

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

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

Ps 119.72: The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Sg 1.9-10: I have compared you, my companion, to my horses in the chariots of Pharaoh. Your cheeks are beautiful as those of a dove, your neck as chains.

Mt 5.14: You are the light of the world.

Sg 4.5: Your two breasts are as two twin fawns of an antelope that feed among the lilies.

Ps 90.5: Like grass which is renewed in the morning.

Jn 3.8: The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes.

Sg 4.5-6: (4 vss. above plus:) Until the day breathes and the shadows depart.

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

Jn 3.8: (cf. 3 vss. above).

Lk 8.15: And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.

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

2Cor 4.16: To once a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.

Mt 7.16: You will know them by their fruits.

Heb 6.8: But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed; its end is to be burned.

Gen 3.17-8: Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you.

1Cor 12.10: To another the ability to distinguish between spirits.

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

1Ths 2.7: But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children.

Heb 2.14: Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil.

Sg 4.6: I will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense.

Sg 4.7: You are all fair, my companion, and there is no spot in you.

Jn 10.18: I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.

Eph 2.8: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.

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

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

Rom 8.17: And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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.

EIGHTH HOMILY: Sg 4.8-15

2Cor 12.1-4: (Ecstasy of Paul).

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

Ps 145.5: On the glorious splendor of your majesty.

Ps 84.7: They go from strength to strength.

Ps 92.8: But you, O Lord, are on high forever.

Ps 102.12: But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever.

1Cor 2.9: What no eye has seen, nor ear heard.

Mt .58: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Sg 4.8: Come from Lebanon, my bride, come from Lebanon. You will come and pass from the summit of faith, from the top of Sanir and Hermon, from the dens of lions, from the mountains of the leopard.

In 7.37: If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink.

1Pt 2.3: For you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

Sg 2.10 & 13: Come, my companion...Come my dove.

Sg 2.14: Bring yourself to the cleft of the rock.

Sg 4.7: You are all fair, my companion, and there is no spot in you.

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

Sg 4.8: You will go and pass one.

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

Ps 114.8: Those who make them are like them.

Gen 1.3-24: (Creation of the world).

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 4.9: You have given us heart, our sister, our spouse.

Eph 3.10-2: (Principalities).

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

1Pt 2.24: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Mt 20.28: Even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Is 53.12: Because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

In 1.18: No one has ever seen God.

1Tm 6.16: Who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has ever seen or can see.

Eph 4.12: For the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of 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.

Eph 1.22: And has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all

things for the church.

Col 1.18: He is the head of the body, the church.

Eph 5.17: 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.

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.

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

Mt 11.29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me.

NINTH HOMILY: Sg 4.10-15

Col 3.1-4: (We appear with Christ in glory).

Col 2.13: And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses.

Eph 2.1: And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins.

Prov 10.14: A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

Col 3.1: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

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.

Sg 4.10: How beautiful are your breasts, my sister, my spouse! How much more beautiful are your breasts than wine, and the scent of your ointments than all spices!

Mk 3.35: Whoever does the will of God is my brother, sister, and mother.

2Cor 11.2: For I betrothed you to Christ to present you as a pure bride to her one husband.

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

1Ths 2.7: But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children.

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

Sg 1.2-3: Your breasts are better than wine, and the scent of your ointments is better than all spices.

Ps 118.1-4: (God's goodness to his creation).

Hos 13.7: So I will be to them like a lion, like a leopard I will lurk beside the way.

Mt 25.34-46: (Christ judges between good and bad sheep).

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

Prov 9.5: Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Sg 4.10: (cf. 12 vss. above).

Gen 8.21: And when the Lord smelled the pleasing odor, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man."

Lev 6.7-9: (Burnt offerings to God).

1Cor 10.6: Now these things are warnings for us, not to desire evil as they did.

Heb 10.1: For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the sacrifices which are continually offered year after year, make perfect those who draw near.

2Cor 3.15: Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their minds.

Ex 29.18: And burn the whole ram on the altar; it is a burnt offering to the Lord; it is a pleasing odor, an offering by fire to the Lord.

Ps 40.9: I will accept no bull from your house, nor he-goat from your folds.

Ps 40.13: Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

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

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

Ps 51.17: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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

Ex 30.25: And you shall make of these a sacred anointing oil blended as by the perfumer.

Lev 4.18: And he shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar which is in the tent of meeting before the Lord.

Ex 30.37: And the incense which you shall make according to its composition, you shall not make for yourselves; it shall be for you holy to the Lord.

Prov 22.12: The eyes of the Lord keep watch over knowledge.

Prov 6.8: She [the ant] prepares her food in summer and gathers her sustenance.

