

Exegetical Notes on Matthew 11:25-30

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Ἐν ἐκείνῳ τῷ καιρῷ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν, Ἐξομολογοῦμαι σοι, πάτερ, κύριε τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τῆς γῆς, ὅτι ἔκρυψας ταῦτα ἀπὸ σοφῶν καὶ συνετῶν καὶ ἀπεκάλυψας αὐτὰ νηπίοις

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

Parallel to Luke 10:21-22

At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 10:22 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

Parallel to Sirach 51:1

I will give thanks to thee, O Lord and King, and will praise thee as God my Savior. I give thanks to thy name,

Parallel to Psalm 136:26

O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Parallel to Tobit 7:18

"Be brave, my child; the Lord of heaven and earth grant you joy in place of this sorrow of yours. Be brave, my daughter."

Parallel to Acts 15:24

Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds,

Parallel to Isaiah 29:14

so I will again do amazing things with this people, shocking and amazing. The wisdom of their wise shall perish, and the discernment of the discerning shall be hidden.

Parallel to 1 Corinthians 1:19, 26-29

For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,

Parallel to Luke 19:42

saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Ἐν ἐκείνῳ τῷ καιρῷ - 3x in NT -

11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

12:1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

14:1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus;

Ἐν ἐκείνῳ - 9x in Matthew -

7:22 On that day many will say to me, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?"

10:19 When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour;

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18:1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

22:23 The same day Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question,

24:19 And alas for those who are with child and for those who give suck in those days!

26:55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me.

ἐκεῖνω - 54x in Matthew –

3:1, 7:22, 7:25, 7:27, 8:13, 8:28, 9:22, 9:26, 9:31, 10:14, 10:15, 10:19, 11:25, 12:1, 12:45, 13:1, 13:11, 13:44, 14:1, 14:35, 14:35, 15:22, 15:28, 17:18, 17:27, 18:1, 18:27, 18:28, 18:32, 20:4, 21:40, 22:7, 22:10, 22:23, 22:46, 24:19, 24:22, 24:22, 24:29, 24:36, 24:38, 24:43, 24:46, 24:48, 24:50, 25:7, 25:19, 26:24, 26:24, 26:29, 26:55, 27:8, 27:19, 27:63

καιρῶ - 10x in Matthew – *points of time consisting of occasions for particular events - an indefinite unit of time - a favorable opportunity or occasion in view of propitious circumstances -*

Matt 8:29 And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?"

11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

12:1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

14:1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus;

16:3 And in the morning, It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

21:34 When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit;

21:41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

24:45 "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time?

26:18 He said, "Go into the city to a certain one, and say to him, The Teacher says, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at your house with my disciples."

ἀποκριθεις ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν – 5x in Matthew – 4x are the exact same grammatical construction * -

*11:4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:

*11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

*15:28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

21:27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

*24:4 And Jesus answered them, "Take heed that no one leads you astray.

Ἐξομολογοῦμαι – 10x in NT – present middle indicative, 2x * -

Matt 3:6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

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Mark 1:5 And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

*Luke 10:21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

Luke 22:6 So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude.

Acts 19:18 Many also of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices.

Romans 14:11 for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

Romans 15:9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles, and sing to thy name";

Phil 2:11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.

πάτερ – 63x in Matthew - vocative, 5x–

6:9 Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

11:26 yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

26:39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me;

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nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."

26:42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done."

2:22, 3:9, 4:21, 4:22, 5:16, 5:45, 5:48, 6:1, 6:4, 6:6, 6:6, 6:8, 6:9, 6:14, 6:15, 6:18, 6:18, 6:26, 6:32, 7:11, 7:21, 8:21, 10:20, 10:21, 10:29, 10:32, 10:33, 10:35, 10:37, 11:25, 11:26, 11:27, 11:27, 12:50, 13:43, 15:4, 15:4, 15:5, 15:6, 15:13, 16:17, 16:27, 18:10, 18:14, 18:19, 18:35, 19:5, 19:19, 19:29, 20:23, 21:31, 23:9, 23:9, 23:30, 23:32, 24:36, 25:34, 26:29, 26:39, 26:42, 26:53, 28:19

κύριε τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τῆς γῆς - 2x in NT, here and Luke 10:21, also 2x in LXX –

TobBA 7:17 θάρσει τέκνον ὁ κύριος τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τῆς γῆς δώη σοι χάριν ἀντὶ τῆς λύπης σου ταύτης θάρσει θυγατερ

"Be brave, my child; the Lord of heaven and earth grant you joy in place of this sorrow of yours. Be brave, my daughter."
TobS 10:14 καὶ ἀπῆλθεν Τωβιας ἀπὸ Ραγουηλ ὑγιαίνων καὶ χαίρων καὶ εὐλογῶν τῷ κυρίῳ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τῆς γῆς τῷ βασιλεὶ τῶν πάντων ὅτι εὐλόωκεν τὴν ὁδὸν αὐτοῦ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ εὐδόωθη σοι τιμᾶν αὐτοῦς πάσας τὰς ἡμέρας τῆς ζωῆς αὐτῶν

And Tobias departed from Raguel in peace and rejoicing and blessing the Lord of heaven and earth because he had made his journey a success.

