

not be **offended**¹ in me.

24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness **for to**^{1c} see? A reed shaken with the wind?

25 But what went ye out **for to**^{1c} see? A man clothed in soft **raiment**²? Behold, they which are gorgeously **apparelled**³, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.

26 But what went ye out **for to**^{1c} see? A prophet? **yea**⁴, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

27 This is *he*, of whom it is written, **Behold**, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

29 And all the people that heard *him*, and the **publicans**⁵, **justified**^{4b} God, being baptized with the baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

31 And the Lord said, **Whereunto**⁶ then shall I **liken**^{1b} the men of this generation? and to what are they like?

32 They are like unto children sitting in the marketplace, and calling one to another, and saying, We have **piped**^{6b} unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept.

¹ caused to stumble // ^{1b} compare // ^{1c} i.e. to

² *Arc* clothing, attire, apparel, dress

³ clothed, attired

⁴ yes // ^{4b} *Obs* acknowledged as true or genuine

⁵ tax collectors for the Roman Empire

⁶ *Arc* to what? // ^{6b} played the flute or pan-pipe

33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a **devil**^{7b}.

34 The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a **gluttonous**^{9b} man, and a **winebibber**⁷, a friend of **publicans**⁵ and sinners!

35 But wisdom is **justified**^{4b} **of**^{8c} all her children.

36 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to **meat**⁸.

37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at **meat**⁸ in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

38 And stood at his feet behind *him* weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe *them* with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed *them* with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee which had **bidden**^{8b} him saw *it*, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman *this is* that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have **somewhat**^{8d} to say unto thee. And he saith, **Master**⁹, say on.

41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred **pence**¹⁰, and the other fifty.

42 And when they had nothing to pay, he **frankly**¹¹ forgave them both. Tell me there-

⁷ drunkard, wino // ^{7b} demon, evil spirit

⁸ *Arc* food // ^{8b} invited // ^{8c} by // ^{8d} i.e. something

⁹ teacher, rabbi // ^{9b} excessively over-eating

¹⁰ *Gk* denarius--Roman silver coins: each equal to c.

a day's labor

¹¹ *Gk* freely, graciously

we took him in, and came to Mitylene.

15 And we sailed **thence**¹, and came the next *day* **over against**^{1b} Chios; and the next *day* we arrived at Samos, and **tarried**^{4b} at Trogyllium; and the next *day* we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he **hasted**^{3c}, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of **Pentecost**².

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all **seasons**^{1c},

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which **befell**^{3b} me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 *And* how I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall **befall**³ me there:

23 **Save**⁴ that the Holy **Ghost**⁵ witnesseth

¹ *Arc* from that place // ^{1b} opposite to // ^{1c} times

² the second of the three great Jewish feasts, celebrated at Jerusalem yearly, the seventh week after the Passover, in grateful recognition of the completed harvest; fiftieth day after Passover // ^{2b} hesitated

³ happen to // ^{3b} happened to // ^{3c} hurried

⁴ except, but // ^{4b} waited, remained // ^{4c} made holy

⁵ Spirit // ^{5b} enviously longed for

in every city, saying that **bonds**⁶ and afflictions **abide**^{7b} me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 **Wherefore**⁷ I **take you to record**⁸ this day, that I *am* pure from the blood of all *men*.

27 For I have not **shunned**^{2b} to declare unto you all the **counsel**^{8b} of God.

28 Take **heed**^{9b} therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy **Ghost**⁵ hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall **grievous**^{10b} wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that **by the space of**^{10c} three years I **ceased**^{7c} not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I **commend**^{9c} you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are **sanctified**^{4c}.

33 I have **coveted**^{5b} no man's silver, or gold, or **apparel**⁹.

⁶ bands, chains, fetters, shackles

⁷ therefore; for this cause // ^{7b} *Gk* wait for // ^{7c} stopped

⁸ *Gk* call you as a witness // ^{8b} *Arc* purpose, intention

⁹ clothing, garments // ^{9b} careful notice // ^{9c} entrust

36 *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not **quicken**¹, **except**^{1b} it die:

37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may **chance**^{2b} of wheat, or of some other *grain*:

38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

39 All flesh *is* not the same flesh: but *there is one kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, *and* another of birds.

40 *There are* also **celestial**² bodies, and bodies **terrestrial**³: but the glory of the **celestial**² *is* one, and the *glory* of the **terrestrial**³ *is* another.

41 *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.

42 So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a **quicken**⁴ spirit.

46 **Howbeit**⁵ that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and after-

ward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have **borne**^{6b} the image of the earthy, we shall also **bear**^{6c} the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all **sleep**⁶, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always **abounding**⁷ in the work of the Lord, **forasmuch**⁸ as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the

¹ revived, enlivened; made alive // ^{1b} *Arc* unless

² heavenly; pertaining to the sky or heavens; of heavenly origin or nature // ^{2b} happen to be

³ earthly, worldly

⁴ life-giving; reviving, enlivening

⁵ *Arc* nevertheless, be that as it may

⁶ i.e. die // ^{6b} *Gk* worn, born // ^{6c} *Gk* wear, bear

⁷ abundantly overflowing

⁸ for+as+much: since, because; inasmuch (as)