1Cor 12.4: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

Rom 12.6: Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

Lk 6.45: The good man out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil man out his evil treasure produces evil; for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Sg 4.11: Your lips drop a honeycomb, my spouse; honey and milk are under your tongue.

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

1Ths 2.7: But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children.

1Cor 2.6-8: (Christ as hidden wisdom).

Sg 4.11: The scent of your garments is as the smell of frankincense.

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

Eph 5.31: For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one.

Mk 3.35: Whoever does the will of God is my brother, sister, and mother.

Ps 92.13: They are planted in the house of the Lord.

Ps 52.8: But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

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

Is 55.13: Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle.

Mic 4.4: But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid.

Mt 6.20: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Ps 80.13: The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

Sg 4.12: You are a garden enclosed, my sister, my spouse.

Prov 5.18: Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth.

Prov 5.17: Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you.

Sg 4.13-5: Your shoots are a garden of pomegranates with the fruit of choice berries;

henna with spikenard; spikenard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all woods of

Lebanon: myrrh, aloes, with all the chief spices. A fountain of gardens, and well of living water from Lebanon.

i Cor 14.2: For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.

Rom 11.33: For God has consigned all men to disobedience, that he may have mercy upon all.

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

Eph 5.23: For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Mk 3.35: Whoever does the will of God is my brother, sister, and mother.

Ex 3.8: And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Dt 6.3: That you may multiply greatly as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land

flowing with milk and honey.

Gal 3.27: For as many of you were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Rom 13.14: But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Ps 84.7: They go from strength to strength.

Mk 3.14: And as he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, he said to him, "Follow me."

Lk 6.13: And when it was day, he called his disciples, and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles.

Rom 12.11: Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord.

Ex 30.23: Take the finest spices: of liquid myrrh 500 shekels, and of sweet-smelling cinnamon half as much, that is, 250, and of aromatic cane 250.

Job 42.14: And he called the name of the first Jemimah; and the name of the second Keziah; and the name of the third Keren-happuch.

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

Eph 5.8: Walk as children of light.

Rom 6.5: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

PM 3.10: That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

Jn 19.39: Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about 100 pounds weight.

Heb 2.9: But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death.

Amos 6.6: Who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils.

Amos 6.5: Who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp.

1Cor 3.6: I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

Sg 4.15: A fountain of a garden, and a well of water springing and gurgling from Lebanon.

Jer 2.13: They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves.

Jn 4.10: If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.

Jn 7.37-9: (Living water).

Jn 8.42: If God were your Father, you would love me, for I proceeded and came forth from God.

Prov 5.17-8: Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed.

TENTH HOMILY: Sg 4.16-5.2

Ps 103.11: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

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.

Lk 12.49: I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!

Acts 2.3: And there appeared to them tongues as of fire.

Gen 15.5: Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.

Lk 12.42-4: (Faithful and wise steward).

Mt 24.45-47: (cf. vs. above).

Gen 32.25-9: (Jacob wrestles with the angel).

Mt 8.9: For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; I say to one, "Go," and he goes, and to another, "Come," and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this," and he does it.

Lk 7.8: (cf. vs. above).

2Cor 6.14: For what partnership have righteousness and iniquity? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Rom 8.7-10: (Spirit vs. flesh).

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

Eph 6.14-7: (Armor of a Christian).

Mt 8.9: (cf. 6 vss. above).

Lk 8.23-4: (Christ quiets storm on the lake).

Prov 27.16: The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer discreetly.

Zach 6.12: Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall grow up in his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord.

Mt 24.20: Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.

Acts 2.2: And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts 1.15: In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about 120).

Acts 2.3: And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.

Sg 4.15: A fountain of a garden, and a well of water springing and gurgling from Lebanon.

Ps 147.7: He breathed his breath and the waters flowed.

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 4.16: Let my beloved come down into his garden and eat the fruit of his choice berries.

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

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

Eph 2.10: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.

Ps 145:15-6: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Jn 6:33: For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.

Ezk 47:9: And wherever the river goes every living creature which swarms will live, and there will be very many fish.

Jn 4:34: For my food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work.

1Tim 2:4: Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Mt 7:16: And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men.

Sg 2:3: And his fruit was sweet to my taste.

Mt 6:9-10: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Ps 146:7: Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Is 58:9: Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, "Here I am."

Sg 5:1: I have come into my garden, my sister, my spouse; I have gathered my myrrh with my spices; I have eaten my bread with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat, my companions, drink and be inebriated, my brethren.

Zach 9:17: Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the maidens.

Rom 11:36: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

Heb 5:14: But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their faculties trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

Ex 12:8: They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Mt 27:34: They offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall.