It is also wise to note several close parallels:

Gen 24:3 καὶ ἐξορκιῶ σε κύριον τὸν θεὸν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τὸν θεὸν τῆς γῆς ἵνα μὴ λάβῃς γυναῖκα τῷ υἱῷ μου Ἰσαακ ἀπὸ τῶν θυγατέρων τῶν Χανααναίων μεθ' ὧν ἐγὼ οἰκῶ ἐν αὐτοῖς

and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell,

Exod 20:11 ἐν γὰρ ἕξ ἡμέραις ἐποίησεν κύριος τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν καὶ τὴν θάλασσαν καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐν αὐτοῖς καὶ κατέπαυσεν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ ἑβδόμῃ διὰ τοῦτο εὐλόγησεν κύριος τὴν ἡμέραν τὴν ἑβδόμην καὶ ἡγίασεν αὐτήν
for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

Exod 31:17 ἐν ἐμοὶ καὶ τοῖς υἱοῖς Ἰσραὴλ σημεῖόν ἐστιν αἰώνιον ὅτι ἐν ἕξ ἡμέραις ἐποίησεν κύριος τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν καὶ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ ἑβδόμῃ ἐπαύσατο καὶ κατέπαυσεν

It is a sign for ever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed."

Ps 123:8 ἡ βοήθεια ἡμῶν ἐν ὀνόματι κυρίου τοῦ ποιήσαντος τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ τὴν γῆν

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Ps 134:6 πάντα ὅσα ἠθέλησεν ὁ κύριος ἐποίησεν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐν τῇ γῇ ἐν ταῖς θαλάσσαις καὶ ἐν πάσαις ταῖς ἀβύσσοις

Whatever the LORD pleases he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.

κύριε – 80x in Matthew – vocative, 34x –

7:21 "Not every one who says to me, Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

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7:22 On that day many will say to me, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?"

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8:2 and behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean."

8:6 and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress."

8:8 But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.

8:21 Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

8:25 And they went and woke him, saying, "Save, Lord; we are perishing."

9:28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord."

11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

13:27 And the servants of the householder came and said to him, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?"

14:28 And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water."

14:30 but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."

15:22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon."

15:25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

15:27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

16:22 And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you."

17:4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one

for Moses and one for Eli'jah."

17:15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water.

18:21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

20:30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

20:31 The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent; but they cried out the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

20:33 They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened."

21:30 And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, I go, sir,' but did not go.

25:11 Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, Lord, lord, open to us.'

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25:20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'

25:22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'

25:24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow;

25:37 Then the righteous will answer him, Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink?

25:44 Then they also will answer, Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?'

26:22 And they were very sorrowful, and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?"

27:63 and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, After three days I will rise again.'

1:20, 1:22, 1:24, 2:13, 2:15, 2:19, 3:3, 4:7, 4:10, 5:33, 6:24, 7:21, 7:21, 7:22, 7:22, 8:2, 8:6, 8:8, 8:21, 8:25, 9:28, 9:38, 10:24, 10:25,

11:25, 12:8, 13:27, 14:28, 14:30, 15:22, 15:25, 15:27, 15:27, 16:22, 17:4, 17:15, 18:21, 18:25, 18:27, 18:31, 18:32, 18:34, 20:8, 20:30,

20:31, 20:33, 21:3, 21:9, 21:30, 21:40, 21:42, 22:37, 22:43, 22:44, 22:44, 22:45, 23:39, 24:42, 24:45, 24:46, 24:48, 24:50, 25:11, 25:11,

25:18, 25:19, 25:20, 25:21, 25:21, 25:22, 25:23, 25:23, 25:24, 25:26, 25:37, 25:44, 26:22, 27:10, 27:63, 28:2

τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τῆς γῆς – 16x in NT –

Matt 5:18 For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

Matt 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Matt 11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

Matt 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Luke 10:21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

Luke 16:17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one dot of the law to become void.

Luke 21:33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Acts 4:24 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,

Acts 14:15 "Men, why are you doing this? We also are men, of like nature with you, and bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.

Acts 17:24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by man,

Eph 3:15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

2Peter 3:7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist have been stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

2Peter 3:13 But according to his promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Rev 14:7 and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the fountains of water."

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

οὐρανοῦ - 82x in Matthew -

3:2, 3:16, 3:17, 4:17, 5:3, 5:10, 5:12, 5:16, 5:18, 5:19, 5:19, 5:20, 5:34, 5:45, 6:1, 6:9, 6:10, 6:20, 6:26, 7:11, 7:21, 7:21, 8:11, 8:20, 10:7, 10:32, 10:33, 11:11, 11:12, 11:23, 11:25, 12:50, 13:11, 13:24, 13:31, 13:32, 13:33, 13:44, 13:45, 13:47, 13:52, 14:19, 16:1, 16:2, 16:3, 16:3, 16:17, 16:19, 16:19, 16:19, 18:1, 18:3, 18:4, 18:10, 18:10, 18:14, 18:18, 18:18, 18:19, 18:23, 19:12, 19:14, 19:21, 19:23, 20:1, 21:25, 21:25, 22:2, 22:30, 23:13, 23:22, 24:29, 24:29, 24:30, 24:30, 24:31, 24:35, 24:36, 25:1, 26:64, 28:2, 28:18

γῆς – 43x in Matthew –

2:6, 2:20, 2:21, 4:15, 4:15, 5:5, 5:13, 5:18, 5:35, 6:10, 6:19, 9:6, 9:26, 9:31, 10:15, 10:29, 10:34, 11:24, 11:25, 12:40, 12:42, 13:5, 13:5, 13:8, 13:23, 14:24, 14:34, 15:35, 16:19, 16:19, 17:25, 18:18, 18:18, 18:19, 23:9, 23:35, 24:30, 24:35, 25:18, 25:25, 27:45, 27:51, 28:18

ἔκρυψας – 7x in Matthew – aorist active indicative, 4x * -

5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

*11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

13:35 This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world."

*13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

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*25:18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

*25:25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

σοφῶν καὶ συνετῶν – 2X in NT, here and

Luke 10:21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

σοφῶν – 20x in NT – *pertaining to understanding resulting in wisdom* -

Matt 11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

Matt 23:34 Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from town to town,

Luke 10:21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

Romans 1:14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish:

Romans 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 16:19 For while your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, I would have you wise as to what is good and guileless as to what is evil;

Romans 16:27 to the only wise God be glory for evermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

1Cor 1:19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart."

