

John 12:25-43

25-26. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life **IN THIS WORLD** will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him **FOLLOW ME**; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor."

- **Matthew 16:24-25** "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after (follow) Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and _____ Me. For whoever desires to _____ his _____ will _____ it, and whoever _____ his life for My sake will _____ it.'"
- **Mark 8:35-37** "For whoever desires to _____ his life will _____ it, but whoever loses his life for _____ sake and the _____ will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole _____, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Definition: "He who HATES his life in THIS WORLD" - The Greek word for "world" is "kosmos" which means the world system of things, **the whole system of thinking** among the UNSAVED people of the world. Satan is called the "god of this world" (II Cor. 4:3-4) and the "prince" or "ruler" of THIS WORLD," so he is in control of this world system. Satan is also called the **"prince of the power of the air (atmosphere)."** **All unsaved people** belong to Satan and are under his control, and we were **motivated** and energized by Satan before we were saved, when we were "children of disobedience." **THIS is the life that we are now supposed to "HATE".**

- **Ephesians 2:1-2** "And you He made alive, who were _____ in your trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the _____ of this _____, according to the _____ of the power of the air, the _____ who now _____ in the sons (children) of _____."
- **Romans 12:2** "And be not conformed to this _____, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that _____ and _____ and _____ will of God."
- **Ephesians 4:22** "That you put off, concerning your _____ conduct, the _____ man, which grows _____ according to the deceitful lusts;"

Definition: "Let him DENY HIMSELF" - We are to deny (say "No" to) the OLD MAN, our sinful human nature - the **habits** and **behavior patterns** learned BEFORE we were BORN AGAIN. **In Ephesians 4:22 it is called "putting off" the old man.** God's word says that **WE as Believers** are the ones who have a **CHOICE** about following the old nature and its desires (also called the "flesh"), or following the Lord.

- **Romans 8:5** "For those who _____ according to the _____ set their _____ on the things of the _____, but those who _____ according to the _____, the things of the Spirit."

27. Now **My SOUL is TROUBLED**, and what shall I say, "Father, save Me from this hour?" But for this purpose I came to this hour.

- **Matthew 26:37-38** "And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be _____ and deeply _____. Then He said to them, 'My _____ is exceedingly _____, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.'"

Definition: "My SOUL is TROUBLED" - The word "troubled" here is a strong word, having the idea of HORROR and ANXIETY. Jesus knew He was about to go to the cross, where He would be **taking upon Himself the WRATH of God** against ALL the SIN of the whole world! Notice, it says His SOUL was troubled and distressed. Jesus was perfect, sinless, and God-in-the-flesh, but His human soul (mind, will and EMOTIONS) had to anticipate the horrible pain and suffering He KNEW He would go through on the cross.

- **Matthew 26:42** "He went away a second time and _____, saying, 'O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, _____ will be _____.'"
- **Luke 22:42-44** "Saying, 'Father, if it is Your _____, remove this cup from Me; nevertheless not _____ will, but _____, be done.' Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in _____, He prayed more earnestly. And His _____ became like great _____ of _____ falling down to the ground."

Definition: "His sweat became like GREAT DROPS of BLOOD" - Jesus was in such agony that He sweated blood. Luke's gospel is the only account that mentions this, but since Luke was a medical doctor, he would have been familiar with this occurrence. Medical doctors today know that this can happen to **people who are under terrible stress**, such as Jesus was. The extreme stress causes capillaries (small blood vessels) near the skin to burst, and the blood mixes with the sweat, making it look like the person is sweating blood.

28-30. "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." Therefore the people who stood by and heard it **said that it had thundered**. Others said, "**An angel has spoken to Him.**" Jesus answered, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake."

- **John 11:41-42** "Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "_____, I thank You that You have _____ Me. And I know that You always _____ Me, but _____ of the _____ who are _____ by I said this, that they may _____ that You sent Me."

Definition: "A VOICE came from HEAVEN" - Jesus didn't have to talk out loud to the Father, but He did, so that the people around Him would hear and believe. The Father didn't have to **ANSWER Him OUT LOUD**, but He did, so that the people could hear and believe, even though the people only heard an indistinct sound, like thunder.

- **Matthew 17:5** "While he was still speaking, behold, a bright _____ over-shadowed them; and suddenly a _____ came out of the _____, saying, 'This is My beloved _____, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!'"

