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To five precious women who faithfully pray for me—  
You are among my greatest blessings:

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My sister, Rhonda Usry,  
And my sisters in Christ,  
Kathy Dean,  
Leslie Murphree, and  
Sherry Lundy

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through the awesome privilege of coming to Him in prayer.

I am so grateful for each one of you.

I love you,  
Janna

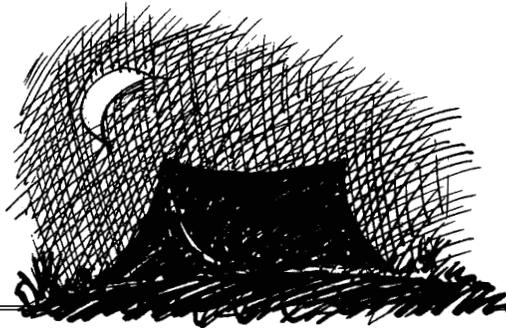
*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,  
always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all....  
For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in  
you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 1:3-4,6*

*Hey, parents, did you know that Kay has also written a book on prayer for adults? It's called Lord, Teach Me to Pray in 28 Days. In it Kay provides intensely practical insights to help you know how to pray, and what to expect when you pray.*

*Thankfully, Jesus gave His disciples the perfect pattern for meaningful prayer. It is refreshingly simple and exceedingly powerful, and it can begin to transform the way you pray (and live) today!*

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# LEARNING TO PRAY— A BIBLE STUDY YOU CAN DO!

At ease, soldier. It's good to have you with us. Welcome to Camp MacHaven, the training facility for God's Special Forces. What is God's Special Forces? It's an elite team made up of guys and girls like you who want to know God (the Commander in Chief) and have a special relationship with Him.

To become a part of God's A team, you will spend the next 28 days on God's "Q" course, being trained as a communications specialist and learning how to pray. It's very important to know how to pray God's way because prayer is our direct line of communication with the Commander in Chief.

During "Q" course training, you will study God's training manual, the Bible, the source of all truth, through a special method called inductive Bible study. *Inductive* means you go straight to the Bible *yourself* to discover what it means, instead of depending on what someone else says it means.

## EQUIPMENT YOU'LL NEED

NEW AMERICAN STANDARD  
BIBLE (UPDATED EDITION)—OR  
PREFERABLY, THE NEW INDUCTIVE  
STUDY BIBLE (NISB)

PEN OR PENCIL  
COLORED PENCILS  
INDEX CARDS  
A DICTIONARY  
THIS WORKBOOK

So, soldier, are you up to the challenge of God's "Q" course? Do you want to be a member of God's A team, a part of His Special Forces? If so, you must be willing to spend time with God each day so that you can give Him your all and follow His orders.

Great! Head to the barracks to unpack your gear. Training begins at 0600 hours. See you there!





## A SPECIAL MISSION— OPERATION PRAYER

Hit the deck! Up and at 'em soldier! Your first assignment at Camp MacHaven is to attend the captain's briefing on communication for our special mission, Operation Prayer. So hit the showers. Grab those training manuals and get some chow from the mess hall. You need to be at the team's command center by 0700 hours.



## A COMMUNICATION BRIEFING

Welcome to Camp MacHaven, soldiers. To become a communications specialist for God's A team, you need to understand what communication is and why it is important.

Communication is the way we share our thoughts and ideas. We can communicate by writing letters, sending e-mails, talking in person, and calling on the telephone. Soldiers use these methods, but they also communicate by sending and receiving radio transmissions, and sometimes by using secret codes.

Communication is vital to soldiers. It can be critical to their survival, especially in war. Communication is the way soldiers get their orders and stay in touch with their commander so

they will know when they should move in or pull out. It is the way they send for help, order their supplies, as well as find out who their enemy is and what he's up to.

Communication is the key to all of our relationships, whether parent to child, friend to friend, or commander to soldier. What would happen if you didn't spend time talking with and listening to your best friend? Would you stay best friends? No. We develop friendships little bit by little bit as we spend time talking and listening to each other. It's the way we get to know one another and stay close.

That's why your training time on God's "Q" course will be spent learning how to pray. To have a relationship with our Commander in Chief, we have to spend time talking with and getting to know Him. And that's what prayer is: talking with and listening to God. God loves you and wants to be close to you. He created you to have a relationship with Him.

Prayer is a special privilege that God has given us so that we can talk with Him anytime, anywhere, about anything. Just think: You have direct access to the Commander in Chief, the Ruler of the universe!!

Isn't that awesome? It's kind of like having the private phone number of the president of the United States and being able to call him anytime, day or night, knowing he will be there ready to listen.

Prayer is an exciting adventure, but it isn't something we know how to do automatically. Just like soldiers train and practice every day to develop their skills, prayer takes training and practice. That's what we will do on God's "Q" course. First, we will develop our prayer know-how by studying our training manual (the Bible), and then we will practice, practice, practice by spending time communicating with our Commander in Chief. As God's Special Forces, we want to "be all we can be." We want our relationship with our Commander in Chief to be the very best!

Now that you have completed your communications briefing, let's get started. But first things first. WHAT does a soldier need to do before he begins his mission? The first thing a

soldier needs to do is to check in with his commander. So grab your SATCOM (your satellite communications radio) and bow before God's throne. Ask your Commander in Chief to help you get to know Him and to teach you how to pray.

Good work, soldier! We're good to go. Now let's take a look at our training manual. Did you know that the Bible, our training manual, is another way that our Commander in Chief communicates with us? Read 1 John 5:14-15 printed out below:

*This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.*

Now go back and read those verses again and mark the key words. What are key words? Key words are words that pop up more than once. They are called key words because they help unlock the meaning of the chapter or book that you are studying and give you clues about what is most important in a passage of Scripture.