1Cor 1:20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

1Cor 1:25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1Cor 1:26 For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth;

1Cor 1:27 but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong,

1Cor 3:10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it.

1Cor 3:18 Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

1Cor 3:18 Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

1Cor 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

1Cor 3:20 and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile."

1Cor 6:5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no man among you wise enough to decide between members of the brotherhood,

Eph 5:15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

James 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

συνετῶν – 4x in NT – *pertaining to being able to understand and evaluate* -

Matt 11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

Luke 10:21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

Acts 13:7 He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

1Cor 1:19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart."

ἀπεκάλυψας – 4x in Matthew – aorist active indicative, 2x * -

10:26 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

*11:27 All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

*16:17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

νηπίους – 15x in NT – *a small child above the age of a helpless infant but probably not more than three or four years of age* -

Matt 11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

Matt 21:16 and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise'?"

Luke 10:21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

Romans 2:20 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth --

1Cor 3:1 But I, brethren, could not address you as spiritual men, but as men of the flesh, as babes in Christ.

1Cor 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

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Gal 4:1 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate;

Gal 4:3 So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe.

Eph 4:14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles.

1Thess 2:7 But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children.

Heb 5:13 for every one who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a child.

11:26

ναί ὁ πατήρ, ὅτι οὕτως εὐδοκία ἐγένετο ἔμπροσθέν σου.
yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

Parallel to Matthew 21:16

and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'?"

Parallel to 1 Corinthians 1:21

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

ναί ὁ πατήρ – 2x in NT, Here and Luke 10:21 --

At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

ναί – 9x in Matthew –

5:37 Let what you say be simply Yes' or No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

5:37 Let what you say be simply Yes' or No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

9:28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord."

11:9 Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

11:26 yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

13:51 "Have you understood all this?" They said to him, "Yes."

15:27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

17:25 He said, "Yes." And when he came home, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their sons or from others?"

21:16 and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise'?"

πατήρ – vocative, 5x in Matthew, see 11:25 above –

ὅτι οὕτως – 2x in Matthew –

11:26 yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

26:54 But how then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"

εὐδοκία – 9x in NT, 28x in LXX –

Matt 11:26 yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

Luke 10:21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.

Eph 1:5 He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

Eph 1:9 For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ

Phil 1:15 Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will.

Phil 2:13 for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

2Thess 1:11 To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his call, and may fulfil every good resolve and work of faith by his power,

1Chr 16:10 αἰνεῖτε ἐν ὀνόματι ἀγίῳ αὐτοῦ εὐφρανθήσεται καρδία ζητοῦσα τὴν εὐδοκίαν αὐτοῦ

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Ps 5:13 ὅτι σὺ εὐλογῆσεις δίκαιον κύριε ὡς ὄπλῳ εὐδοκίας ἐστεφάνωσας ἡμᾶς

For thou dost bless the righteous, O LORD; thou dost cover him with favor as with a shield.

Ps 18:15 καὶ ἔσσονται εἰς εὐδοκίαν τὰ λόγια τοῦ στόματός μου καὶ ἡ μελέτη τῆς καρδίας μου ἐνώπιόν σου διὰ παντός κύριε βοηθῆ μου καὶ λυτρωτά μου

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Ps 50:20 ἀγάθυνον κύριε ἐν τῇ εὐδοκίᾳ σου τὴν Σίων καὶ οἰκοδομηθήτω τὰ τείχη Ἱερουσαλημ

Do good to Zion in thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,

Ps 68:14 ἐγὼ δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ μου πρὸς σέ κύριε καιρὸς εὐδοκίας ὁ θεὸς ἐν τῷ πλήθει τοῦ ἐλέους σου ἐπάκουσόν μου ἐν ἀληθείᾳ τῆς σωτηρίας σου

But as for me, my prayer is to thee, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of thy steadfast love answer me. With thy faithful help

Ps 88:18 ὅτι τὸ καύχημα τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτῶν εἶ σύ καὶ ἐν τῇ εὐδοκίᾳ σου ὑψωθήσεται τὸ κέρας ἡμῶν

For thou art the glory of their strength; by thy favor our horn is exalted.

Ps 105:4 μνησθητι ἡμῶν κύριε ἐν τῇ εὐδοκίᾳ τοῦ λαοῦ σου ἐπίσκεψαι ἡμᾶς ἐν τῷ σωτηρίῳ σου

Remember me, O LORD, when thou showest favor to thy people; help me when thou deliverest them;

Ps 140:5 παιδεύσει με δίκαιος ἐν ἐλέει καὶ ἐλέγξει με ἔλαιον δὲ ἁμαρτωλοῦ μὴ λιπανάτω τὴν κεφαλὴν μου ὅτι ἔτι καὶ ἡ προσευχή μου ἐν ταῖς εὐδοκίαις αὐτῶν

Let a good man strike or rebuke me in kindness, but let the oil of the wicked never anoint my head; for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.

Ps 144:16 ἀνοίγεις σὺ τὴν χεῖρά σου καὶ ἐμπιπλάς πᾶν ζῶον εὐδοκίας

Thou openest thy hand, thou satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Cant 6:4 καλὴ εἶ ἡ πλησίον μου ὡς εὐδοκία ὠραία ὡς Ἱερουσαλημ θάμβος ὡς τεταγμένοι

You are beautiful as Tirzah, my love, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners.

Od 14:3 ἐν ἀνθρώποις εὐδοκία

Sir 1:27 σοφία γὰρ καὶ παιδεία φόβος κυρίου καὶ ἡ εὐδοκία αὐτοῦ πίστις καὶ πραότης

For the fear of the Lord is wisdom and instruction, and he delights in fidelity and meekness.