31. Now is the judgment of this world; now the **RULER of this WORLD will be CAST OUT.**

- **Revelation 12:7-9** "And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his _____ fought against the dragon; and the _____ and his _____ fought, and they did not prevail (were not strong enough), nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was _____, that serpent of old, called the _____ and _____, who deceives the whole world; he was cast (thrown) to the _____, and his angels were _____ with him."

- **Luke 10:18-19** "And He said to them, 'I saw Satan _____ like _____ from _____. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the _____ of the _____, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.'"
- **John 14:30** "I will no longer talk much with you, for the _____ of this _____ is coming, and he has nothing in Me."
- **II Corinthians 4:3-4** "But even if our gospel is veiled (hidden), it is veiled to those who are perishing (do not believe), whose minds the _____ of this age (world) has _____, who do not believe..."

Definition: "The RULER of this WORLD will be CAST OUT" - Satan is the "ruler of this world" (the Greek word "kosmos" can also be translated "age"), but Jesus has been VICTORIOUS over him (Colossians 2:14-15), and he is on "death row" now, so to speak, awaiting his final judgment from God. The **final CASTING OUT of Satan** from this world and from the lives of God's people will come in stages, also. He will be bound and thrown into the bottomless pit (the abyss) for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3), but allowed to come out one more time, and then he will be thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone for all eternity (see Rev. 20:7-10).

- **Isaiah 14:12-17** "How you have _____ from _____, O Lucifer (Satan's original name), son of the morning! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of the assembly in the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'"
- **Ephesians 2:1-2** "And you He made alive, who were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course (system) of this _____, according to the _____ of the _____ of the _____, the _____ who now works in the sons (children) of disobedience."

32-34. And I, if **I am LIFTED UP from the earth**, will draw all peoples to Myself. This He said, signifying by **what DEATH He would DIE**. The people answered Him, "**We have heard from the law** that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up?' Who is the Son of man?"

- **Philippians 2:8** "And being found in appearance as a man, He _____ Himself and became obedient to the point of _____, even the _____ of the _____."

Definition: "We have heard from the law" - Several Old Testament scriptures told about the Messiah living forever, so the people were confused about Jesus mentioning His death. How could Messiah DIE and yet LIVE FOREVER?

- **Isaiah 9:7** "Of the increase of His government and peace there will be _____, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even _____."
- **Ezekiel 37:25** "Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, _____; and My servant David (referring to the Messiah) shall be their prince _____."
- **Psalms 89:35-37** "Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to _____; his seed (the Messiah) shall endure _____, and his throne as the sun before Me....."

35-36. Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer **the LIGHT is with you**. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; **he who walks in DARKNESS does not know where he is going**. While you have the light, believe in the LIGHT, that **you may become sons of LIGHT**." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

- **Ephesians 5:8** "For you were once _____, but now you are _____ in the Lord. _____ as children of _____."
- **I Thessalonians 5:4-5** "But you, brethren, are not in _____, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of _____ and sons of the _____. We are not of the _____ nor of _____."
- **John 8:12** "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the _____ of the world. He who follows Me shall _____ walk in _____, but have the _____ of life.'"
- **Proverbs 4:19** "The way of the wicked is like _____; they do not _____ what makes them _____."

37-40. But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, **that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled**, which he spoke, "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: "He has **blinded their eyes** and **hardened their heart**, lest they should see with their eyes and understand with their heart, lest they should turn, so that I should heal them."

- **Isaiah 53:1** "Who has _____ our _____? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"
- **Isaiah 6:10** "Make the _____ of this people _____, and their ears heavy, and _____ their _____; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their _____, and return and be healed."

41-43. These things Isaiah said **when he saw His glory** and spoke of Him. Nevertheless **even among the rulers many believed in Him**, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for **they loved the praise of men** more than the praise of God.

- **Isaiah 6:1** "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the _____ sitting on a _____, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe _____ the temple." (Verse 3) "And one cried to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is _____ of His _____!'"

Definition: "Isaiah said when he SAW HIS GLORY and spoke of Him" - Isaiah says "I saw the Lord" but John reveals it was the Lord JESUS that Isaiah saw. Whenever the Lord appeared to people in the Old Testament, it was always the Second Person of the Godhead, Jesus, before He actually was born into the world as a man (this is called the "Pre-Incarnate Christ"). The Bible tells us that "No one has seen God at any time," so we know that God the Father is not the One appearing to people. **Abraham saw and spoke with Jesus**, and "rejoiced" as the Lord revealed His plan of salvation to him (see also Genesis 22:1-14).

- **John 8:56** "Your father Abraham _____ to _____ My day, and he _____ it and was glad."