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Paragraph 1

(Matthew 16:21-23) From that time forward, Jesus began explaining to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed, and on the third day be raised up. 22 At this Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying: “Be kind to yourself, Lord; you will not have this happen to you at all.” 23 But turning his back, he said to Peter: “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, because you think, not God’s thoughts, but those of men.”

(Acts 1:6) So when they had assembled, they asked him: “Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?”

Paragraph 2

(1 John 5:19) We know that we originate with God, but the whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one.

Paragraph 3

(Ephesians 2:2) in which you at one time walked according to the system of things of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.

Paragraph 4

(Mark 7:21, 22) For from inside, out of the heart of men, come injurious reasonings: sexual immorality, thefts, murders, 22 acts of adultery, greed, acts of wickedness, deceit, brazen

conduct, an envious eye, blasphemy, haughtiness, and unreasonableness.

Paragraph 6

(2 Corinthians 3:17) Now Jehovah is the Spirit, and where the spirit of Jehovah is, there is freedom.

(1 Peter 2:16) Be as free people, using your freedom, not as a cover for doing wrong, but as slaves of God.

Paragraph 8

(Isaiah 48:17, 18) This is what Jehovah says, your Repurchaser, the Holy One of Israel: “I, Jehovah, am your God, The One teaching you to benefit yourself, The One guiding you in the way you should walk. 18 If only you would pay attention to my commandments! Then your peace would become just like a river And your righteousness like the waves of the sea.

(Psalm 92:5) How great your works are, O Jehovah! How very deep your thoughts are!

(Proverbs 2:1-5) My son, if you accept my sayings And treasure up my commandments, 2 By making your ear attentive to wisdom And inclining your heart to discernment; 3 Moreover, if you call out for understanding And raise your voice for discernment; 4 If you keep seeking for it as for silver, And you keep searching for it as for hidden treasures; 5 Then you will understand the fear of Jehovah, And you will find the knowledge of God.

(Isaiah 55:9) “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So my ways are higher than your ways And my thoughts than your thoughts.

(Psalm 1:2, 3) But his delight is in the law of Jehovah, And he reads His law in an undertone day and night. 3 He will be like a tree planted by streams of water, A tree that produces fruit in its season, The foliage of which does not wither. And everything he does will succeed.

Paragraph 10

(Matthew 11:19) The Son of man did come eating and drinking, but people say, ‘Look! A man who is a glutton and is given to drinking wine, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ All the same, wisdom is proved righteous by its works.”

(Isaiah 2:4) He will render judgment among the nations And set matters straight respecting many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares And their spears into pruning shears. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, Nor will they learn war anymore.

(Acts 10:34, 35) At this Peter began to speak, and he said: “Now I truly understand that God is not partial, 35 but in every nation the man who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

(1 Corinthians 6:9-11) Or do you not know that unrighteous people will not inherit God’s Kingdom? Do not be misled. Those who are sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, men who submit to homosexual acts, men who practice homosexuality, 10 thieves, greedy people, drunkards, revilers, and extortioners will not inherit God’s Kingdom. 11 And yet that is what some of you were. But you have been washed clean; you have been sanctified; you have been declared righteous in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and with the spirit of our God.

Paragraph 11

(Acts 7:22) So Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. In fact, he was powerful in his words and deeds.

(Psalm 90:12) Teach us how to count our days So that we may acquire a heart of wisdom.

(Exodus 33:13) Please, if I have found favor in your eyes, make me know your ways, so that I may know you and continue to find favor in your

eyes. Consider, too, that this nation is your people.”

(Hebrews 11:24-27) By faith Moses, when grown up, refused to be called the son of Phar’aoth’s daughter, 25 choosing to be mistreated with the people of God rather than to have the temporary enjoyment of sin, 26 because he considered the reproach of the Christ to be riches greater than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked intently toward the payment of the reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, but not fearing the anger of the king, for he continued steadfast as seeing the One who is invisible.

Paragraph 12

(Acts 5:34) But a Pharisee named Ga·ma’li·el rose in the San’he·drin; he was a Law teacher esteemed by all the people, and he gave the command to put the men outside for a little while.

(Acts 21:37) As he was about to be led into the soldiers’ quarters, Paul said to the military commander: “Am I allowed to say something to you?” He said: “Can you speak Greek?”

(Acts 21:39) Then Paul said: “I am, in fact, a Jew, of Tarsus in Ci·li’cia, a citizen of no obscure city. So I beg you, permit me to speak to the people.”

(Acts 22:2, 3) Well, when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they kept all the more silent, and he said: 3 “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Ci·li’cia, but educated in this city at the feet of Ga·ma’li·el, instructed according to the strictness of the ancestral Law, and zealous for God just as all of you are this day.

(Acts 17:2) So according to Paul’s custom he went inside to them, and for three sabbaths he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

(1 Corinthians 2:6, 7) Now we speak wisdom among those who are mature, but not the

wisdom of this system of things nor that of the rulers of this system of things, who are to come to nothing. 7 But we speak God's wisdom in a sacred secret, the hidden wisdom, which God foreordained before the systems of things for our glory.

(1 Corinthians 2:13) These things we also speak, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the spirit, as we explain spiritual matters with spiritual words.

(2 Timothy 4:8) From this time on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me as a reward in that day, yet not to me only, but also to all those who have loved his manifestation.

Paragraph 13

(Matthew 24:45) “Who really is the faithful and discreet slave whom his master appointed over his domestics, to give them their food at the proper time?”

(2 Corinthians 1:24) Not that we are the masters over your faith, but we are fellow workers for your joy, for it is by your faith that you are standing.

Paragraph 14

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Paragraph 16

(1 Corinthians 5:9, 10) In my letter I wrote you to stop keeping company with sexually immoral people, 10 not meaning entirely with the sexually immoral people of this world or the greedy people or extortioners or idolaters. Otherwise, you would actually have to get out of the world.

(Proverbs 4:23) Above all the things that you guard, safeguard your heart, For out of it are the sources of life.

Paragraph 17

(Proverbs 13:20) The one walking with the wise will become wise, But the one who has dealings with the stupid will fare badly.

(1 Corinthians 15:12) Now if it is being preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how is it that some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

(1 Corinthians 15:32, 33) If like other men, I have fought with wild beasts at Eph'e-sus, of what good is it to me? If the dead are not to be raised up, “let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we are to die.” 33 Do not be misled. Bad associations spoil useful habits.

(2 Corinthians 10:5) For we are overturning reasonings and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are bringing every thought into captivity to make it obedient to the Christ;

Paragraph 18

(Matthew 22:36-39) “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 37 He said to him: “You must love Jehovah your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 The second, like it, is this: ‘You must love your neighbor as yourself.’