Sir 2:16 οἱ φοβούμενοι κύριον ζητήσουσιν εὐδοκίαν αὐτοῦ καὶ οἱ ἀγαπῶντες αὐτὸν ἐμπλησθήσονται τοῦ νόμου

Those who fear the Lord will seek his approval, and those who love him will be filled with the law.

Sir 9:12 μὴ εὐδοκήσης ἐν εὐδοκίᾳ ἀσεβῶν μνησθητι ὅτι ἕως ἄδου σὺ μὴ δικαιωθῶσιν

Do not delight in what pleases the ungodly; remember that they will not be held guiltless as long as they live.

Sir 11:17 δόσις κυρίου παραμένει εὐσεβέσιν καὶ ἡ εὐδοκία αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα εὐδοθησεται

The gift of the Lord endures for those who are godly, and what he approves will have lasting success.

Sir 15:15 ἐὰν θέλης συντηρήσεις ἐντολάς καὶ πίστιν ποιῆσαι εὐδοκίας

If you will, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.

Sir 18:31 ἐὰν χορηγήσης τῇ ψυχῇ σου εὐδοκίαν ἐπιθυμίας ποιήσει σε ἐπίχαρμα τῶν ἐχθρῶν σου

If you allow your soul to take pleasure in base desire, it will make you the laughingstock of your enemies.

Exegetical Notes on Matthew 11:25-30

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Sir 29:23 ἐπὶ μικρῷ καὶ μεγάλῳ εὐδοκίαν ἔχε καὶ ὀνειδισμόν παροικίας οὐ μὴ ἀκούσης
Be content with little or much.

Sir 32:14 ὁ φοβούμενος κύριον ἐκδέξεται παιδείαν καὶ οἱ ὀρθρίζοντες εὐρήσουσιν εὐδοκίαν
He who fears the Lord will accept his discipline, and those who rise early to seek him will find favor.

Sir 33:13 ὡς πηλὸς κεραμέως ἐν χειρὶ αὐτοῦ πᾶσαι αἱ ὁδοὶ αὐτοῦ κατὰ τὴν εὐδοκίαν αὐτοῦ οὕτως ἄνθρωποι ἐν
χειρὶ τοῦ ποιήσαντος αὐτοὺς ἀποδοῦναι αὐτοῖς κατὰ τὴν κρίσιν αὐτοῦ

As clay in the hand of the potter -- for all his ways are as he pleases -- so men are in the hand of him who made them, to give them as he decides.

Sir 34:18 θυσιάζων ἐξ ἀδίκου προσφορά μεμωμημένη καὶ οὐκ εἰς εὐδοκίαν δωρήματα ἀνόμων
If one sacrifices from what has been wrongfully obtained, the offering is blemished; the gifts of the lawless are not acceptable.

Sir 35:3 εὐδοκία κυρίου ἀποστήναι ἀπὸ πονηρίας καὶ ἐξίλασμός ἀποστήναι ἀπὸ ἀδικίας
To keep from wickedness is pleasing to the Lord, and to forsake unrighteousness is atonement.

Sir 35:16 θεραπεύων ἐν εὐδοκίᾳ δεχθήσεται καὶ ἡ δέησις αὐτοῦ ἕως νεφελῶν συνάψει
He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds.

Sir 39:18 ἐν προστάγματι αὐτοῦ πᾶσα ἡ εὐδοκία καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὃς ἐλαττώσει τὸ σωτήριον αὐτοῦ
At his command whatever pleases him is done, and none can limit his saving power.

Sir 41:4 τοῦτο τὸ κρίμα παρὰ κυρίου πάση σαρκὶ καὶ τί ἀπαναίνη ἐν εὐδοκίᾳ ὑψίστου εἴτε δέκα εἴτε ἑκατὸν εἴτε
χίλια ἔτη οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν ἄδου ἐλεγκμός ζωῆς

and how can you reject the good pleasure of the Most High? Whether life is for ten or a hundred or a thousand years, there is no inquiry about it in Hades.

PsSol 3:4 οὐκ ὀλιγορήσει δίκαιος παιδευόμενος ὑπὸ κυρίου ἢ εὐδοκία αὐτοῦ διὰ παντός ἐναντι κυρίου

PsSol 8:33 ἡμῖν καὶ τοῖς τέκνοις ἡμῶν ἡ εὐδοκία εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κύριε σωτὴρ ἡμῶν οὐ σαλευθησόμεθα ἔτι τὸν
αἰῶνα χρόνον

PsSol 16:12 εὐδοκία δὲ μετὰ ἰλαρότητος στήρισον τὴν ψυχὴν μου ἐν τῷ ἐνισχύσαι σε τὴν ψυχὴν μου ἀρκέσει μοι
τὸ δοθέν

ἐγένετο – aorist middle deponent indicative, 15x in Matthew –

7:28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching,

8:24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.

8:26 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O men of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

9:10 And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples.

11:1 And when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

11:20 Then he began to upbraid the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent.

11:21 "Woe to you, Chora'zin! woe to you, Beth-sa'ida! for if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

11:26 yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

13:53 And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there,

17:2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.

19:1 Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan;

21:42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

26:1 When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples,

27:45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

28:2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.

ἐμπροσθέν – 18x in Matthew –

5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

5:24 leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

6:1 "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

6:2 "Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

7:6 "Do not give dogs what is holy; and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under foot and turn to attack you.

10:32 So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven;

10:32 So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven;

10:33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

10:33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

11:10 This is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.'

11:26 yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.

17:2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.

18:14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

23:13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither enter yourselves, nor allow those who would enter to go in.

25:32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,

26:70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean."

27:11 Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so."

