

## 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."