

3 Our daily bread give us ¹for the day:

4 And forgive us our sins: for even we forgive every man that is indebted to us: And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

5 ¶ ¹Moreover he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go to him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves?

6 For a friend of mine is come out of the way to me, and I have nothing to set before him:

7 And he within should answer, and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed: I cannot rise and give them to thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he would not arise and give him, because he is his friend, yet doubtless because of his ¹importunity, he would rise and give him as many as he needed.

9 ^bAnd I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For everyone that asketh, receiveth: and he that seeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

11 ^dIf a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion?

13 If ye then which are evil, can give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the holy Ghost to them that desire him?

14 ¶ ¹Then he cast out a devil which was dumb: and when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake, and the people wondered.

15 ¹But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils.

16 And others tempted him, seeking of him a sign from heaven.

17 ¹But he knew their thoughts, and said unto them, ^gEvery kingdom divided against itself, shall be desolate, and an house *divided* against an house, falleth.

18 So if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand, because ye say that I

^b Matt. 7:7

Matt. 21:22

Mark 11:24

John 14:13

John 16:23

James 1:5

^c Matt. 7:8

^d Matt. 7:9

^e Matt. 9:32

Matt. 12:22

^f Matt. 9:34

Matt. 12:24

Mark 3:22

^g Matt. 12:25

Mark 3:24

^h Matt. 12:43

ⁱ Heb. 6:4

2 Pet. 2:20

^j Matt. 12:38-39

^k Jonah 1:12

^l 1 Kings 10:1

2 Chron. 9:1

^m Jonah 3:5

cast out devils ¹through Beelzebub?

19 If I through Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore shall they be your judges.

20 But if I by the ¹finger of God cast out devils, doubtless the kingdom of God is come unto you.

21 When a strong man armed keepeth his ¹palace, the things that he possesseth, are in peace.

22 But when a stronger than he cometh upon him, and overcometh him: he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

23 ¹He that is not with me, is against me: and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth.

24 ^{b,1}When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest: and when he findeth none, he saith, I will return unto mine house whence I came out.

25 And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits worse than himself: and they enter in, and dwell there: so the last state of that man is worse than the first.

27 ¶ ¹And it came to pass as he said these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.

28 But he said, Yea, rather blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

29 ¶ ^{j,1}And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is a wicked generation: they seek a sign, and there shall no sign be given them, but the sign of ^kJonah the Prophet.

30 For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites: so shall also the son of man be to this generation.

31 ¹The Queen of the South shall rise in judgment, with the men of this generation, and shall condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

32 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they ^mrepented at the preaching of Jonah: and behold, a greater than Jonah is here.

11:3 ¹ That is, as much as is needful for us this day, whereby we are not debarred to have an honest care for the maintenance of our lives; but that carping care, which killeth a number of men, is cut off and restrained.

11:5 ¹ We must pray with faith.

11:8 ¹ Word for word, impudency: but that impudency which is spoken of here, is not to be found fault withal, but is very commendable before God, for he liketh well of such importunity.

11:15 ¹ An example of horrible blindness, and such as cannot be healed, when as upon an evil conscience, and pretended malice, the power of God is blasphemed.

11:17 ¹ The true way to know the true Christ, from the false, is this, that the true Christ hath no accord or agreement with Satan: And it

remaineth that after we know him, we acknowledge him.

11:18 ¹ By the name and power of Beelzebub.

11:20 ¹ That is, by the power of God: so it is said, Exod. 8:19.

11:21 ¹ The word significth properly an open and void room before an house, and so by translation is taken for noblemen's houses.

11:23 ¹ Against indifferent men, and such as love to have a mean, which seek means to reconcile Christ and Satan together.

11:24 ¹ He that doth not continue, is in worse case, than he that never began.

11:27 ¹ Christ seeketh not praise in himself, but in our salvation.

11:29 ¹ They that are fond desireres of miracles, instead of miracles shall receive punishment.