-  Key words are usually used over and over again.
-  Key words are important.
-  Key words are used by the writer for a reason.

Once you discover a key word, you need to mark it in a special way using a special color or symbol so that you can immediately spot it in the Scripture passage. Don't forget to mark any pronouns that go with the key words, too! WHAT are pronouns? Check out our map on the next page.

## PRONOUNS

Pronouns are words that take the place of nouns. A noun is a person, place, or thing. A pronoun stands in for a noun! Here's an example: "Special Force soldiers must pass the obstacle course. They have to be able to jump off walls, climb ropes, and crawl through underground pipes to be prepared for any circumstance." The word *they* is a pronoun because it takes the place of *Special Force soldiers* in the second sentence. It is another word we use to refer to the soldiers.

Watch for these other pronouns when you are marking people:

I	you	he	she
me	yours	him	her
mine		his	hers
we	it	they	
our	its	them	
ours		their	

Now that you know what key words and pronouns are, go back to 1 John 5:14-15 on page 9 and mark:

 God (the *He* and *Him* in these verses) (draw a purple triangle and color it yellow)

 ask (color it blue)

 hears (draw a green ear)

According to 1 John 5:14-15, WHAT is the confidence we have before God?

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WHEN God hears us, will He give us our requests?\_\_\_\_\_

Is it God's will that we know how to pray?\_\_\_\_\_

Yes. God wants a relationship with us. All we need to do is ask. These verses show us that we can be confident that God will hear us if we come to Him and ask according to His will.

Way to go, soldier! As we wrap up our first assignment, write a brief message to the Commander in Chief on the lines below. Just use your own words and keep it simple. God wants us to be honest and share our heart with Him. Learning to pray is not about our performance; it's about having a close and loving relationship with God.

Begin by thanking Him for the awesome privilege of having direct access to Him. Thank Him for His promise in 1 John 5:14-15 that He will hear us and give us what we ask for, if we ask according to His will. Thank Him for giving us His Word. Tell Him that you know it's His will that you learn how to pray, that you want to get to know Him and be a part of His Special Forces.

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You did it, soldier—mission complete!



## TRAINING EXERCISES

“Okay, soldiers, it’s time to hit the training area,” stated Captain Bryant as we finished our morning exercises. “It is very important for a GSF (God’s Special Forces) soldier to know how to collect and evaluate information. Field training will teach you how to develop this very important skill.”

First, we will observe one of God’s prayer warriors, and then we will gather information by asking questions. GSF soldiers need to develop good observation skills. They need to know how to ask the 5 W’s and an H. WHAT are the 5 W’s and an H? They are the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, and HOW questions.

1. Asking WHO helps you find out:

WHO wrote this?

To WHOM was it written?

WHOM are we reading about?

WHO said this or did that?

2. WHAT helps you understand:

WHAT is the author talking about?

WHAT are the main things that happen?

3. WHERE helps you learn:

WHERE did something happen?

WHERE did they go?

WHERE was this said?

When we discover a “WHERE” we double-underline the “WHERE” in green.

4. WHEN tells us about time. We mark it with a green clock like this: 

WHEN tells us:

WHEN did this event happen or WHEN will it happen?

WHEN did the main characters do something? It helps us to follow the order of events. Timing (knowing when) is critical for soldiers. They have to be able to coordinate their missions.

5. WHY asks questions like:

WHY did he say that?      WHY did this happen?

WHY did they go there?

6. HOW lets you figure out things like:

HOW is something to be done?

HOW did people know something had happened?

Now that you have your orders, what do you need to do first? Pray! You've got it down. Ask the Commander in Chief to guide you as you hit the training area. Then move out, soldier. Read James 5:16-18 printed out below and ask the 5 W's and an H:

**16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. **17** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. **18** Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

James 5:16 WHAT kind of prayer can accomplish much and from WHAT kind of man?

the \_\_\_\_\_ prayer of a \_\_\_\_\_ man

A righteous man is a person who has been made right with God. It is someone who realizes that he is a sinner and has confessed his sins. He has asked Jesus to be his Savior and now has a right relationship with God. He wants to do what God says is right in His Word.

James 5:17 WHO prayed that it would not rain?

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James 5:17 WHAT kind of man was he?

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That means that Elijah was just an ordinary guy like you and me.

James 5:17 HOW did he pray?

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Being earnest means that he was sincere. He prayed genuinely, honestly, eagerly, with deep feelings. Elijah prayed with a purpose.

James 5:17 WHAT did he pray for?

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James 5:17 WHAT was the result of his prayer? WHAT happened?

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James 5:18 WHAT happened in this verse?

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Did God answer Elijah's prayers? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you amazed that an ordinary guy was able to pray the heavens shut and then pray them back open? HOW did Elijah, who was just an ordinary guy, do something so extraordinary? We know he prayed earnestly. HOW did Elijah know what to pray for?

Let's gather more information from your training manual by doing some cross-referencing. WHAT is cross-referencing? Cross-referencing is where we compare Scripture with

Scripture by going to other passages in the Bible. This is a very important Bible study tool to help us search out the meaning of Scripture because we know that Scripture never contradicts Scripture.

Look up and read 1 Kings 17:1.

WHOM did Elijah tell it would not rain?

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Look up and read 1 Kings 16:30-31.

1 Kings 16:30 WHAT kind of king was Ahab?

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1 Kings 16:31 WHOM did Ahab serve and worship?

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Wow! Can you believe that Elijah had the courage to tell evil King Ahab that it wouldn't rain? HOW did Elijah know?

