk, not solid food.

Prov 2.3-5: (seeking wisdom as for precious metals).

Prov 2.10: For wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

1Jn 1.1: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard...and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.

2Cor 2.15: For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

Eph 5.2: And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ezk 20.41: As a pleasing odor I will accept you.

1Cor 1.25: For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Hab 3.3: God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mt. Paran. His glory covered the heavens and the earth was full of his praise.

Sg 1.3: Your name is as ointment poured out.

Sg 1.3: Therefore, the young maidens have loved you and have drawn you.

Eph 4.14: So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles.

Heb 8.13: In speaking of a new covenant he treats the first as obsolete.

Eph 5.27: That he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Mt 22.37-8: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

Dt 6.5: And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart..

Prov 8.17: I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

Prov 8.21: Endowing with wealth those who love me, and filling their treasures.

Hos 11.10: The shall go after the Lord, he will roar like a lion.

PM 3.13: Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.

Sg 1.4: We shall run after you toward the scent of your perfumes.

Col 2.3: In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Sg 1.2: The king has brought me into his chamber.

Prov 8.34: Happy is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors.

Rom 8.23: And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

1Cor 2.10: God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

2Cor 12.4: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

Lk 1.2: Just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word.

1Cor 3.1-2: (Paul feeds with milk, not solid food).

Jn 13.25: So lying thus, close to the breast of Jesus, he said to him, "Lord, who is it?"

Jn 21.20: Lord, who is that is going to betray you?

1Cor 14.20: Brethren, do not be children in your thinking, be babes in evil, but in thinking be mature.

Eccl 11.10: Remove vexation from your mind, and put away pain from your body; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

Eph 5.27: That he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Heb 8.13: In speaking of a new covenant he treats the first as obsolete.

Jn 21.20: (cf. 5 vss. above).

Ps 92.15: To show that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Lk 3.5: And the crooked shall be made straight.

SECOND HOMILY (Sg 1.5-8)

Acts 7.44: Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, even as he who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen.

Ex 27.21: In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening to morning before the Lord.

Ex 26.7: You shall also make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle.

Ex 26.1: Moreover, you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet stuff; with cherubim skillfully worked shall you make them.

Ex 26.7: (cf. 2 vss. above).

Ex 25.4-5: Blue and purple and scarlet stuff and fine twined linen, goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, goatskins, acacia wood.

Heb 9.2-5: (the tent of meeting).

Ex 26.33: And the veil shall separate for you the holy place from the most holy.

Ex 26.31: (same vs. as Ex 26.1, 5 vss. above).

Heb 8.2: A minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Ex 29.36-7: (atonement for the altar).

Num 19.6-10: (rites for purification).

Heb 9.13: For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh.

1Pt 3.21: Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Num 19.11: He who touches the dead body of any person shall be unclean seven days.

Heb 9.14: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Sg 1.5: I am black and beautiful, daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the skins of Solomon.

Is 53.2-3: (suffering servant despised).

Phl 2.7: But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Eph 5.25-7: (Christ head of church as a man head of his wife).

Gal 4.12: Brethren, I beseech you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong.

1Cor 11.1: Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Is 65.17: For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth.

Is 43.18: Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

2Cor 5.17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

1Pt 4.8: Above all hold unfailing your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins.

2Cor 3.18: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another.

Eph 5.8: For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Phl 3.21: Who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

1Jn 3.2: Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Eph 2.2: In which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.

Col 1.13: He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

1Cor 3.16: Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

Rom 5.8: But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

1Tm 1.13: Though I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and insulted him.

1Tm 1.15: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Lk 5.32: I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Tit 3.5: He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

Phl 2.15: That you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

Ps 87.3-4: Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia--"this one was born there," they say.

Ps 87.5: And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her." Rom 5.8: (cf. 8 vss. above).

Mt 13.3-7: (seed on various types of soil).

Lk 8.12: The ones along the path are those who have heard.

Mt 8.13: And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

Gen 1.27: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him.

Rom 5.19: For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Ps 121.2: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Ps 121.6: The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.

Is 60.4: Lift up your eyes around about, and see; they all gather together, they come

to you.

Is 49.22: And they shall bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.

Is 66.12: Behold, I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream.

Is 66.20: And they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as an offering to the Lord.

Zach 8.12: For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, and the ground shall give its increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.

Hos 14.6: His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive, and his fragrance like Lebanon.

Sir 18.16: Does not the dew assuage the scorching heat? So a word is better than a gift.

Is 4.5-6: (cloud and fire to protect Mt. Zion).

Sir 34.16: A mighty protection and strong support, a shelter from the hot wind and a shade from noontday sun.