27:29 and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

11:27

Πάντα μοι παρεδόθη ὑπὸ τοῦ πατρὸς μου, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐπιγινώσκει τὸν υἱὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ πατήρ, οὐδὲ τὸν πατέρα τις ἐπιγινώσκει εἰ μὴ ὁ υἱὸς καὶ ὃ ἂν βούληται ὁ υἱὸς ἀποκαλύψαι.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Parallel to Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Parallel to John 10:14-15

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 10:15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

Parallel to John 17:25

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

Parallel to Matthew 16:17

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

Parallel to Galatians 1:16-17

to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, 1:17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Πάντα – pronominal adjective, nominative case, 16x in Matthew –

5:18 For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

7:24 "Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock;

10:32 So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven;

11:27 All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

13:56 And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?"

14:20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.

15:37 And they all ate and were satisfied; and they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over.

19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

19:29 And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

21:26 But if we say, From men, we are afraid of the multitude; for all hold that John was a prophet."

22:4 Again he sent other servants, saying, Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.'

22:28 In the resurrection, therefore, to which of the seven will she be wife? For they all had her."

25:5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

26:27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you;

26:33 Peter declared to him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."

27:22 Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified."

παρεδόθη – 31x in Matthew – aorist passive indicative, 2x * -

*4:12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee;
 5:25 Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison;
 10:4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.
 10:17 Beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues,
 10:19 When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour;
 10:21 Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death;
 *11:27 All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
 17:22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men,
 18:34 And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt.
 20:18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death,
 20:19 and deliver him to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."
 24:9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation, and put you to death; and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.
 24:10 And then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another.
 25:14 "For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property;
 25:20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'
 25:22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'
 26:2 "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of man will be delivered up to be crucified."
 26:15 and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.
 26:16 And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.
 26:21 and as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."
 26:23 He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me, will betray me.
 26:24 The Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."
 26:25 Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?" He said to him, "You have said so."
 26:45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
 26:46 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."
 26:48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him."
 27:2 and they bound him and led him away and delivered him to Pilate the governor.
 27:3 When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders,
 27:4 saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."
 27:18 For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.
 27:26 Then he released for them Barab'bas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

ὑπὸ τοῦ πατρὸς μου – 2x in Matthew –

11:27 All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
 20:23 He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

πατρός – 63x in Matthew, see 11.25 above –

οὐδεὶς ἐπιγινώσκει – NT Hapax, No LXX –

οὐδεὶς – 19x in Matthew –

5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.
 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.
 8:10 When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.
 9:16 And no one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made.
 10:26 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.
 11:27 All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
 13:34 All this Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed he said nothing to them without a parable.

17:8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.
 17:20 He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."
 20:7 They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too."
 21:19 And seeing a fig tree by the wayside he went to it, and found nothing on it but leaves only. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.
 22:16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the way of God truthfully, and care for no man; for you do not regard the position of men.
 22:46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.
 23:16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If any one swears by the temple, it is nothing; but if any one swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.'
 23:18 And you say, 'If any one swears by the altar, it is nothing; but if any one swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.'
 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.
 26:62 And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?"
 27:12 But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer.
 27:24 So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

ἐπιγινώσκει – 4x in Matthew – *to come to an understanding* -

11:27 All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
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 14:35 And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent round to all that region and brought to him all that were sick,
 17:12 but I tell you that Eli'jah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of man will suffer at their hands."

τὸν υἱὸν – of 89x the noun occurs in Matthew, 56x it takes an article –

2:15, 3:17, 7:9, 9:6, 9:15, 10:23, 11:19, 11:27, 11:27, 11:27, 12:8, 12:23, 12:27, 12:32, 12:40, 13:37, 13:38, 13:38, 13:41, 16:13, 16:16, 16:27, 16:28, 17:5, 17:9, 17:12, 17:15, 17:22, 17:25, 17:26, 19:28, 20:18, 20:20, 20:20, 20:28, 21:9, 21:15, 21:37, 21:37, 21:38, 22:2, 24:27, 24:30, 24:30, 24:36, 24:37, 24:39, 24:44, 25:31, 26:2, 26:24, 26:45, 26:63, 26:64, 27:56, 28:19

ὁ πατήρ - of 63x the noun occurs in Matthew, 53x it takes an article –

2:22, 4:21, 4:22, 5:16, 5:45, 5:48, 6:1, 6:4, 6:6, 6:6, 6:8, 6:14, 6:15, 6:18, 6:18, 6:26, 6:32, 7:11, 7:21, 8:21, 10:20, 10:29, 10:32, 10:33, 10:35, 11:26, 11:27, 11:27, 11:27, 12:50, 13:43, 15:4, 15:5, 15:6, 15:13, 16:17, 16:27, 18:10, 18:14, 18:19, 18:35, 19:5, 19:19, 20:23, 21:31, 23:9, 23:30, 23:32, 24:36, 25:34, 26:29, 26:53, 28:19

εἰ μὴ - 14x in Matthew –

5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.
 11:27 All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
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 12:4 how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?
 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard it they said, "It is only by Be-el'zebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons."
 12:39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.
 13:57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."
 14:17 They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish."
 15:24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
 16:4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed.
 17:8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.
 21:19 And seeing a fig tree by the wayside he went to it, and found nothing on it but leaves only. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.
 24:22 And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.
 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."

ὦ ἐὰν – 14x in Matthew –

5:19 Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

5:32 But I say to you that every one who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

11:6 And blessed is he who takes no offense at me."

11:27 All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

12:32 And whoever says a word against the Son of man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

14:7 so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.

15:5 But you say, 'If any one tells his father or his mother, What you would have gained from me is given to God, he need not honor his father.'

16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

18:5 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me;

18:19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

20:4 and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.

20:26 It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

21:24 Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you a question; and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.