Look up and read Deuteronomy 11:13-17.

Deuteronomy 11:13-14 WHAT would God give to those who obeyed His commandments?

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Deuteronomy 11:16-17 WHAT would happen if they turned away and served other gods? WHAT would God take away?

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1 Kings 16:31 Was King Ahab serving and worshipping other gods? \_\_\_\_\_

Elijah had the confidence to tell King Ahab it wouldn't rain because he knew what God had told Moses. Elijah knew God's Word.

Elijah was just an ordinary guy who was able to see God do the extraordinary because he knew how to pray. Can you accomplish the extraordinary, like Elijah did, with your prayers? Yes! Knowing God and His Word will show you how to pray with extraordinary results just like Elijah.

Before you leave the field, practice what you have learned. Ask God to teach you how to pray like Elijah so that you can be effective and accomplish much.

*Father, I want to learn how to pray like Elijah. Please teach me how to pray as I study Your Word and put my faith and my trust in You. Teach me how to pray the prayer of a righteous man that accomplishes much. I know it's Your will, so I am asking for You to show me how. Thank You for hearing my prayer, in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who loves me and died for me. Amen.*

Now draw a picture in the box below of Elijah earnestly praying to God. Ask for God's help and encouragement as you train to be one of His Special Forces.





## PRAYER TRAINING WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT

Fall in, soldiers. Yesterday we developed our observation skills as we learned how to ask questions and gather information about one of God's prayer warriors, Elijah.

Today we need to continue working on these observation exercises as we get special prayer training from our communications expert. WHO is our communications expert? You'll find out. So grab your SATCOM and check in with the Commander in Chief.

Then head to your Observation Worksheets. Observation Worksheets are pages from your training manual. They have the Bible text printed out for you to use in your field exercises. So turn to page 149 and read your Observation Worksheet on Luke 11:1-10 to meet our expert on prayer. Then gather the information by asking the 5 W's and an H.

Luke 11:1 WHO was praying? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT did one of His disciples ask Him to do?

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Are you surprised that Jesus' disciples asked for help in learning how to pray? After all, they were disciples. Jesus had chosen them to follow Him. But think how they must have felt as they walked with Jesus and watched His very powerful prayers. They probably thought they could never pray like Him. But instead of giving up, they went to the communications expert and asked Him to teach them. What an encouragement! Since Jesus taught the disciples how to pray, then we know that prayer is a skill that we can learn, too.

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Luke 11:5-8 WHAT illustration does Jesus use to teach the disciples about prayer?

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Luke 11:8 WHY does he get up and give his friend what he needs?

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Luke 11:9-10 HOW will it be given to you?

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HOW will you find?

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HOW will it be opened?

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Go back to your Observation Worksheet on page 149 and circle these three verbs in Luke 11:9 in blue.

WHAT do we learn about prayer from this illustration?  
Luke 11:8 HOW did the friend get him out of the bed?

Because of his \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer requires persistence. Persistence is not giving up. The three verbs we just looked at—*ask*, *seek*, and *knock*—are all in the present tense in the Greek.

If you have done *How to Study Your Bible for Kids*, then you may remember that a Greek verb in the present tense means it is a continuous action. That means it keeps on happening. We are not to just ask, seek, and knock once, but we are to keep on doing it.

Why do you think Jesus tells us to keep on asking, seeking, and knocking? Maybe it's because, like a soldier, we need to stay in constant communication with our Commander in Chief. We need to learn how to be persistent. God wants soldiers who don't give up even when the going gets tough. Practice being persistent by telling God that you want to know how to pray, that you are going to keep asking, seeking, and knocking.

*Father, thank You for communicating with me through Your Word. I learned in Luke 11:1-10 that Jesus taught His disciples how to pray. Please teach me, too. I ask for Your help. I am seeking and knocking. Please hear me and answer my prayer. I want to be a member of Your A team. I will keep on asking. I want to depend on You. I want to be persistent in prayer. Thank You for hearing me and answering. I love You. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



## DISCOVERING A SPECIAL CODE

Good morning, soldier. You have a very tough training schedule ahead of you today. First you need to do what? That's right—grab your SATCOM and get your orders from the Commander in Chief.

Now that you have checked in, you are ready to do some field training with our communications expert to develop those communications skills. Once field training is complete,

you will be off to the obstacle course to do some wall climbing and jumping.

Then you need to pack those rucksacks with your MREs (meals ready to eat). You also need plenty of water, your sleeping gear, and navigation equipment for your cross-country land navigation.

So are you ready? Good. Grab some chow and let's head over to the training area. We need to pick up where we left off yesterday. Let's find out what our communications expert taught His disciples about prayer.

Turn to your Observation Worksheet on page 149 and read Luke 11:1-4.

Luke 11:2 HOW did Jesus respond to the disciples' request? WHAT did Jesus say to them?

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These verses in Luke 11:2-4 are known as "the Lord's Prayer." Do you think that when Jesus gave these verses and told His disciples "when you pray, say:" that He wanted the disciples to pray by just repeating these words over and over?  Yes  No

Now let's look at a cross-reference for the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6. As we do, we need to look at context. WHAT is context? Context is the setting in which something is found. It is very important in Bible study. Context is a combination of two words: *con*, which means "with," and *text*, which means "what is written."

So when you look for context in the Bible, you look at the verses and chapters surrounding the passage you are studying, as well as see how it fits into the whole Bible.

Since Matthew 6 (our cross-reference passage) begins with someone speaking and it doesn't tell us who this person is, we need to look at the verses that come before Matthew 6 to find out who is speaking.