Sg 1.6: The sons of my mother have fought in me; they have placed me as a guard in the vineyards. I have not guarded my own vineyard.

Sir: The Prologue: (translation from Hebrew to Greek).

1Cor 8.6: Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Rom 11.36: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

Jn 1.3: All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.

Gen 1.31: And saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

Ps 104. 0 Lord, how manifold are your works!

Rom 1.30: Slanders, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents.

Jn 8.44: When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Rom 7.23: But I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members.

Gen 2.15: The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Gen 2.8: And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Ps 68.4: Lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds.

Jn 1.5: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Is 9.1: But there will be no gloom for her that was in anguish.

Eph 5.8: For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light.

Ps 79.1: They have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

Is 1.8: And the daughter of Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard, like a lodge in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.

Gen 2.15: (cf. 8 vss. above).

Gen 3.24: He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Dt 32.32: For their vine comes from the vine of Sodom, and from the fields of Gomorrah.

Jl 3.13: Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

Mt 13.25: But while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

Is 1.21: How the faithful city has become a harlot, she that was full of justice!

Is 1.8: (cf. 7 vss. above).

Lam 1.1: How like a widow has she become, she that was great among the nations!

Lam 4.1: How the gold has grown dim, how the pure gold is changed!

Jn 1.9: The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.

Gen 3.21: And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins, and clothed them.

Eph 1.14: Which is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

1Tm 6.21: For by professing it some have missed the mark as regards the faith. Grace be with you.

Sg 1.7: Tell me, you whom my soul has loved, where do you pasture, where do you cause your flocks to rest at noon, lest I become as one who is veiled by the flocks of your companions?

Lk 15.5: And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Jn 10.14: When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

Ps 23.2: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

Jn 10.16: And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.

Phi 2.9: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Jn 10.11: I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Jn 15.13: Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Jn 10.9: I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Jn 3.5: Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Jn 19.34: But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

Jn 4.14: But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst.

Is 58.11: And you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Ezk 34.14: I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture.

Lk 11.7: Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed.

1Ths 5.5: For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

Mal 4.2: But for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

Eph 4.18: They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

Sg 1.8: Where I must lie down; show me the place of midday's rest, lest I be herded with other flocks of your sheep.

Mt 25.32: Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Mt 16.26: For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?

Ezk 34.17: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, rams and he-goats.

Mt 25.31: When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

2Cor 4.17: For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.

Mt 7.13: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Dt 15.9: Take heed lest there be a base thought in your heart, and you say, "the 7th year, the year of release is near," and your eye be hostile to your poor brother."

Dt 4.19: And beware lest you lift up your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and worship them.

Wisd Sol 13.2: But they supposed that either fire or wind or swift air, or the circle of the stars, or turbulent water, or the luminaries of heaven were the gods that rule the world.

Phl 4.7: And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2Cor 3.18: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another.

2Cor 4.6: For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts.

Is 40.12: Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand?

Eph 3.17: And that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

2Cor 6.16: I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Mt 24.35: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

2Pt 3.10: But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire.

Ps 102.26: They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment.

Mt 25.33: And he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left.

Mt 25.34: Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

THIRD HOMILY (Sg 1.9-14)

Ex 19.10: Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments.

Ex 19.16: On the morning of the 3rd day there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast.

Ex 19.16-9: (God descends upon Mt. Sinai).

Dt 5.22-3: (cf. vs. above).

Heb 12.18: For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest.

Sg 1.9: I have compared you, my beloved, to my cavalry facing the chariots of Pharaoh.

Ex 14.16-29: (Egypt's army defeated in Red Sea).

Ex 14.25: Clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily.

Hab 3.8: When you rode upon your horses, upon your chariot of victory.

Ps 68.17: With mighty chariotry, twice 10 thousand, thousands upon thousands, the Lord came from Sinai into the holy place.

2Kg 2.11: And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2Kg 2.12: My father, my Father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen! Zach 1.10: These are they whom the Lord has sent to patrol the earth.

Hab 3.8: (cf. 5 vss. above).

Ex 5.12: So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt, to gather stubble for straw.

Ex 1.11-4: (Egyptian taskmasters set over the Hebrews).

Ex 5.13: The taskmasters were urgent, saying, "Complete your work, your daily task, as when there was straw."

Ex 5.19: You shall by no means lessen your daily number of bricks.

Ex 7.17-25: (Nile turned into blood).

Ex 10.21-3: (plague of darkness over Egypt).

Ex 7.27-8.9: (plague of frogs).

Ex 9.8-10: (plague of boils).

Ex 10.4-19: (plague of locusts).

Ex 8.12-4: (plague of frogs).