βούληται – 37x in NT, 2x in Matthew –

1:19 and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

11:27 All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

ἀποκαλύψαι – 4x in Matthew – here, aorist active infinitive -

10:26 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;

11:27 All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

16:17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

11:28

Δεῦτε πρὸς με πάντες οἱ κοπιῶντες καὶ πεφορτισμένοι, κἀγὼ ἀναπαύσω ὑμᾶς.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Parallel to Sirach 24:19

προσέλθετε πρὸς με οἱ ἐπιθυμοῦντές μου καὶ ἀπὸ τῶν γεννημάτων μου ἐμπλήσθητε

"Come to me, you who desire me, and eat your fill of my produce.

Parallel to Sirach 51:23

ἐγγίσατε πρὸς με ἀπαιδεῦτοι καὶ ἀγλίσθητε ἐν οἴκῳ παιδείας

Draw near to me, you who are untaught, and lodge in my school.

Parallel to Exodus 34:14

(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),

Parallel to Sirach 51:26-27

τὸν τράχηλον ὑμῶν ὑπόθετε ὑπὸ ζυγόν καὶ ἐπιδεξάσθω ἡ ψυχὴ ὑμῶν παιδείαν ἐγγύς ἐστιν εὐρεῖν αὐτήν ἴδετε ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς ὑμῶν ὅτι ὀλίγον ἐκοπίασα καὶ εὖρον ἔμαυτῶ πολλὴν ἀνάπαυσιν

Put your neck under the yoke, and let your souls receive instruction; it is to be found close by. See with your eyes that I have labored little and found myself much rest.

Parallel to Sirach 6:24-25

καὶ εἰσένεγκον τοὺς πόδας σου εἰς τὰς πέδας αὐτῆς καὶ εἰς τὸν κλοιὸν αὐτῆς τὸν τράχηλόν σου ὑπόθεθες τὸν ὦμόν σου καὶ βάσταξον αὐτήν καὶ μὴ προσοχθίσῃς τοῖς δεσμοῖς αὐτῆς

Put your feet into her fetters, and your neck into her collar. Put your shoulder under her and carry her, and do not fret under her bonds.

Δεῦτε πρὸς με – NT Hapax, 1x in LXX –

1Sam/K 17:44 καὶ εἶπεν ὁ ἀλλόφυλος πρὸς Δαυὶδ δεῦρο πρὸς με καὶ δώσω τὰς σάρκας σου τοῖς πετεινοῖς τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καὶ τοῖς κτήνεσιν τῆς γῆς

The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field."

Δεῦτε – 7x in Matthew [79x in LXX] –

4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

21:38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.'

22:4 Again he sent other servants, saying, Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.'

25:34 Then the King will say to those at his right hand, Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

28:6 He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

πρὸς με – 6x in Matthew –

3:14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

13:56 And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?"

19:14 but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

25:36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

27:4 saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

πάντες – vocative, 11x in NT –

Matt 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Mark 7:14 And he called the people to him again, and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand:

Mark 14:27 And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away; for it is written, I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

Luke 13:27 But he will say, I tell you, I do not know where you come from; depart from me, all you workers of iniquity!

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

Acts 25:24 And Festus said, "King Agrippa and all who are present with us, you see this man about whom the whole Jewish people petitioned me, both at Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer.

Romans 2:1 Therefore you have no excuse, O man, whoever you are, when you judge another; for in passing judgment upon him you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things.

Romans 15:11 and again, "Praise the Lord, all Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

1Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind.

1Peter 5:5 Likewise you that are younger be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Rev 19:5 And from the throne came a voice crying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

κοπιῶντες – 29x in NT, 3x in Matthew – *to engage in hard work, implying difficulties and trouble - to be tired or weary, as the result of hard or difficult endeavor - to become emotionally fatigued and discouraged -*

6:28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin;

11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

12:44 Then he says, I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes he finds it empty, swept, and put in order.

πεφορτισμένοι – 2x in NT, 1x in LXX – *to cause to carry or bear a load -*

Matt 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Luke 11:46 And he said, "Woe to you lawyers also! for you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

Ezek 16:33 πᾶσι τοῖς ἐκπορνεύσασιν αὐτὴν προσεδίδου μισθώματα καὶ σὺ δέδωκας μισθώματα πᾶσι τοῖς ἑρασταῖς σου καὶ ἐφορτιζες αὐτοὺς τοῦ ἔρχεσθαι πρὸς σὲ κυκλόθεν ἐν τῇ πορνείᾳ σου

Men give gifts to all harlots; but you gave your gifts to all your lovers, bribing them to come to you from every side for your harlotries.

κάγῳ – 9x in Matthew –

2:8 and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."
 10:32 So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven;
 10:33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.
 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.
 18:33 and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?
 21:24 Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you a question; and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.
 21:24 Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you a question; and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.
 26:15 and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. 9 matches

ἀναπαύσω – 12x in NT , 72x in LXX – to cause someone to become physically refreshed as the result of resting from work -