Context also includes:

- The place something happens. (This is geographical context, such as knowing where Jesus lived. Did Jesus live in Israel or the United States?)
- The time in history an event happens. (This is historical context, such as the time before Jesus' birth, during His life, or after His death and resurrection.)
- The customs of a group of people. (This is cultural context. For instance, did Jesus wear a tunic, or did He wear blue jeans?)



Now that we know what context is, look up the passage that comes before our cross-reference passage on Matthew 6.

Look up and read Matthew 5:1-2.

Matthew 5:1-2 WHO is teaching? \_\_\_\_\_

Now turn to your Observation Worksheet on Matthew 6 on page 153. Since we have looked at the passage in Matthew 5 and discovered that Jesus was teaching on the mountain, do we know who is speaking in Matthew 6:1? Yes. Context shows us that Matthew 6 is a continuation of Jesus' teaching on the mountain in Matthew 5.

Read Matthew 6:7-15.

Matthew 6:7 WHAT does Jesus tell them not to do when they pray?

So does that sound like Jesus wanted them to just memorize "the Lord's Prayer" and repeat it back to God? \_\_\_\_\_

No. First, Jesus says not to use meaningless repetition. That means that Jesus doesn't want them to repeat words that have

no meaning to them. In verse 9 He tells them to “pray, then, in this way.” Jesus doesn’t want them to pray by just repeating the Lord’s Prayer; instead, He is teaching them a way to pray. Remember, they did not have books. They only had scrolls, which were written by hand and very expensive to own.

So Jesus uses the Lord’s Prayer to model prayer for them. The Lord’s Prayer is a collection of seven brief sentences that cover different topics to pray about. It is an outline that covers every detail of prayer. This was also the method that the rabbis used for teaching. Jesus gave the Lord’s Prayer to be like a special code that would not only be a teaching guide, but it would also help the disciples remember how to pray since they didn’t have a Bible of their own.

The rest of our training time in God’s “Q” course will be spent learning how to pray by using this special method that Jesus, our communications expert, taught His disciples. Are you willing to set aside a special time every day to meet with God and focus on your relationship with Him? Then you have what it takes to complete God’s “Q” course and earn your GSF beret.

First, we will memorize this code—not so we can repeat it over and over, word by word, as a prayer to God, but so we can learn what God wants us to pray about. Once we know the code, we will decipher it by taking each one of the seven sentences and looking at them one at a time to discover what subject each sentence covers.

Then we will have the know-how to communicate with our Commander in Chief. Doesn’t that sound awesome? You are going to develop the skills to become a communications specialist and start a very exciting lifetime adventure with the Ruler of the universe!

Let’s get started. Write out Matthew 6:9-13 on the lines below:

Pray, then in this way:

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GSF soldiers are trained to use not only high-tech radios, advanced computer networking, and encryption techniques (*encryption* means “to put in a secret code”) but also basic Morse code. They are trained and prepared for all situations since high-tech communications gear can fail due to batteries that run down and satellites that can be disabled.

So grab those training manuals, and don't forget to check in with the Commander in Chief. Then head over to the communications center to study Jesus' special code (the Lord's Prayer). We need to look at each one of these seven sentences to decipher the special code and discover what subject is being taught in this model on prayer.



Then we can give each sentence a title to help us remember each subject as we learn how to pray. A title is a very brief description that describes the main thing the sentence is about.

Take a look at the first sentence in Matthew 6:9-13. “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name.’ ”

WHAT do you think the main subject is in this sentence?  
Write out a short title that describes the main subject.

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Now take a look at the next sentence: “Your kingdom come.”

Give the second sentence a title.

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“Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Title this sentence.

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“Give us this day our daily bread.”

Title this sentence.

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“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

Title this sentence.

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“And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

Write out your title for this sentence.

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“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Title this last sentence in the Lord’s Prayer.

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Now let's see how you did, soldier. Let's check your answers by comparing them to the "Q" course manual on the Lord's Prayer. As you look under each sentence of the Lord's Prayer on page 28, the "Q" course manual gives you the main subject for that sentence in Morse code.

Morse code was invented as a way to send messages over the telegraph very quickly using a code of dots (.) and dashes (\_). These patterns of dots and dashes each represent a letter of the alphabet or a number.

Decode the main subject for each sentence of the Lord's Prayer in the "Q" course manual on page 28 by looking at the Morse Code Answer Key below and writing the letter that is represented by the dots and dashes on the blanks underneath the code in your manual.

### Manual for "Q" Course

#### Morse Code Answer Key

A. _	B _...	C _...
D _..	E .	F .....
G _..	H ....	I ..
J .----	K _..	L ....
M _..	N _.	O _...
P .---	Q _--..	R ....
S ...	T _	U ...
V ...	W ....	X ...
Y _...	Z _...	1 .----
2 ..---	3 ...	4 ....
5 .....	6 _...	7 _...
8 _---	9 _...	0 _---

We did the first few letters in the first sentence for you.  
Pray, then, in this way:

“Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name.”

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W    O    R    \_ \_ \_ \_

“Your kingdom come.”

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“Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

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“Give us this day our daily bread.”

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“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our  
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“And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil.”

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“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

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Awesome! You are on your way to becoming a communications specialist. Don't worry if the words in your titles aren't exactly like the ones you decoded in our training manual. That doesn't mean that you have the wrong answers. You just need to make sure that your title covers the same subject as ours, even though you may have used different words to describe it.

WHY don't you turn to page 153 to your Observation Worksheet on Matthew 6 and write each title next to the sentence it goes with in the Lord's Prayer?