Ps 105.34: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Ex 9.18-34: (plague of hail).

Ex 11.5: And all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die.

1Cor 10.11: Now these things happened to them as a warning.

Ex 14.23: They Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea.

Ex 15.4: Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea.

Heb 10.22: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Eph 5.26: That he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word.

Ex 9.23-4: (plague of hail).

Rom 13.12: The night is far gone, the day is at hand.

Mt 13.42: And throw them into the furnace of fire.

Jer 5.8: They were well-fed lusty stallions, each neighing for his neighbor's wife.

Ps 32.9: Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle.

Sg 1.10: Why are your cheeks beautiful, like those of a beautiful turtledove?

Eph 4.14: So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine.

4Mac 7.1-3: (noble example of Eleazar).

Tit 1.13: Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith.

Tit 2.2: Bid the older men be temperate, serious, sensible, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.

Prov 1.9: For they are a fair garland for your head, and pendants for your neck.

Sg 1.11-2: We will make for you figures of gold with studs of silver while the king was at table.

Hab 3.8: when you rode upon your horses, upon your chariot of victory.

Zac 9.9: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass.

2Cor 6.16: I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

2Cor 12.3: And he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

Heb 1.3: He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power.

Phl 2.6: Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

In 1.1: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2Cor 4.7: For who sees anything different in you? What have you that you did not receive?

Prov 10.20: The tongue of the righteous is choice silver.

In 1.18: No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

In 5.37: His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen.

1Cor 13.12: For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.

Eph 3.17: And that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Phl 4.7: And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Acts 9.15: Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel.

Gal 2.20: It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

2Cor 13.3: Since you desire proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful in you.

Heb 1.14: Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?

Sg 1.12: My nard gave forth its scent.

Hab 3.3: His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

2Cor 3.18: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another.

1Cor 13.12: (cf. 10 vss. above).

Wisd 7.26: For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness.

Gal 5.22: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

2Cor 2.15-7: (fragrance of Christ).

Eph 5.2: And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1Tm 4.12-5: (exhortation keep prophetic gift).

Phl 1.25: I know that I shall remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith.

2Tm 4.10: For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.

2Tm 4.14: Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm.

2Tm 1.15: You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelus and Hermogenes.

2Cor 2.15: For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

Jn 12.3: Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair.

Mk 14.3: A woman came with an alabaster jar of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the jar and poured it over his head.

In 12.3: (cf. 2 vss. above).

Mk 14.8: She has anointed my body beforehand for burying.

Mt 26.12: In pouring this ointment on my body she has done it to prepare me for burial.

Mt 26.13: Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what she had done will be told in memory of her.

Sg 1.13: My beloved is to me a sachet of myrrh; he shall lie between my breasts.

Mt 6.21: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Ps 128.3: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house.

Sg 1.14: My love is to me a cluster of cypress in the vineyards of En-Gadi.

Mt 26.28: For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Ps 104.15. And wine to gladden the heart of man.

Dt 32.14: With the finest of the wheat, and of the blood of the grape you drank wine.

Lk 2.11: For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

1Cor 3.1-3: (feeding with milk, not solid food).

Heb 5.12: You need milk, not solid food.

Phl 3.12: Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Eph 4.14: So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine.

Gal 4.4: But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.

Eph 1.10: As a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

2Cor 1.21: But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us.

Rom 8.24: For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope.

Is 5.1: Let me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard.

Num 32.1: Now the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad has a very great multitude of cattle.

Ps 1.2-3: (happiness in following God's law).

Is 5.1: (cf. 3 vss. above).

1Cor 3.9: For we are fellow workers for God; you are God's field, God's building.

2Cor 3.18: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed in to his likeness from one degree of glory to another.

Jn 1.9: The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.

1Jn 5.20: And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to know him who is true.

Prov 1.3: Receive instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity.

2Pt 1.4-8: (exhortation to holiness).

2Cor 3.18: (cf. 5 vss. above).

Ps 128.3: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house.

Jn 15.1: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser.

Jn 6.53-6: (eating the body and blood of Christ).

Dt 32.43: For he avenges the blood of his servants.

Rom 15.10: Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.

FOURTH HOMILY (Sg 1.15-2.7)

Sg 1.15: Behold, you are fair, my companion; behold you are fair; your eyes are doves.

Col 3.12: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience.

Rom 13.14: But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Col 3.10: And have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Eph 4.24: And put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

1Pt 1.14: As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance.

Rom 12.2: Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

2Cor 3.18: (cf. 13 vss. above).

Acts 26.13: At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me.

Mt 17.2: And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.

Sg 1.15: Behold, you are fair, my companion.