Matt 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
 Matt 26:45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
 Mark 6:31 And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.
 Mark 14:41 And he came the third time, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come; the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
 Luke 12:19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.'
 1Cor 16:18 for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men.
 2Cor 7:13 Therefore we are comforted. And besides our own comfort we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his mind has been set at rest by you all.
 Philem 1:7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.
 Philem 1:20 Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.
 1Peter 4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.
 Rev 6:11 Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.
 Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth."
 "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"
 Exod 23:12 ἕξ ἡμέρας ποιήσεις τὰ ἔργα σου τῆ δὲ ἡμέρᾳ τῆ ἑβδόμῃ ἀνάπαυσις ἵνα ἀναπαύσῃται ὁ βοῦς σου καὶ τὸ ὑποζύγιόν σου καὶ ἵνα ἀναψύξῃ ὁ υἱὸς τῆς παιδίσκης σου καὶ ὁ προσήλυτος
 "Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your ass may have rest, and the son of your bondmaid, and the alien, may be refreshed.
 Lev 25:2 λάλησον τοῖς υἱοῖς Ἰσραὴλ καὶ ἐρεῖς πρὸς αὐτούς ἐὰν εἰσέλθῃτε εἰς τὴν γῆν ἣν ἐγὼ δίδωμι ὑμῖν καὶ ἀναπαύσεται ἡ γῆ ἣν ἐγὼ δίδωμι ὑμῖν σάββατα τῷ κυρίῳ
 "Say to the people of Israel, When you come into the land which I give you, the land shall keep a sabbath to the LORD.
 Deut 5:14 τῆ δὲ ἡμέρᾳ τῆ ἑβδόμῃ σάββατα κυρίῳ τῷ θεῷ σου οὐ ποιήσεις ἐν αὐτῇ πᾶν ἔργον σὺ καὶ οἱ υἱοί σου καὶ ἡ θυγάτηρ σου ὁ παῖς σου καὶ ἡ παιδίσκη σου ὁ βοῦς σου καὶ τὸ ὑποζύγιόν σου καὶ πᾶν κτήνός σου καὶ ὁ προσήλυτος ὁ παροικῶν ἐν σοὶ ἵνα ἀναπαύσῃται ὁ παῖς σου καὶ ἡ παιδίσκη σου ὡσπερ καὶ σὺ
 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, or your manservant, or your maidservant, or your ox, or your ass, or any of your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your manservant and your maidservant may rest as well as you.
 2Sam/K 7:11 ἀπὸ τῶν ἡμερῶν ὧν ἔταξα κριτὰς ἐπὶ τὸν λαόν μου Ἰσραὴλ καὶ ἀναπαύσω σε ἀπὸ πάντων τῶν ἐχθρῶν σου καὶ ἀπαγγελεῖ σοι κύριος ὅτι οἶκόν οἰκοδομήσεις αὐτῷ
 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.
 1Chr 22:9 ἰδοὺ υἱὸς τίκτεται σοι οὗτος ἔσται ἀνὴρ ἀναπαύσεως καὶ ἀναπαύσω αὐτὸν ἀπὸ πάντων τῶν ἐχθρῶν κυκλόθεν ὅτι Σαλωμων ὄνομα αὐτῷ καὶ εἰρήνην καὶ ἡσυχίαν δώσω ἐπὶ Ἰσραὴλ ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις αὐτοῦ
 Behold, a son shall be born to you; he shall be a man of peace. I will give him peace from all his enemies round about; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.
 Job 3:13 νῦν ἂν κοιμηθῆς ἡσύχασα ὑπνώσας δὲ ἀνεπαυσάμην
 For then I should have lain down and been quiet; I should have slept; then I should have been at rest,
 Prov 21:20 θησαυρὸς ἐπιθυμητὸς ἀναπαύσεται ἐπὶ στόματος σοφοῦ ἄφρονες δὲ ἄνδρες καταπίονται αὐτόν
 Precious treasure remains in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.
 Prov 29:17 παιδεύε υἱόν σου καὶ ἀναπαύσει σε καὶ δώσει κόσμον τῆ ψυχῆ σου
 Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.
 Isa 11:2 καὶ ἀναπαύσεται ἐπ' αὐτόν πνεῦμα τοῦ θεοῦ πνεῦμα σοφίας καὶ συνέσεως πνεῦμα βουλῆς καὶ ἰσχύος

πνεῦμα γνώσεως καὶ εὐσεβείας

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Isa 57:20 οἱ δὲ ἄδικοι οὕτως κλυδωνισθήσονται καὶ ἀναπαύσασθαι οὐ δυνήσονται

But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot rest, and its waters toss up mire and dirt.

Ezek 34:14 ἐν νομῇ ἀγαθῇ βοσκήσω αὐτούς καὶ ἐν τῷ ὄρει τῷ ὑψηλῷ Ἰσραὴλ ἔσονται αἱ μάνδραι αὐτῶν ἐκεῖ κοιμηθήσονται καὶ ἐκεῖ ἀναπαύσονται ἐν τρυφῇ ἀγαθῇ καὶ ἐν νομῇ πίοι βοσκηθήσονται ἐπὶ τῶν ὄρων Ἰσραὴλ
I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

Ezek 34:15 ἐγὼ βοσκήσω τὰ πρόβατά μου καὶ ἐγὼ ἀναπαύσω αὐτά καὶ γνώσονται ὅτι ἐγὼ εἰμι κύριος τὰδε λέγει κύριος κύριος

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.

Dan 12:13 καὶ σὺ βᾶδισον ἀναπαύου ἔτι γὰρ εἰσιν ἡμέραι καὶ ὥραι εἰς ἀναπλήρωσιν συντελείας καὶ ἀναπαύση καὶ ἀναστήση ἐπὶ τὴν δόξαν σου εἰς συντέλειαν ἡμερῶν

But go your way till the end; and you shall rest, and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days."

11:29

ἄρατε τὸν ζυγὸν μου ἐφ' ὑμᾶς καὶ μάθετε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ, ὅτι πραῦς εἰμι καὶ ταπεινὸς τῇ καρδίᾳ, καὶ εὐρήσετε ἀνάπαυσιν ταῖς ψυχαῖς ὑμῶν·

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Parallel to Matthew 21:5

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Parallel to Numbers 12:3

Now the man Moses was very humble, more so than anyone else on the face of the earth.

Parallel to 2 Corinthians 10:1

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ--I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!--

Parallel to Jeremiah 6:16

τὰδε λέγει κύριος στήτε ἐπὶ ταῖς ὁδοῖς καὶ ἴδετε καὶ ἐρωτήσατε τρίβους κυρίου αἰωνίους καὶ ἴδετε ποία ἐστὶν ἡ ὁδὸς ἡ ἀγαθὴ καὶ βαδίζετε ἐν αὐτῇ καὶ εὐρήσετε ἀγνισμόν ταῖς ψυχαῖς ὑμῶν καὶ εἶπαν οὐ πορευσόμεθα

Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it."