Now let's run through your drills by practicing the Lord's Prayer. As you say each sentence aloud, pause and add the main topic. As you say, "Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name," stop and say aloud, "This means worship." Then go to the next sentence and continue to do the same thing all the way through the Lord's Prayer. Drilling this skill every day will help you remember Jesus' code and what it means so that you can know exactly how to pray.

### **JUST FOR FUN**

Okay, soldiers, now that you have those drills down, how would you like to have fun by learning how to transmit a message using Morse code?

First you need a friend, brother, sister, or parent to be your partner for you to transmit your secret message to. Then you need to choose if you want to flash your message with flashlights or use sound with a buzzer or bell.

Now if you are using a buzzer or a bell, look at your Morse Code Answer Key (your partner will need a copy of the answer key, too), and use a short burst of sound to represent the dot, and a longer sound (equal to the sound of three dot lengths) to represent each dash. You also need to pause between letters (your pause should be about three dot lengths long).



If you want to use a flashlight to send your message, you need to flash your flashlight briefly on and off to represent the dots. Leave the flashlight on longer (equal three short flashes) to represent the dashes.

You'll have to go slowly since you are just learning and will need time to check your answer key to figure out the letters. You may even want to use paper and a pencil to write down the dots and dashes as they are flashed and then check your code for the correct letter.

Also, instead of flashing long words, you might want to make up your own secret code to use as an abbreviation. For an example, to say, "I need help," you would flash the signals for SOS (which is a code that is abbreviated), instead of flashing each word in "I need help."

Think of several messages with your friend, and then give each message a short abbreviation, or use your topics for prayer. Then grab your transmitter (your flashlight or buzzer) and have fun sending your secret messages.



## BACK TO THE TRAINING AREA

You did a fantastic job deciphering Jesus' code at the communications center yesterday. Now that we have uncovered

all the main subjects that show us what we need to pray about, we need to grab our gear and head back to the training area.

Did you remember to check in with the Commander in Chief?

Then we're good to go. Our first training exercise will be to take a closer look at the first sentence in the Lord's Prayer.

"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name.'"

WHY do you think Jesus began with this sentence?

WHAT is prayer?

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WHERE is God?

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WHAT is God like? WHAT is He called in this sentence?

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True prayer is spiritual fellowship with the Father, not with an untouchable, far-off God. Prayer is directed to our Father. He loves us. He cares about us and wants us to spend time talking to Him, just as a child talks to his father. Isn't it amazing that we get to call the Ruler of the universe *Father*?

Now read Hebrews 11:6 printed out below:

*And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

Looking at this passage in Hebrews 11:6, WHAT is necessary to please God?

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WHAT is faith? Look up Hebrews 11:1 in your training manual (your Bible) and write out what faith is.

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Looking back at Hebrews 11:6, WHAT do we have to do?

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Hebrews 11:6 WHAT do we have to believe?

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Faith is believing God. It means that even though we haven't seen Him, we are convinced, we have confidence that God is there, that He is WHO He says He is, that He is the Rewarder, and that He will do what He says in the Bible.

So WHAT have we learned in our training exercise today?

1. We need to c \_ \_ \_ to God.
2. HOW do we come? WHAT do we have to have?  
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3. WHO is God? WHAT is He like?

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Do you see how the foundation of prayer is faith in God? We have to believe God before we can come to Him. Now that we know how to come to God, we need to know WHAT our Father is like. To find this out, we need to keep studying His Word. God reveals Himself to us in the Bible, so the more we read and study the Bible, the more we will know and understand WHO God is. We have already seen that Elijah was able to pray the heavens open and shut because he knew how great God is.

Let's take a look at James 1:17 printed out below:

*Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.*

WHAT comes from the Father of lights?

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WHAT does it say about the Father of lights?

"with whom there is \_\_\_\_\_ or  
\_\_\_\_\_"

That means that the Father of lights never changes. God is always the same in His nature, His character, and His will. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Did you know that God was the Giver of every perfect gift, and that He never changes? You can trust and depend on God because He doesn't change His mind or WHO He is.

As you march back to the barracks, why don't you spend some time thinking about what you learned about coming to God? Then praise Him for being faithful and trustworthy, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Fantastic! And don't forget to practice your drills for our special code on prayer three times today!



## TRAINING EXERCISES WITH THE COMMANDER OF JUDAH

Rise and shine, soldiers! Check in with the Commander in Chief, pack your rucksacks, and don't forget your ERGO drink full of vitamins and minerals and your HOOAH! bar to give you all the nutrition and energy you need to keep your mind alert and delay fatigue as you march back into the field.

Today we need to work on our training exercises to discover what the commander of Judah, a king named Jehoshaphat, knew about God. Turn to page 156 of your Observation Worksheets and read 2 Chronicles 20:1-30.

2 Chronicles 20:1 WHAT did the sons of Moab, the sons of Ammon, and some of the Meunites come to do to Jehoshaphat?

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2 Chronicles 20:3 HOW did Jehoshaphat feel?

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WHAT did Jehoshaphat do?

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2 Chronicles 20:4 WHAT did Judah do?

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2 Chronicles 20:6 HOW did Jehoshaphat begin his prayer?

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Did you see this in the Lord's Prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW does Jehoshaphat worship God? Make a list of HOW he describes God in verses 6-12:

Verse 6: God of our \_\_\_\_\_

God in the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ over all the kingdoms of the nations

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are in Your hand.

No one can \_\_\_\_\_ against You.

Verse 7: God \_\_\_\_\_ out the inhabitants of this land.

God \_\_\_\_\_ it to the descendants of Abraham.

God is Abraham's \_\_\_\_\_ forever.

Verse 9: When we cry to God in distress, He will

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Verse 12: God is the j \_ \_ \_ \_ .

Our \_\_\_\_\_ are on You.