Gal 5.25: If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Rom 8.13: For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body you will live.

1Cor 2.13-3.3: (spiritual vs. unspiritual man).

Mt 3.16: And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened.

2Cor 4.4: In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.

1 Cor 12.3: Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except the Holy Spirit.

Sg 1.16: Behold, you are fair, my beloved, and beautiful.

Rom 2.29: They were filled with all manner of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice.

Wisd 7.8: I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.

Ps 119.21: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Heb 7.14: For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

Sg 1.16: (cf. 5 vss. above).

Eph 1.10: As a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Eph 3.9: And to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things.

Phl 2.7: But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Ex 33.20: But you cannot see my face; for man shall not see me and live.

Is 9.1: But there will be no gloom for her that was in anguish.

1Tm 2.5: For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

2Cor 11.2: I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I betrothed you to Christ.

Eph 5.32: This is a great mystery, and I take it to mean Christ and the church.

2Cor 5.1: For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mt 21.42: The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.

Sg 1.17: The beams of our house are cedars, our paneling is of cypress.

Mt 7.25: And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

Eccl 10.18: Through sloth the roof sinks in, and through indolence the house leaks.

Prov 27.15: The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth.

Ps 104.16: The cedars of Lebanon which he planted.

Ps 124.7: We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Prov 3.4: So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man.

Cor 5.11: But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to our conscience.

1Tm 3.7: Moreover he must be well thought of by outsiders, or he may fall into the reproach and the snare of the devil.

Mt 5.16: Let your light so shine before men.

1Ths 4.12: So that you may command the respect of outsiders, and be dependent on nobody.

1Cor 3.10: According to the commission of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it.

1Cor 14.40: But all things should be done decently and in order.

Sg 2.1: I am a flower of the field, a lily of the valleys.

Lk 8.14: And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

Rom 8.38: For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers.

Sg 2.2: As a lily among thorns, thus is my sister among the daughters.

Mt 12.50: For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Ps 45.10: Forget your people and your father's house.

Rom 8.15: For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship.

Jn 8.44: You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires.

Sg 2.3: As the apple among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons.

Ps 104.20: You made darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep

forth.

Ps 80.13: The boar from the forest ravages it.

Heb 4.15: For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning.

Jn 1.9: The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.

Jn 6.51-6: (eating the body and blood of Christ).

Ps 16.2: I have no good apart from you (You do not need any of my good deeds).

Rom 11.17: But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the richness of the olive tree.

Rom 11.19: Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.

Rom 11.24: For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Lk 8.7: And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it.

1Ths 5.5: For you are all sons of light and sons of the day.

Eph 2.3: Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh.

1Ths 5.5: (cf. 2 vss. above).

Lk 10.6: And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you.

Sg 2.3: His fruit is sweet in my throat.

Ps 119. How sweet are your words to my taste.

Sg. 2.3: (cf. 2 vss. above).

Gen 2.9: The tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Rev 22.2: Also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month.

Ps 1.1: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.

Sg 2.4-5: Bring me into the house of wine; set love before me. Strengthen me with perfumes; stay me with apples, for I am wounded with love.

2Tm 4.7: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Prov 9.2: She has slaughtered her beasts, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.

Prov 3.10: And your vats will be bursting with wine.

Jn 15.1: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser.

Is 63.2: Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his that treads in the wine press?

1Jn 4.8: He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.

1Jn 4.16: So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Ps 62.2: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly

moved.

1Cor 14.40: But all things should be done decently and in order.

Gen 4.7: And if you do it do well, sin is couching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.

Dt 15.19-22: (consecration of firstling males for Passover).

Ex 23.19: The first of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.

Mk 12.30: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Eph 5.25: Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

Rom 12.17: Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

1Ths 5.15: See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

Rom 5.19: For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Rom 5.10: For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Sg 2.5: Strengthen me with perfumes.

1Cor 3.12: Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble.

Col 3.11: Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

2Tm 3.16: All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and for training in righteousness.

1Cor 10.11: Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman.

Jn 3.31: He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth belongs to the earth, and of the earth he speaks.

Jn 13.15: For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Mt 11.29: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

PM 2.5: Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus.

Phl 2.8: And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient

unto death, even death on a cross.

Sg 2.5: Stay me with apples.

1Jn 4.8: He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.

Is 49.2: He made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

Jn 1.18: No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

1Cor 1.18: For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- Rom 8.2: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.

Ezk 37.5: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

Jn 14.23: If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Prov 3.16: Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

Sg 2.6: His left hand is under my head.

Prov 3.16: (cf. 2 vss. above).