Mt 27:48: And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink.

Mk 15:36: (cf. vs. above).

1 Cor 15:31: I protest, brethren, by my pride in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!

2Cor 1:9: Why, we felt that we had received the sentence of death; but that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

2Cor 2:15-6: (Disciples as aroma of Christ).

Mt 25:35: For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

1 Pt 2:2: Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk.

Mt 26:26: Take, eat; this is my body.

Ps 36:8: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Ps 115:2 (lxx): And I said in my amazement [ecstasy], "every man is a liar."

Ps 68:28: Show your strength, O God, you who has wrought for us.

Rom 11.1: I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite.

Phl 3.5: Circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2Cor 5.13: For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God.

Acts 26.25: I am not mad, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking the sober truth.

Acts 10.10: And he became hungry and desired something to eat; but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance.

1Cor 11.29: For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.

Mk 3.35: Whoever does the will of God is my brother, sister, and mother.

Sg 5.2: Eat, my companions, and drink, and be inebriated.

ELEVENTH HOMILY: Sg 5.2-7

Is 52.2: Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion.

Mt 24.42-25.13: (Signs and parables of the end).

Lk 12.35: Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning.

11n 3.21: Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God.

Rom 1.21: For although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds, were darkened.

Eph 4.17-9: (same theme as vs. above).

Wisd 13.1: For all men who were ignorant of God were foolish by nature.

Lk 12.36: And be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks.

Ps 19.5: Which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber.

2Cor 11.2: I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I betrothed you to Christ to present you as a pure bride to her one husband.

Ezk 16.15: But you trusted in your beauty, and played the harlot because of your renown, and lavished your harlotries on any passer-by.

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

Lk 12.43: Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing.

Lk 12.37: Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.

Mt 24.43: But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into.

Lk 12.39-40: (cf. vs. above).

Sg 5.2: The voice of my beloved knocks at the door.

Sg 4.7: You are wholly beautiful, and there is no spot in you.

iCor 8.2: If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.

Gen 2.6: But a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

Sg 5.2: Open, open to me, my sister, my companion, my dove, my perfect one, for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

Ex 19.3: And Moses went up to God and the Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel."

Ex 19.16-9: (Mt. Sinai wrapped in smoke).

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

Sg 1.5-6: I am black, but beautiful, daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the skins of Solomon. Look not upon me, because I am dark, because the sun has looked unfavorably upon me.

Mt 13.6: But when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away.

Sg 1.6: I have not kept my own vineyard.

Sg 1.7-8: Where do you tend your flock, where do you cause them to rest at noon...go forth by the footsteps of the clocks and feed your kids by the shepherds' tents.

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

Sg 1.9: I have compared you, my companion, to my horses in the chariots of Pharaoh.

Sg 2.3-5: (Bride compared to an apple, etc.).

1Cor 13.9: For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect.

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

Ps 24.7: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

Mk 3.35: Whoever does the will of God is my brother, sister, and mother.

Is 26.19: For your dew is a dew of light, and on the land of the shades you will let it fall.

Is 43.20: For I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

Ezk 47.9: And wherever the river goes every living creature which swarms will live, and there will be very many fish.

Ps 65.9: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water.

2Cor 12.2-4: (Paul's ecstasy).

1Cor 13.9: For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect.

1Cor 8.2: If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.

Phl 3.13: Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own.

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

Sg 5.3: I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet, how shall I defile them?

Gen 3.19: You are dust, and to dust you shall return.

2Cor 3.15-6: Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their minds; but when a man turns to

the Lord the veil is removed.

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

Eph 4.22: Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts.

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

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

Rom 13.14: But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mt 22.11-2: (John the Baptist).

Mt 10.10: No bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor a staff; for the laborer deserves his food.

2Cor 6.14: For what partnership have righteousness and iniquity?

Mk 2.21: No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment.

Mt 17.2: And his garments became white light.

Prov 23.21: For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.

Ex 3.5: Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.

Ex 28.5: They shall receive gold, blue and purple and scarlet stuff, and fine twined linen.

Ex 25.9: And you shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel.

Mt 10.10: (cf. 8 vss. above).

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

Jn 13.5: Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded.

Ps 93.1: The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

Num 20.17: We will not pass through field or vineyard, neither will we drink water from a well; we go along the King's Highway.

Lk 3.16: I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.

Mk 1.7: (cf. vs. above).

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

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

Jn 1.4: In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Jn 8.12: I am the light of the world.

Jn 14.6: I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

1Cor 15.53-7: (Death vanquished).

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

1Cor 2.30: (cf. vs. above).