Wow! WHAT a prayer of praise. Did God answer? Look at what God says in verses 15-17:

Verse 15: The \_\_\_\_\_ is not yours but God's.

Verse 17: Stand and see the \_\_\_\_\_ of the

Lord on your behalf. The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ you.

2 Chronicles 20:18 WHAT happens?

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2 Chronicles 20:20 WHAT does Jehoshaphat tell them?

“Put your \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ your God.”

“Put your \_\_\_\_\_ in His prophets and \_\_\_\_\_.”

2 Chronicles 20:21 WHAT did they say as they went out before the army?

“Give \_\_\_\_\_ to the LORD, for His

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.”

2 Chronicles 20:23-27 WHAT happened? Were they successful? Did they defeat their enemies? \_\_\_\_\_

Isn't that amazing? Jehoshaphat knew God. He had faith. He knew how to come to God and ask for His help when he was afraid. First Jehoshaphat praised God for who He is, then he asked God for His help. He reminded God that they were powerless and needed Him.

HOW would you stand if you were facing an enemy? Would you know what to do? Do you know God? Would you put your trust in Him?

If you don't think you know God well enough, don't give up. Go to Him and tell Him that you want to know Him better. Then keep doing what you are doing right now—keep studying His Word.

Fantastic training exercise—keep up the good work! Before you chow down on that HOOAH! bar and ERGO drink, take a moment and think about something you learned about God today, such as: He is the Ruler, power and might are in His hand. Then go to the Father and get some prayer practice in. Praise God for what you know about Him!







# TRAINING MANUAL

## OBSERVATION WORKSHEETS

### Luke 11

- 1 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."
- 2 And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come.
- 3 'Give us each day our daily bread.
- 4 'And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive every one who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'"
- 5 Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves;
- 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';
- 7 and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'
- 8 "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.
- 9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- 10 "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.
- 11 "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish;

- he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?
- 12 "Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he?"
- 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"
- 14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute; when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed.
- 15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons."
- 16 Others, to test Him, were demanding of Him a sign from heaven.
- 17 But He knew their thoughts and said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house divided against itself falls.
- 18 "If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.
- 19 "And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? So they will be your judges.
- 20 "But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
- 21 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed.
- 22 "But when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied and distributes his plunder.
- 23 "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.
- 24 "When the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

- 25 "And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order.
- 26 "Then it goes and takes along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first."
- 27 While Jesus was saying these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which You nursed."
- 28 But He said, "On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."
- 29 As the crowds were increasing, He began to say, "This generation is a wicked generation; it seeks for a sign, and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah.
- 30 "For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.
- 31 "The Queen of the South will rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.
- 32 "The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.
- 33 "No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar nor under a basket, but on the lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light.
- 34 "The eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness.
- 35 "Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness.
- 36 "If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it will be wholly illumined, as when the lamp illumines you with its rays."

- 37 Now when He had spoken, a Pharisee asked Him to have lunch with him; and He went in, and reclined at the table.
- 38 When the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised that He had not first ceremonially washed before the meal.
- 39 But the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but inside of you, you are full of robbery and wickedness.
- 40 "You foolish ones, did not He who made the outside make the inside also?
- 41 "But give that which is within as charity, and then all things are clean for you.
- 42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithe of mint and rue and every kind of garden herb, and yet disregard justice and the love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.
- 43 "Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the chief seats in the synagogues and the respectful greetings in the market places.
- 44 "Woe to you! For you are like concealed tombs, and the people who walk over them are unaware of it."
- 45 One of the lawyers said to Him in reply, "Teacher, when You say this, You insult us too."
- 46 But He said, "Woe to you lawyers as well! For you weigh men down with burdens hard to bear, while you yourselves will not even touch the burdens with one of your fingers.
- 47 "Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and it was your fathers who killed them.
- 48 "So you are witnesses and approve the deeds of your fathers; because it was they who killed them, and you build their tombs.
- 49 "For this reason also the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and some they will persecute,

- 50 so that the blood of all the prophets, shed since the foundation  
of the world, may be charged against this generation,  
51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was  
killed between the altar and the house of God; yes, I tell you, it  
shall be charged against this generation.’  
52 “Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of  
knowledge; you yourselves did not enter, and you hindered  
those who were entering.”  
53 When He left there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be  
very hostile and to question Him closely on many subjects,  
54 plotting against Him to catch Him in something He might say.

### **Matthew 6**

- 1 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be  
noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your  
Father who is in heaven.  
2 “So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before  
you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets,  
so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they  
have their reward in full.  
3 “But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know  
what your right hand is doing,  
4 so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees  
what is done in secret will reward you.  
5 “When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they  
love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street cor-  
ners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they  
have their reward in full.  
6 “But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your  
door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father  
who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

- 7 “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.
- 8 “So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.
- 9 “Pray, then, in this way:  
‘Our Father who is in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.
- 10 ‘Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.
- 11 ‘Give us this day our daily bread.
- 12 ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- 13 ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
[For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.]’
- 14 “For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- 15 “But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.
- 16 “Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.
- 17 “But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face
- 18 so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.
- 19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

- 20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;
- 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.
- 23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
- 24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.
- 25 "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
- 26 "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?
- 27 "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?
- 28 "And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,
- 29 yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.
- 30 "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith!
- 31 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'
- 32 "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

- 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

## 2 Chronicles 20

- 1 Now it came about after this that the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon, together with some of the Meunites, came to make war against Jehoshaphat.
- 2 Then some came and reported to Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, out of Aram and behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar (that is Engedi)."
- 3 Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
- 4 So Judah gathered together to seek help from the LORD; they even came from all the cities of Judah to seek the LORD.
- 5 Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD before the new court,
- 6 and he said, "O LORD, the God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You.
- 7 "Did You not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and give it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?
- 8 "They have lived in it, and have built You a sanctuary there for Your name, saying,
- 9 'Should evil come upon us, the sword, or judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before You (for Your name is in this house) and cry to You in our distress, and You will hear and deliver us.'