1Tm 2.4: Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Sg 2.7: I have charged you, daughters of Jerusalem, by the powers and strengths of the field, that you do not rouse or wake my love until he pleases.

Ps 132.11: The Lord has sworn the truth to David, and he will not go back on his word.

Gen 24.2-9: (Abraham contracts a marriage for his son).

1Tm 2.4: Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Gn 24.9: So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

Sg 2.7: (cf. 5 vss. above).

Mt 13.38: The field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom. Eccl 1.2: Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher.

1Cor 1.24: But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Ps 103.21: Bless the Lord, all his powers.

Ps 17.2-3: Lord, my strength and my firmament.

1Cor 7.31: For the form of this world is passing away.

Mt 22.30: For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven.

2Cor 10.3: For though we live in the world we are not carrying on a worldly war.

Rom 8.12: So then, brethren, we are debtors, not the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

Rom 12.2: Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

Mt 6.10: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Sg 2.7: (cf. 17 vss. above).

1Cor 2.7: But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God which God decreed before the ages for our glorification.

Col 1.26: The mystery hidden for ages and generations but now made manifest to his saints.

Rom 16.25: Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret for long ages.

FIFTH HOMILY: Sg 2.8-17)

Phl 3.13: But one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.

2Cor 12.2-4: (Paul raised to 3rd heaven).

Sg 2.8: Behold, he comes.

Sg 2.9: My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag upon the mountains of Bethel.

Ps 68.11: The Lord gives the command; great is the host of those who bore the tidings.

Eph 2.6: And raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2.9: Not because of works, lest any man should boast.

2Tm 1.10: And now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Jn 5.36: For the works which the Father has granted me to accomplish, these very works which I am doing, bear witness that the Father has sent me.

Ps 48.8: As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the Lord of hosts.

Heb 1.1: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets.

Heb 1.2: But in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son.

2Cor 10.4: For the weapons of our warfare are not worldly but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

2Cor 10.5: We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle to the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

Ps 46.2: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

Mt 17.20: For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move hence to yonder place," and it will move.

Mt 17.15: Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly.

Mk 11.23: Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be taken up and cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.

Ps 110.1: The Lord says to my lord, "Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool."

Ps 91.13: You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Lk 10.19: Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy.

Mt 9.32: As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him.

Mk 1.23: And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit.

Lk 4.33-7: (man with unclean spirit).

2Cor 10.5: We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle to the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

Ps 29.9: The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forests bare.

Lk 10.19: (cf. 6 vss. above).

Heb 11.1: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Sg 2.9: Behold, he stands behind our wall, looking through the windows, peeping through the lattices.

Jn 1.9: The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.

Lk 1.79: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Sg 2.10-3: (Bridegroom saying that winter is past).

Ps 74.17: You have made summer and winter.

Col 2.3: In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Is 45.3: I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places.

Ps 115.8: Those who make them are like them.

Ezk 36.25: I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

Mal 4.2: But for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Jn 4.14: The water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Ps 148.7: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps.

Ps 114.8: Who turns the rock into a pool of water.

Mt 3.9: For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

Lk 3.8: Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father," for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

Jn 8.39: "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do what Abraham did."

Col 2.17: These are only a shadow of what is to come; but the substance belong to Christ.

Heb 1.1: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets.

2Cor 3.14: For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.

Eph 2.14: which is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his

glory.

Jn 1.9: The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.

Ps 145.14: The Lord upholds all who are falling.

2Tm 4.7: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Mt 9.5: For which is easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or "rise and walk?"

Ps 68.33: Lo, he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ps 33.9: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood forth.

Sg 2.10: Arise, come, my companion, my fair one, my dove.

2Cor 3.18: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another.

Lk 3.22: And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove.

Jn 1.32: I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven.

Sg 2.11: For behold, winter is past, the rain is gone; it has departed.

1Tm 1.19: By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their faith.

Mk 4.39: And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!"

Sg 2.11-2: Winter is past, the rain is gone; it has departed. The flowers are seen in the land; the time of pruning has arrived.

Jn 1.23: Make straight the way of the Lord.

Mt 3.3: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Is 11.1: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

Jn 1.29: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Mt 3.7: You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Sg 2.12: The voice of the turtledove has been heard in our land.

Mt 21.32: For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him.

Sg 2.13: The fig tree has put forth its young figs.

Mt 13.29: No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them.

Ps 1.3: That yields its fruit in its season.

Ps 104.15: And wine to gladden the heart of man.

Prov 9.2: She has mixed her wine.

2Cor 2.15: For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

Sg 2.13: Arise, come, my companion, my fair one, my dove.

1Cor 9.24-6: (image of a runner).

Gal 5.7: You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?