Sg 5.4: My beloved put forth his hand through the hole of the door, and my belly was moved for him.

2Cor 3.16: But when a man turns to the Lord the veil is removed.

Ps 24.7: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

Wisd 13.6-7: Yet these men are little to be blamed, for perhaps they go astray while seeking God and desiring to find him. For as they live among his works they keep searching.

Wisd 7.25: For she is a breath of the power of God.

Wisd 13.1-9: (Origin and folly of idolatry).

Rom 1.20: Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.

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

1Cor 2.9: What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.

1Cor 13.12: Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood.

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

Is 66.2: All these things my hand has made.

Acts 7.50: Did not my hand make all these things?

Heb 4.15: For we have not a high priest who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning.

1Tm 3.16: He was manifested in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

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

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

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

Rom 6.5: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

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

2Cor 4.10-1: (Imitating death of Jesus).

Ps 95.4: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

Is 40.12: Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span?

Mt 9.18-30: (Jesus heals).

Jn 11.11-44: (cf. vs. above).

Mt 8.1-4: (Cure of a leper).

Rom 1.20: Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.

TWELFTH HOMILY: Sg 5.5-7

Sg 5.5: I rose up to open to my beloved; my hands dropped myrrh, my forgers were full of myrrh on the handles of the lock.

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

2Cor 3.16: But when a man turns to the Lord the veil is removed.

Jn 19.39: Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about 100 pounds weight.

Rom 6.4: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Col 3.5: (cf. 4 vss. above).

Jn 12.24: Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

1Cor 15.36: What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

Mt 24.45: Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time?

Lk 12.45: (cf. vs. above).

Ps 101.8: Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked in the land.

Dt 32.39: I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal.

2Cor 6.9: As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed.

2Cor 12.10: For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Acts 20.22-4: (Spirit testifies on behalf of Paul).

2Tm 4.6: For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come.

2Cor 4.10: Always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

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

Gen 1.26-7: (Man in God's image and likeness).

Wisd 2.23: For God created man for incorruption, and made him in the image of his own eternity.

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

Gen 1.16-7: 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 the day that you eat of it you shall die.

Gen 2.9: (cf. 2 vss. above).

Gen 3.3: You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

Rom 6.23: For the wages of sin is death.

Wisd 1.13: Because God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living.

Prov 5.3: For the lips of a loose woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than

Hab 3.2: O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years renew it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

Rom 6.11: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

1Cor 8.2: If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.

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

Sg 5.5-6: Upon the handles of the lock. I opened to my beloved. My beloved was gone. My soul went forth at his word.

Mt 7.14: For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Mt 16.19: I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Jms 2.20: Do you want to be shown, you foolish fellow, that faith apart from works is barren?

Ex 33.12-22: (God's revelation to Moses, Mt. Sinai).

Ps 121.8: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

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

Jn 10.9: I am the door.

Ex 33.19-23: (cf. 4 vss. above).

Ex 2.11: One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people.

Heb 11.24: By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

Heb 11.25: Choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

Ex 2.11: (cf. 3 vss. above).

Acts 7.24: I have surely seen the ill-treatment of my people that are in Egypt.

Ex 3.1: And he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

Ex 2.23: In the course of those many days the king of Egypt died. And the people of Israel groaned under their bondage, and cried out for help, and their cry under bondage came up to God.

Acts 7.30: So they sought to arrest him; but no one laid hands upon him, because his hour had not yet come.

Ex 3.2-5: (The burning bush).

Ex 7.12: For every man cast down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

Ex 13.21: And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light.

Ex 15.25: And the Lord showed him a tree, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

Ex 17.6: Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it.

Ps 78. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance.

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.

Ex 19.10-1: (God appears at Sinai).

Ex 24.17: Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire.

Ex 19.20: And the Lord came down upon Mt Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain.

Ex 24.18: And Moses entered the cloud...and was on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights.

Ex 31.18: And he gave to Moses...the two tables of the testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Ex 24.7: Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people.

Ex 34.27: Write these words; in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.

Dt 9.10-2: (God appears at Sinai).

Ex 34.29-35: (God speaks with Moses, Sinai).

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

Ex 3.11: Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

Num 12.8: With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in dark speech.

Ex 33.13: Show me now your ways, that I may know you and find favor in your sight.

Ex 33.17: This very thing that you have spoken I will do; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.

Ex 33.21-3: (Moses sees God's back).

Sg 5.6: I sought him, but found him not.

Ps 86.15: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious.

Ps 18.2-3: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Ps 46.1: God is our refuge and strength.

Ps 8.1: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Sg 5.7: The watchmen that go their rounds in the city found me. They smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.

Ai.3: I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet, how shall I wash them?