- 10 “Now behold, the sons of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom You did not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt (they turned aside from them and did not destroy them),
- 11 see how they are rewarding us by coming to drive us out from Your possession which You have given us as an inheritance.
- 12 “O our God, will You not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You.”
- 13 All Judah was standing before the LORD, with their infants, their wives and their children.
- 14 Then in the midst of the assembly the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite of the sons of Asaph;
- 15 and he said, “Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the LORD to you, ‘Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God’s.
- 16 ‘Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the valley in front of the wilderness of Jeruel.
- 17 ‘You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, for the LORD is with you.”
- 18 Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshiping the LORD.
- 19 The Levites, from the sons of the Kohathites and of the sons of the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

- 20 They rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, put your trust in the LORD your God and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed."
- 21 When he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who sang to the LORD and those who praised Him in holy attire, as they went out before the army and said, "Give thanks to the LORD, for His lovingkindness is everlasting."
- 22 When they began singing and praising, the LORD set ambushes against the sons of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; so they were routed.
- 23 For the sons of Ammon and Moab rose up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir destroying them completely; and when they had finished with the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.
- 24 When Judah came to the lookout of the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude, and behold, they were corpses lying on the ground, and no one had escaped.
- 25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their spoil, they found much among them, including goods, garments and valuable things which they took for themselves, more than they could carry. And they were three days taking the spoil because there was so much.
- 26 Then on the fourth day they assembled in the valley of Beracah, for there they blessed the LORD. Therefore they have named that place "The Valley of Beracah" until today.
- 27 Every man of Judah and Jerusalem returned with Jehoshaphat at their head, returning to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

- 28 They came to Jerusalem with harps, lyres and trumpets to the house of the LORD.
- 29 And the dread of God was on all the kingdoms of the lands when they heard that the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel.
- 30 So the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God gave him rest on all sides.
- 31 Now Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-five years. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.
- 32 He walked in the way of his father Asa and did not depart from it, doing right in the sight of the LORD.
- 33 The high places, however, were not removed; the people had not yet directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.
- 34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first to last, behold, they are written in the annals of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is recorded in the Book of the Kings of Israel.
- 35 After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel. He acted wickedly in so doing.
- 36 So he allied himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish, and they made the ships in Ezion-geber.
- 37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat saying, "Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD has destroyed your works." So the ships were broken and could not go to Tarshish.

### Isaiah 36

- 1 Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them.

- 2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a large army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway of the fuller's field.
- 3 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to him.
- 4 Then Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, 'What is this confidence that you have?'"
- 5 "I say, 'Your counsel and strength for the war are only empty words.' Now on whom do you rely, that you have rebelled against me?"
- 6 "Behold, you rely on the staff of this crushed reed, even on Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him.
- 7 "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar'?"
- 8 "Now therefore, come make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them.
- 9 "How then can you repulse one official of the least of my master's servants and rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?"
- 10 "Have I now come up without the LORD's approval against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land and destroy it.'"
- 11 Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, "Speak now to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it; and do not speak with us in Judean in the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

- 12 But Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me only to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, doomed to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"
- 13 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in Judean and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.
- 14 "Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you;
- 15 nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us, this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."
- 16 'Do not listen to Hezekiah,' for thus says the king of Assyria, 'Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat each of his vine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the waters of his own cistern,
- 17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.
- 18 'Beware that Hezekiah does not mislead you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us." Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?
- 19 'Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? And when have they delivered Samaria from my hand?
- 20 'Who among all the gods of these lands have delivered their land from my hand, that the LORD would deliver Jerusalem from my hand?'"
- 21 But they were silent and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him."
- 22 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder,

came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

### Isaiah 37

- 1 And when King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth and entered the house of the LORD.
- 2 Then he sent Eliakim who was over the household with Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.
- 3 They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a day of distress, rebuke and rejection; for children have come to birth, and there is no strength to deliver.
- 4 'Perhaps the LORD your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore, offer a prayer for the remnant that is left.'"
- 5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.
- 6 Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD, "Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.
- 7 "Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that he will hear a rumor and return to his own land. And I will make him fall by the sword in his own land.'"
- 8 Then Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that the king had left Lachish.
- 9 When he heard them say concerning Tirhakah king of Cush, "He has come out to fight against you," and when he heard it he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

- 10 "Thus you shall say to Hezekiah king of Judah, 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.'"
- 11 'Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, destroying them completely. So will you be spared?
- 12 'Did the gods of those nations which my fathers have destroyed deliver them, even Gozan and Haran and Rezep and the sons of Eden who were in Telassar?
- 13 'Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, and of Hena and Ivvah?'"
- 14 Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD.
- 15 Hezekiah prayed to the LORD saying,
- 16 "O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, who is enthroned above the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.
- 17 "Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and listen to all the words of Sennacherib, who sent them to reproach the living God.
- 18 "Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated all the countries and their lands,
- 19 and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them.
- 20 "Now, O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, LORD, are God."
- 21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent word to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria,