Heb 12.1: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

2Tm 4.7: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Acts 20.24: If only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus.

2Cor 3.18: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another.

Sg 2.14: Come by yourself, my dove, in the shelter of the rock, near the wall.

Ps 119.108: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord.

Ps 54.6: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you.

2Cor 3.7-18: (the new covenant).

1Cor 10.4: For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

Mt 7.24: Every one then who hears these words of mind and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock.

Lk 6.48: (same image as vs. above).

Dt 32.13: He made him ride on the high places of the earth.

Ps 27.5: He will set me high upon a rock.

Ps 40.2: And set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

Heb 10.1: For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come.

Ex 20.13: You shall not kill.

Dt 5.17: You shall not kill.

Mt 5.28: Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Rom 2.25-9: (base passions).

(s 53.7 (Acts 8.32): As a sheep led to the slaughter or a lamb before its shearer is dumb, so he opens not his mouth.

Heb 9.18: And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight.

1Cor 5.7: For Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.

1Cor 10.4: For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

1Cor 15.47: The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

Rom 2.28: For he is not a real Jew who is one outwardly, nor is true circumcision something external and physical.

Mt 12.12: Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.

Mt 15.11: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.

Rom 7.14: We know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Sg 2.14: Show me your face, and let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your countenance is beautiful.

Heb 1.1: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets.

Jn 1.14: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

1Tm 3.16: He was manifested in the flesh.

Lk 2.29: Lord, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word.

2Cor 6.1: Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain.

In 6.68: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Sg 2.15: Catch the little foxes that spoil the vines.

in 8.44: You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires.

Ps 52.3: You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth.

Ps 120.4: A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the broom tree.

Ps 10.9: He lurks in secret like a lion in his covert.

Ezk 29.3: Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lies in the mist of his streams.

Is 5.14: Therefore Sheol has enlarged its appetite and opened its mouth beyond measure.

Eph 6.12: For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities.

Heb 2.14: That through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil.

Is 10.13: I have removed the boundaries of peoples, and have plundered their treasures.

Dt 32.8: He fixed the bounds of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God.

Is 14.13: I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high. Job 4.0.18: His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like bars of iron.

Job 41.7: Can you fill his skin with harpoons, or his head with fishing spears?

Mk 5.9: My name is Legion; for we are many.

Ps 63.10: They shall be prey for jackals.

Ps 24.8: Who is the King of glory?

Heb 1.14: Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?

Mt 4.19: Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Mt 8.20: Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head.

Ps 80.13: The boar from the forest ravages it.

Ps 22.13: They open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

Jon 2.1: Out of the belly of Sheol I cried.

Ezk 32.2: You consider yourself a lion among the nations, but you are like a dragon in the seas.

Eph 6.12: For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities.

Ps 128.3: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house.

Eph 2.14: For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility.

Sg 16-7: My beloved is mine, and I am his. He feeds his flock among the lilies. Until the day dawns, and the shadows flee.

1Cor 13.12: For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.

Ex 3.14: God said to Moses, "I am who I am."

2Cor 5.2: Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling.

1Cor 3.16: Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

2Cor 6.16: I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Is 40.6: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

1Pt 1.24: (cf. vs. above).

Jn 3.6: That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Heb 5.14: But solid food is for the mature.

2Cor 2.15: For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

1Ths 5.5: For you are all sons of light and sons of the day.

Sg 2.17: Turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of the ravines.

Lk 9.47: But when Jesus perceived the thought of their hearts, he took a child and put him by his side.

Is 40.4 (Lk 3.5): Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low.

SIXTH HOMILY: Sg 3.1-8

Phl 3.13: But one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.

Sg 3.1-4: (bride seeks her beloved).

Sg 1.9: I have compared you, my love, to my cavalry facing the chariots of Pharaoh.

Sg 1.10: Why are your cheeks beautiful as those of a turtledove, your neck as small necklaces?

Sg 1.12: While the king was on his couch my nard gave forth its scent.

Sg 1.13: My beloved is to me a sachet of myrrh; he shall lie between my breasts.

Sg 1.14: My beloved is to me a cluster of cypress in the vineyards of En-Gadi.

Sg 1.16: Behold, you are fair, my beloved and beautiful, overshadowing our bed.

Sg 1.17: The beams of our house are cedars, our paneling is of cypress.

Sg 2.2: As a lily among thorns, so is my sister among the daughters.

Sg 2.3: As the apple among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. Under his shadow I desired and sat down, and his fruit was sweet to my throat.

Sg 2.4: Bring me into the house of wine, set love before me.

Sg 2.5-6: Strengthen me with perfumes, stay me with apples, for I am wounded with love. His left hand is under my head, and his right hand shall embrace me.