24.65: Who is the man yonder, walking in the field to meet us? The servant said, "It my master." So she took her veil and covered herself.

2 or 3.16-7: But when a man turns to the Lord the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Prov 23.13: If you beat him with a rod, he will not die.

Dt 32.39: I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal.

Ps 23.4: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Ps 23.5-6: You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

Ps 115.3: Our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases.

Ps 118.10-2: (Taking refuge in God).

Jn 10.10: The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

Ps 121.4-8: (God guarding Israel does not slumber).

Ps 127.1: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Heb 1.4: Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?

2Cor 6.16 (Lev 26.12): I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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

Lk 15.4-10: (The lost drachma).

Ps 89.20: I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him.

Ps 89.22-3: The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him. I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

Ps 34.7: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Ps 23.4: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Dt 32.39: I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal.

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

Gal 6.17: Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

2Cor 4.10: Always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

1Cor 15.31: I protest, brethren, by my pride in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!

Phl 3.10-3: (Paul sharing in Christ's sufferings).

Sg 4.13-4: Your shoots are a garden of pomegranates, with the fruit of choice berries; camphor, with spikenard: spikenard, and saffron, calamus and cinnamon; with all woods of Lebanon, myrrh, aloes, with all chief spices.

Sg 4.16: Awake, O north wind; and come, O south; and blow through my garden, and let my spices flow out.

Sg 4.15: A fountain of a garden, and a well of water springing and gurgling from Lebanon.

Sg 4.7: You are all fair, my companion, and there is no spot in you.

Sg 5.2: I sleep, but my heart is awake; the voice of my beloved knocks at the door saying, "Open, open to me, my companion, my sister, my dove, my perfect one. For my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

Sg 5.3: I have put off my coat, how shall I put it on I have washed my feet, how shall I defile them?

Sg 5.5: I rose up to open to my beloved; my hands dropped myrrh, my fingers choice myrrh, on the handles of the lock.

Sg 5.6-7: I opened to my beloved; my beloved was gone. My soul went forth at his speech. I sought him, but found him not. I called him, but he answered me not.

Ps 78.20: He smote the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed.

Ex 17.6: And take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go.

Dt 8.15: And scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock.

Ps 114.8: The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which you appointed for them.

Is 6.1-8: (Isaiah's vision in the temple).

2Chron 26.19-23: (Azariah becomes leprous).

2Cor 3.13: Not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not see the end of the fading splendor.

Sg 5.8: That I am wounded with love.

Sg 2.5-6: (Bride wounded with love).

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

THIRTEENTH HOMILY: Sg 5.8-12

Mt 5.17: I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Mt 5.22: But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment.

Mt 5.28: But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Zach 5.1-4: (Vision of a flying scroll).

Mt 5.33-7: (Necessity of saying "No" or "Yes").

2Cor 3.15-6: Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their minds; but when a man turns to the Lord the veil is removed.

Col 2.11: In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ.

Sg 5.11: His head is as very fine gold, his locks are flowing black as a raven.

Sg 5.8: I have charged you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the powers and the virtues of the field.

Sg 4.7: You are all fair, my companion, and there is no spot in you.

Zach 9.17: Yes, how good and how fair it shall be! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the maidens.

Ps 63.11: All who swear by him shall glory.

Mt 5.37: Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No;" anything more than this comes from evil.

Heb 6.16: Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation

Mt 13.31: The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field.

Ps 63.11: (cf. 4 vss. above).

Ps 132:2: How he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob.

Gal 4.26: But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.

Prov 27.6: Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Col 1.21: And you, who once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds.

Eph 2.4: 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.

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.

Gen 2.17: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.

Gen 3.6: So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate.

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

Gal 5.6: For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love.

Sg 5.9: What is your beloved, O beautiful among women? What is your beloved, that you have so charged us?

2Cor 3.13-6: (Moses' veil).

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

Jn 1.1-3: (The Word of God).

Jn 1.14: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

1Tm 3.16: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion.

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.

Jn 1.14: (cf. 3 vss. above).

1Tm 3.16: (cf. 3 vss. above).

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

Rom 11.16: If the dough offered as first fruits is holy, so is the whole lump.

Eph 5.29-32: (Members of Christ's body).

1Cor 12.12-28: (cf. vs. above).

Rom 12.4: For as in one body we have man members, and all the members do not have the same function.

Eph 4.11-3: (Fullness of Christ).

Eph 4.15: Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

1Jn 1.1: That which was from the beginning.

Jn 3.12: If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

Sg 5.10-6: (Description of bridegroom; bride's wound).

Rom 1.20: Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.

Eph 3.10: That through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.