- 22 this is the word that the Lord has spoken against him: "She has despised you and mocked you, the virgin daughter of Zion; she has shaken her head behind you, the daughter of Jerusalem!
- 23 "Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? And against whom have you raised your voice and haughtily lifted up your eyes? Against the Holy One of Israel!
- 24 "Through your servants you have reproached the LORD, and you have said, 'With my many chariots I came up to the heights of the mountains, to the remotest parts of Lebanon; and I cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypresses. And I will go to its highest peak, its thickest forest.
- 25 'I dug wells and drank waters, and with the sole of my feet I dried up all the rivers of Egypt.'
- 26 "Have you not heard? Long ago I did it, from ancient times I planned it. Now I have brought it to pass, that you should turn fortified cities into ruinous heaps.
- 27 "Therefore their inhabitants were short of strength, they were dismayed and put to shame; they were as the vegetation of the field and as the green herb, as grass on the housetops is scorched before it is grown up.
- 28 "But I know your sitting down and your going out and your coming in and your raging against Me.
- 29 "Because of your raging against Me and because your arrogance has come up to My ears, therefore I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way which you came.
- 30 "Then this shall be the sign for you: you will eat this year what grows of itself, in the second year what springs from the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

- 31 "The surviving remnant of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward.
- 32 "For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant and out of Mount Zion survivors. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."
- 33 "Therefore, thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, 'He will not come to this city or shoot an arrow there; and he will not come before it with a shield, or throw up a siege ramp against it.
- 34 'By the way that he came, by the same he will return, and he will not come to this city,' declares the LORD.
- 35 'For I will defend this city to save it for My own sake and for My servant David's sake.'"
- 36 Then the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, all of these were dead.
- 37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned home and lived at Nineveh.
- 38 It came about as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons killed him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son became king in his place.

### John 3

- 1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;
- 2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."
- 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

- 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"
- 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- 6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7 "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
- 8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."
- 9 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?"
- 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?
- 11 "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony.
- 12 "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?
- 13 "No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.
- 14 "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up;
- 15 "so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.
- 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- 17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.
- 18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

- 19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.
- 20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.
- 21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."
- 22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing.
- 23 John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and people were coming and were being baptized—
- 24 for John had not yet been thrown into prison.
- 25 Therefore there arose a discussion on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purification.
- 26 And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, He is baptizing and all are coming to Him."
- 27 John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.
- 28 "You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent ahead of Him.'
- 29 "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.
- 30 "He must increase, but I must decrease.
- 31 "He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.
- 32 "What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.

- 33 "He who has received His testimony has set his seal to this, that God is true.
- 34 "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.
- 35 "The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.
- 36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

### **Matthew 18**

- 1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
- 2 And He called a child to Himself and set him before them,
- 3 and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
- 5 "And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me;
- 6 "but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.
- 7 "Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!
- 8 "If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than to have two hands or two feet and be cast into the eternal fire.

- 9 "If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than to have two eyes and be cast into the fiery hell.
- 10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.
- 11 ["For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.]
- 12 "What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?
- 13 "If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.
- 14 "So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.
- 15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.
- 16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.
- 17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.
- 18 "Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.
- 19 "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.
- 20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

- 21 Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"
- 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.
- 23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.
- 24 "When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.
- 25 "But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made.
- 26 "So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.'
- 27 "And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt.
- 28 "But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.'
- 29 "So his fellow slave fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.'
- 30 "But he was unwilling and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed.
- 31 "So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened.
- 32 "Then summoning him, his lord said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.
- 33 'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?'

- 34 "And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.
- 35 "My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."

## Matthew 26

- 1 When Jesus had finished all these words, He said to His disciples,
- 2 "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man is to be handed over for crucifixion."
- 3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas;
- 4 and they plotted together to seize Jesus by stealth and kill Him.
- 5 But they were saying, "Not during the festival, otherwise a riot might occur among the people."
- 6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, at the home of Simon the leper,
- 7 a woman came to Him with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume, and she poured it on His head as He reclined at the table.
- 8 But the disciples were indignant when they saw this, and said, "Why this waste?"
- 9 "For this perfume might have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor."
- 10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me.
- 11 "For you always have the poor with you; but you do not always have Me.
- 12 "For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial.

- 13 "Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her."
- 14 Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests
- 15 and said, "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?" And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him.
- 16 From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus.
- 17 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"
- 18 And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is near; I am to keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'""
- 19 The disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.
- 20 Now when evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the twelve disciples.
- 21 As they were eating, He said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me."
- 22 Being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, "Surely not I, Lord?"
- 23 And He answered, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me.
- 24 "The Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."
- 25 And Judas, who was betraying Him, said, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself."

- 26 While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."
- 27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;
- 28 "for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.
- 29 "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."
- 30 After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
- 31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK SHALL BE SCATTERED.'
- 32 "But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."
- 33 But Peter said to Him, "Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away."
- 34 Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you that this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."
- 35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You." All the disciples said the same thing too.
- 36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."
- 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed.
- 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me."
- 39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

- 40 And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour?"
- 41 "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- 42 He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done."
- 43 Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.
- 44 And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.
- 45 Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.
- 46 "Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"
- 47 While He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people.
- 48 Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him."
- 49 Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.
- 50 And Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.
- 51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear.

- 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword.
- 53 "Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?
- 54 "How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?"
- 55 At that time Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as you would against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me.
- 56 "But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets." Then all the disciples left Him and fled.
- 57 Those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.
- 58 But Peter was following Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and entered in, and sat down with the officers to see the outcome.
- 59 Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death.
- 60 They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward,
- 61 and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.'"
- 62 The high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"
- 63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."

- 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, AND COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."
- 65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy;
- 66 what do you think?" They answered, "He deserves death!"
- 67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him,
- 68 and said, "Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?"
- 69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean."
- 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."
- 71 When he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."
- 72 And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."
- 73 A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; for even the way you talk gives you away."
- 74 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man!" And immediately a rooster crowed.
- 75 And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.