Sg 2.7: I have charged you, daughters of Jerusalem, by the powers and strengths of the field, that you do

not rouse or waken my love until he pleases.

The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills.

Sg. 2.9: My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of Bethel. Behold, he stands behind our wall, looking through the windows, peeping through the lattices.

Sg 2.10-14: (Bridegroom says that winter is past).

Sg 2.14: Come, by yourself, my dove, in the shelter of the rock, near the wall. Show me your face, and let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your countenance is beautiful.

Sg 2.15: Catch the little foxes that spoil the vines, for our vines put forth tender grapes.

Sg 2.16: My beloved is mine, and I am his. He feeds his flock among the lilies.

Ps 84.7: They go from strength to strength.

1Cor 9.24: Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize?

Heb 12.1: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Dt 6.5: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and with all your might.

Ex 20.21: And the people stood afar off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Ps 18.11: His canopy thick clouds dark with water.

Phl 2.9: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Eph 1.21: Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named.

Sg 3.1: I called him, and he did not answer me.

Col 1.16: For in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth.

Heb 12.22: But you have come to Mt. Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering.

Lk 2.13: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.

Dan 7.10: A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

Sg 3.4: When I passed them by a little.

Sg 3.1-4: (Bride seeking her beloved).

Sg 2.2: As a lily among thorns, so is my sister among the daughters.

Sg 3.6: Who is this who comes up from the wilderness as pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all the powders of the perfumer?

2Cor 3.18: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another.

Sg 1.8: If you do not know yourself, fair one among women, go by the footsteps of the flocks and feed your kids by the shepherds' tents.

Sg 1.11: We will make for you figures of gold with studs of silver.

Ps 63.2: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

Col 3.5: Put to death therefore what is earthly in you.

Rom 6.4: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death.

Col 2.12: And you were buried with him in baptism.

Jn 12.7: Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial.

Jn 19.39: Nicodemus...came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight.

2Cor 2.14-6: (disciples as aroma of Christ).

Sg 3.7-8: Behold, Solomon's bed; 60 mighty men of the mighty ones of Israel are round it. They all hold a sword, being expert in war. Every man has his sword upon his thigh because of fear by night.

1Kg 7.38-50: (pillars & vessels of the temple made by Solomon).

1Kg 7.34: There were four supports at the four corners of each stand; the supports were of one piece with the stands.

1Kg 10.14-29: (gold vessels for Solomon).

Rom 7.5: While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.

Rom 7.18: For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh.

Rom 7.23: But I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind.

Rom 8.7: For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God.

2Cor 10.4: For the weapons of our warfare are not worldly but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

Rom 13.12: The night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Ps 11.2: To shoot in the ark at the upright in heart.

Sg 3.8: They all hold a sword, being expert in war. Every man has his sword upon his thigh because of fear by night.

Ex 12.9: Do not eat any of it raw or boiled with water, but roasted.

Num 9.12: They shall leave none of it until the morning, nor break a bone of it.

Jn 5.39: You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life.

Num 17.2: Speak to the people of Israel, and get from them rods, one for each fathers' house.

Jos 4.2-9: (crossing of Jordan River).

Jos 5.2-9: (2nd circumcision).

Ex 23.1: You shall not join hands with a wicked man, to be a malicious witness.

Ps 104.20-1: You made darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep forth. The young lions roar for their prey.

Rom 9.6: For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel.

Mt 6.24: No one can serve two masters.

Lk 16.13: (cf. vs. above).

Mt 5.8: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Eph 6.11: Put on the whole armor of God.

1Cor 10.16: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

Eph 5.30: Because we are members of his body.

Lk 11.7: Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste.

2Cor 6.7: With the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left.

SEVENTH HOMILY (Sg 3.9-4.7)

Heb 7.2: He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace.

1Kg 5.9-10: (Hiram supplies Solomon with rafters).

1Kg 10.1-13: (Visit of queen of Sheba to Solomon).

1Cor 10.11: Now these things happened to them as a warning, but they written down for our instruction.

Eph 2.16: And might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross.

Col 2.14: Having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Eph 2.14: For he is our peace, who has made us both one.

Eph 2.15: By abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace.

Eph 2.17: And he came and preached peace to those who were far off and peace to those who were near.

Eph 2.20: Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

1Pt 2.5: And like living stones be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.

Zach 9.16 (lxx): For holy stones are rolled upon his land.

Eph 2.21: In whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

1Kg 5.9-10: (cf. 12 vss. above).

Col 1.16: Whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities--all things were created through him and for him.

Mt 27.37: And over his head they put the charge against him which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews."