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

Col 2.5: For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Heb 6.7: For land which has drunk the rain that often falls upon it, and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God.

1Cor 15.47-9: (First and last Adam).

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

Mt 5.14: You are the light of the world.

Phl 2.15: That you may be blameless and innocent children of God...among whom you shine as lights in the world.

Ps 147.4: He determines the number of the stars, he gives to all of them their names.

Lk 10.20: Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

Mt 5.16: Let your light so shine before men.

Mt 13.43: Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Wisd 13.1-5: (Creation reflects invisible reality).

Wisd 7.25: For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty.

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.

Mt 1.2-17: (Christ's genealogy).

Sg 2.3: My beloved is white and ruddy.

1Tm 3.16: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion.

Lk 1.35: And the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Lk 1.34: How can this be, since I have no husband?

Is 66.7: Before her pain came upon her she was delivered of a son.

Gen 3.16: I will greatly multiply your pain in child bearing.

Lk 1.28: Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!

Col 1.15: He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation.

Rom 8.29: For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren.

Col 1.18: He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

Acts 2.24: But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death.

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.

Mt 19.28: Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve tribes of Israel.

Col 1.15: (cf. 6 vss. above).

Sg 5.11: His head is fine gold (kephaz).

Col 1.18: (cf. 6 vss. above).

Col 2.9: For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.

Rom 11.16: If the dough offered as first fruits is holy, so is the whole lump. Is 53.9: And they made his grave with the wicked.

iPt 2.22: When he was reviled, he did not revile in return.

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

Prov 30.17: The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures.

Sg 5.2: My locks are heavy with the dew of the night.

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.

1 Tm 1.13: Though I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and insulted him; but I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief.

Col 2.2: To have all the riches of assured understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, of Christ.

Ps 21.3: You have set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

1 Cor 12.21: The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you."

1 Sam 9.9: For he who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.

1 Sam 16.4: Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said "Do you come peaceably?"

1 Chron 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.

Amos 7.12: O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there.

2 Sam 24.11: And when David arose in the morning, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Gad, David's seer.

Ezk 3.17: Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

Ezk 33.7: (cf. vs. above).

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

Jn 1.32: I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him.

Mt 10.16: Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Ps 137.1: By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.

Jer 2.13: They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Ps 1.3: He is like a tree planted by streams of water.

Mt 7.3: Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Lk 6.41: (cf. vs. above).

FOURTEENTH HOMILY: Sg 5.13-156

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

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

1 Ths 2.7: But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children.

Heb 5.14: But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their faculties trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

Rom 8.22: We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now.

1 Cor 2.6: Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

Heb 5.14: (cf. 3 vss. above).

Prov 9.5: Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Sg 5.12: His eyes are as doves, by the pools of waters, washed with milk, sitting by the pools.

1 Cor 10.16: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it now a participation in the blood of Christ?

Is 40.9-12: (Isaiah announcing coming of the Lord).

Ps 69.1: Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.

Ps 18.8: The command of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Sg 1.3: And the smell of your ointments is better than all spices; your name is ointment poured forth. Therefore do the young maidens love you.

2Cor 4.2: We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

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

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

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 1.16: Was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood.

Gal 3.28: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

1 Cor 12.13: For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

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.

Sg 5.13: His lips are lilies, dropping choice m h.

Gal 6.14: But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Acts 10.34-48: (Peter at Cornelius' house).

Col 2.12: And you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. Rom 6.4: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death.

Sg 5.14: His hands are as embossed gold, plentiful from Tarshish (Beryl); his belly is an ivory tablet on a sapphire stone.

1Cor 12.21: The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

2Cor 5.19: That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Sg 5.11: His head is as very fine gold, his locks are flowing black as a raven.

1Pt 2.22: It has happened to them according to the true proverb. The dog turns back

to his own vomit, and the sow is washed only to wallow in the mire.

1Cor 1.9: "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned?

1 Cor 10.13: God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1Cor 4.2: Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

Lk 12.42: Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time?

Jn 12.4-6: (Reference to Judas).

Mt 27.5: And throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.

Acts 1.19: And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.

Jon 1.3: He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish.

Ps 48.7: By the east wind you shattered the ships of Tarshish.

Acts 2.1-3: (Pentecost).

Ezk 1.16: Their appearance was like the gleaming of a chrysolite (tarshish).

2Cor 4.18: Because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Sg 5.14: His hands are as embossed gold, plentiful from Tarshish (Beryl).

Ex 24.12: Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tables of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.

Hab 2.2: Write the vision; make it plain upon tablets.

2Cor 3.3: Written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Ezk 11.19: I will take the stony heart out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh.

Prov 7.3: Write them on the tablet of your heart.

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

Ezk 2.8-3.2: (Ezekiel eats the scroll).

Jer 4.19: Oh, the walls of my heart! My heart is beating wildly; I cannot keep Wait.

Jn 7.38: He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, "Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water."

Rom 2.15: They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts.

2Cor 3.3: A letter...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Col 3.2: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

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

Lk 12.34: (cf. vs. above).

Sg 5.15: His legs are marble pillars set on golden bases.

Prov 9.1: Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven pillars.

Ex 37.4: And he made poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold.

1Tm 3.15: The church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth.

Ex 35.30-3: (Wisdom of Besalel).

Ex 37.4: (cf. 3 vss. above).

Sg 5.11: His head is as very fine gold, his locks are flowing black as a raven.

Gal 2.9: James, Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars.

1Tm 3.15: (cf. 5 vss. above).

1Cor 3.11: For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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

Mt 22.40: On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Mt 22.37-9: (cf. vs. above).

1Tm 3.15: (cf. 5 vss. above).

Gal 2.9: (cf. 7 vss. above).

1Tm 3.15: (cf. 2 vss. above).

1Cor 12.12: For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Ps 29.5-6: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Eph 6.12: For we are not contending against flesh and blood.

Mt 26.53: Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than 12 legions of angels?

Mk 5.9: And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many."

Lk 8.30: (cf. vs. above).

Mt 9.34: But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

Eph 2.2: 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.

Eph 1.21: Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion.

1Tm 6.15: And this will be made manifest at the proper time by the blessed and only

Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of Lords.

after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

Ezk 10.1: Then I looked, and behold, on the firmament that was over the heads of the cherubim there appeared above them something like a sapphire, in form resembling a throne.

Jn 14.2: In my Father's house are many rooms.

Rom 9.22: What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the vessels of wrath made for destruction?

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

Ps 78.49: He let loose on them his fierce anger...a company of destroying angels.

Ps 29.5-6: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars, the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Ex 32.20: And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it upon the water, and made the people of Israel drink it.

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

Ps 92.12: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

1Tm 3.15: If I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth.

Lk 16.9: And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations.

Col 1.5: Because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

1Cor 12.12: For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Is 10.34-11.1: (Fall of Lebanon).

Is 11.6-8: (Wolf & lamb, etc.).

Is 9.5: For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

Is 10.34: He will cut down the thickets of the forest with an axe, and Lebanon with its majestic trees will fall.

Sg 5.16: His form is as Lebanon, choice as the cedars.

Prov 16.24: Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

Jn 1.23: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

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.

Prov 6.8: She [ant] prepares her food in summer, and gathers her sustenance in harvest.

Sg 5.16: His throat is most sweet, and altogether desirable. This is my beloved and this is my companion, O daughters of Jerusalem.

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.

Lk 10.30-5: (Parable of good Samaritan).

Lk 10.25: Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

Lk 10.29: But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Is 1.11: What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?

Heb 9.12: He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Rom 11.16: But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

In 6.56: He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

Lk 10.35: And the next day he took out 2 denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back."

Lk 10.27 (Dt 6.5): You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.

Rom 2.13: For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.

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.

FIFTEENTH HOMILY: Sg 6.1-9

Jn 1.44: Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

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

Jn 1.37-42: (Calling of Andrew & Simon).

Gen 17.5: No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham.

Gen 32.29: Then Jacob asked him, "Tell me, I pray, your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?"

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

Jn 1.43: And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

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

Jn 1.45: Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom

Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Jn 1.46: Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Mic 5.2: But you, O Bethlehem Ephratha, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.

Mt 2.23: And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth... "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Jud 13.5: No razor shall come upon his head, for the body shall be a Nazirite to God from birth.

Lk 2.7: And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a

manger.

Is 8.23: He will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

Mt 21.19: And deliver him to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.

Gen 25.27: When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents.

Jn 1.47: Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

Heb 10.1: For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities.

Sg 6.1: My beloved is gone to his garden, to the beds of spice, to feed his flock in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

Sg 5.9: What is your beloved more than another beloved, O fairest among women? What is your beloved more than another beloved, that you thus adjure us?

Ps 80.3: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Jn 1.46: Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Sg 6.2: I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine, who feeds among the lilies.

1Tm 3.16: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

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.

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

Lk 10.30: A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers.

Ps 80.9: You cleared the ground for it, it took deep root and filled the land.

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

Ps 80.14: Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine.

Sg 5.13: His cheeks are as bowls of spices pouring forth perfumes. His lips are lilies, dropping choice myrrh.

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

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

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

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

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

Is 40.6-8: (Withering of grass).