Lk 23.48: (cf. vs. above).

Jn 5.22: The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son.

Jn 5.30: I can do nothing on my own authority; as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just.

Rom 9.5: To them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ.

1Kg 10.1-13: (Queen of Sheba visits Solomon).

Jn 1.9: The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.

Lk 1.79: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Eph 2.17: And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

Is 1.18: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.

Sg 3.9-10: King Solomon made himself a litter of the woods of Lebanon. He made its pillars silver, its back gold, its step purple, its interior is lovingly laid with stones by the daughters of Jerusalem.

Hab 3.8: When you rode upon your horses, upon your chariot of victory?

Gal 2.20: It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

2Cor 13.3: Since you desire proof that Christ is speaking in me.

1Cor 3.12: Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble.

2Tm 2.20: In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and earthenware, and some for noble use, some for ignoble.

Gen 3.1-7: (serpent tempts Adam and Eve).

Ps 29.5-6: The Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf.

Rom 12.3-8: (body has many members).

1Cor 12.4-31: (gifts of Spirit; different role of members in a body).

Gal 2.9: And when they perceived the grace that was given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars.

Rev 3.12: He who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God.

1Tm 3.9: They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

1Cor 12.28: And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers.

1Cor 10.33: Just as I try to please all men in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

Phl 3.7: But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

1Cor 11.1: Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Ps 21.3: You have set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

Gal 3.28: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female.

Col 3.9: Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices.

Mt 22.30: For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

Ps 21.3 (cf. 4 vss. above).

Col 1.13: He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

1Pt 2.5: And like living stones be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.

1Jn 4.8: He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.

1Jn 4.16: God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Sg 3.11: Go forth, daughters of Sion, and behold king Solomon, with the crown with which his mother crowned him, in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

1Tm 2.4: Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Sg 4.1: Behold, you are fair, my companion, behold you are fair.

Gen 12.1: Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

1Cor 12.12-27: (Church as one body).

1 Sam 9.9: "Come, let us go to the seer," for he who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.

1Chr 29.29: Now the acts of King David, from first to last, are written in the Chronicles of Samuel the seer, and in the Chronicles of Nathan the prophet, and in the Chronicles of Gad the seer.

Ezk 3.17: Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel.

Ezk 33.7: So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel.

Amos 7.12: O seer, go flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there.

Ex 7.1: See, I make you as God to Pharaoh; and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.

Mal 4.2: But for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

Rom 13.12: The night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Eph 5.11: Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

2Cor 4.18: They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

2Cor 4.18: For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Col 1.5: Because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

Rom 8.24: For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope.

Dt 6.5: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and with all your might.

Ps 139.22: I hate them with perfect hatred.

Ps 97.10: The Lord loves those who hate evil.

Rom 12.9: Hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.

Sg 4.1: Your eyes are as doves.

Mt 10.16: So be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Mt 6.4: So that your alms may be in secret.

Ps 44.21: For he knows the secrets of the heart.

Ps 139.15: When I was being made in secret.

1Cor 11.15: For her hair is given to her for a covering.

1Tm 2.10: Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation which in Christ Jesus goes with eternal glory.

1Cor 11.5: But any woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled dishonors her head.

Rom 6.11: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

2Kg 1.8: He wore a garment of haircloth with a girdle of leather about his loins.

Sg 4.2: Your teeth are as flocks of shorn sheep which have come up from the washing. All of them bearing twins, and there is not a barren one among them.

1Cor 9.9 (Dt 25.4): "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain."

Is it for oxen that God is concerned?

Gal 4.22: For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman.

Rom 7.14: We know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin.

1Tm 3.1-7: (Description of episcopate).

2Cor 7.1: Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Sg 4.3: Your lips are as a thread of scarlet.

Gal 5.6: For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love.

Rom 10.9: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Sg 4.3: (cf. 3 vss. above).

Rom 2.29: He is a Jew who is one inwardly, and real circumcision is a matter of the heart, spiritual and not literal.

Mt 6.4: So that our alms may be in secret.

Ps 44.21: For he knows the secrets of the heart.

1Cor 10.11: Now these things happened to them as a warning, but they were written down for our instruction.

Gn 12.1: Go from your own country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

1 Pt 2.5: And like living stones be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.

Sg 4.4: Your neck is as the tower of David that was built for an armory (thalpiath); a thousand shields hang upon it, and all the spears of mighty men.

Eph 4.16: From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.

Acts 9.15: Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel.

2Cor 13.3: Since you desire proof that Christ is speaking in me.

Eph 4.14: So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine.

Col 3.2: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Eph 6.11: For we are not contending against flesh and blood.

Ps 34.7: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