1Pt 1.24: All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.

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

Phl 4.8: Finally, brethren, whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious.

Sg 6.3: I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine.

Rom 8.29: For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Gen 1.26: Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

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.

Wisd 7.26: For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God.

Rom 6.11: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gal 2.20: I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

Phl 1.21: For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Phl 1.21: (cf. vs. above).

Ps 90.16: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Phl 4.8: (cf. 11 vss. above).

1 Sam 2.20: Far be it from me; for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

Sg 6.4: You are fair, my companion, as pleasure, beautiful as Jerusalem, terrible as (armies) set in array.

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

Mt 5.35: Or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

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.

Rom 9.3: For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen by race.

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

2Cor 8.9: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

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

Ps 45.4: For the cause of truth and to defend the right; let your right hand teach you dread deeds!

Col 1.16: For in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities.

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

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.

Ps 103.20-2: (Heavenly realm praising God).

Is 6.2: Above stood the seraphim.

Ezk 10.15: And the cherubim mounted up.

Sg 6.5: Your teeth are as flocks of shorn sheep, that have gone up from the washing, all of them bearing

twins, and there is none barren among them. Your lips are as a thread of scarlet, and your speech is comely.

Ps 17.8: Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

Ps 91.4: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge.

Dt 32.11: Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions.

Mt 23.37: How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!

Gen 1.26: Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

Tit 2.11: For the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men.

Ps 17.2-3: From you let my vindication come! Let your eyes see the right! If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

Ps 55.6: O that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

Gen 2.2: And on the 7th day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the 7th day.

Sg 6.5-7: (Description of bride's hair, teeth, lips).

1Cor 11.15: But if a woman has long hair, is it her pride? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

Prov 10.14: Wise men lay up knowledge, but the babbling of a fool brings ruin near.

2Kg 1.8-17: (Elijah's garment; fire consumes 50 men).

Heb 11.37: (Sufferings of O.T. heroes).

Lev 4.23: If the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring as his offering a goat, a male without blemish.

Lev 9.3: (cf. vs. above).

Num 7.16: One male goat for a sin offering.

Prov 30.29: Three things are stately in their tread...lion, cock, he-goat.

Gen 4.22: Zillah bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron.

Gen 4.2: And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.

Gen 10.9: He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord."

Gen 9.20: Noah was the first tiller of the soil. He planted a vineyard.

Gen 4.26: To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time men began to call upon the name of the Lord.

Ps 141.3: Keep watch over the door of my lips!

Zach 2.1: And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand!

1 Pt 1.18: You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold.

2Cor 13.3: If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Mt 6.20: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Lk 12.33-4: (cf. vs. above).

Mt 12.35: The good man out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

Mt 7.17: So, every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit.

Lk 6.45: (cf. 2 vss. above).

Mt 7.19-23: (Doing Father's will).

Gen 29.2-10: (Well with heavy stone over it).

Sg 6.8-9: There are 60 queens and 80 concubines, and maidens without number. My dove, my perfect one is one; she is the one of her mother.

Mk 16.3: And there were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?"

1Cor 1.5: That in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge.

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

Gen 1.26: Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

Wisd 2.23: For god created man for incorruption, and made him in the image of his own eternity.

Jn 14.2: In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

Rom 12.6: Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our serving.

1Cor 15.23: But each in his own order: Christ, the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1Pt 2.2: Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation.

Heb 5.13-4: For everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a child. But solid food is for the mature.

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

Lk 12.5: But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has power to cast into hell.

Mt 25.36: I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.

Mt 25.14-21: (Parable of the talents).

Lk 19.13-7: (cf. vs. above).

Lk 19.16: The first came before him saying, "Lord, your pound has made ten pounds more."

Ps 6.2-3: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is sorely troubled. But you, O Lord, how long?

Ps 6.4-6: (Prayer to be healed).

Mt 8.12: While the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and

gnash their teeth.

Ps 77.4: I consider the days of old, I remember the years long ago.

Ps 6.9: The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord accepts my prayer.

Ps 34.14: I went about as one who laments his mother, bowed down and in mourning.

Lk 19.16: (cf. 7 vss. above).

Gen 21.10: Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac.

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

Jn 17: (Jesus' prayer to his Father).

Eph 4.3-4: Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call.

Jn 17.21: That they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Jn 17.22: The glory which you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.

Jn 20.22: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Jn 17.5: And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

Jn 17.22-3: (cf. 3 vss. above plus:) I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one.

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.

Jn 1.32: I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him.

Sg 6.9: My dove, my perfect one is one; she is the one of her mother, she is the choice of her who bore her.

1Cor 15.28: When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to everyone.