Parallel to Sirach 6:26-27

Come to her with all your soul, and keep her ways with all your might. Search out and seek, and she will become known to you; and when you get hold of her, do not let her go.

Parallel to Isaiah 28:12

to whom he has said, "This is rest; give rest to the weary; and this is repose"; yet they would not hear.

ἄρατε τὸν ζυγὸν – NT Hapax, 4z in LXX –

Job 6:2 εἰ γὰρ τις ἰστώων στήσαι μου τὴν ὀργὴν τὰς δὲ ὀδύνας μου ἄραι ἐν ζυγῷ ὁμοθυμαδόν

"O that my vexation were weighed, and all my calamity laid in the balances!

Lam 3:27 ἀγαθὸν ἀνδρὶ ὅταν ἄρη ζυγὸν ἐν νεότητι αὐτοῦ

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

1Mac 8:18 καὶ τοῦ ἄραι τὸν ζυγὸν ἀπ' αὐτῶν ὅτι εἶδον τὴν βασιλείαν τῶν Ἑλλήνων καταδουλομένους τὸν Ἰσραὴλ δουλείᾳ

and to free themselves from the yoke; for they saw that the kingdom of the Greeks was completely enslaving Israel.

1Mac 13:41 ἔτους ἑβδομηκοστοῦ καὶ ἑκατοστοῦ ἦρθη ὁ ζυγὸς τῶν ἐθνῶν ἀπὸ τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ

In the one hundred and seventieth year the yoke of the Gentiles was removed from Israel,

ἄρατε – 19x in Matthew – aorist active imperative, 6x * -

4:6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, He will give his angels charge of you,' and On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

*9:6 But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -- he then said to the paralytic --

"Rise, take up your bed and go home."

9:16 And no one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made.

*11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
 13:12 For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.
 14:12 And his disciples came and took the body and buried it; and they went and told Jesus.
 14:20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.
 15:37 And they all ate and were satisfied; and they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over.
 *16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
 *17:27 However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook, and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel; take that and give it to them for me and for yourself."
 *20:14 Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you.
 21:21 And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and never doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will be done.
 21:43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it."
 24:17 let him who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house;
 24:18 and let him who is in the field not turn back to take his mantle.
 24:39 and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man.
 *25:28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents.
 25:29 For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.
 27:32 As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyre'ne, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross.

ζυγόν – 6x in NT – *a bar or frame of wood by which two draft animals are joined at the head or neck in order to work together effectively in pulling a plow, harrow, or wagon -*

Matt 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
 Matt 11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
 Acts 15:10 Now therefore why do you make trial of God by putting a yoke upon the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?
 Gal 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
 1Tim 6:1 Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be defamed.
 Rev 6:5 When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I saw, and behold, a black horse, and its rider had a balance in his hand;

ἐφ' ὑμᾶς – 3x in Matthew –

11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
 12:28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
 23:35 that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel to the blood of Zechari'ah the son of Barachi'ah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

μάθετε – 3x in Matthew – *to acquire information as the result of instruction, whether in an informal or formal context -*

9:13 Go and learn what this means, I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."
 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
 24:32 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

ἀπ' ἐμου – 5x in Matthew –

7:23 And then will I declare to them, I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.'
 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
 15:8 This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;
 25:41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;
 26:39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."

πραΰς – 3x in Matthew, 15x in LXX – *pertaining to being gentle and mild -*

5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
 21:5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass."
 Job 24:4 ἐξέκλιναν ἀδυνάτους ἐξ ὁδοῦ δικαίας ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐκρύβησαν πραεῖς γῆς
 They thrust the poor off the road; the poor of the earth all hide themselves.

Job 36:15 ἀνθ' ὧν ἐθλιψαν ἀσθενῆ καὶ ἀδύνατον κρίμα δὲ πραέων ἐκθήσει

He delivers the afflicted by their affliction, and opens their ear by adversity.

Ps 24:9 ὀδηγήσει πραεῖς ἐν κρίσει διδάξει πραεῖς ὁδοὺς αὐτοῦ

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

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Ps 33:3 ἐν τῷ κυρίῳ ἐπαινεσθήσεται ἡ ψυχὴ μου ἀκουσάτωσαν πραεῖς καὶ εὐφρανθήτωσαν

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and be glad.

Ps 36:11 οἱ δὲ πραεῖς κληρονομήσουσιν γῆν καὶ κατατρυφήσουσιν ἐπὶ πλήθει εἰρήνης

But the meek shall possess the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

Ps 75:10 ἐν τῷ ἀναστῆναι εἰς κρίσιν τὸν θεὸν τοῦ σώσαι πάντας τοὺς πραεῖς τῆς γῆς διάψαλμα

when God arose to establish judgment to save all the oppressed of the earth. [Selah]

Ps 146:6 ἀναλαμβάνων πραεῖς ὁ κύριος ταπεινῶν δὲ ἀμαρτωλοὺς ἕως τῆς γῆς

The LORD lifts up the downtrodden, he casts the wicked to the ground.

Ps 149:4 ὅτι εὐδοκεῖ κύριος ἐν λαῷ αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑψώσει πραεῖς ἐν σωτηρίᾳ

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

Isa 26:6 καὶ πατήσουσιν αὐτοὺς πόδες πραέων καὶ ταπεινῶν

The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy."

Dan 4:19 μεγάλως δὲ ἐθαύμασεν ὁ Δανιηλ καὶ ὑπόνοια κατέσπευδεν αὐτόν καὶ φοβηθεὶς τρόμου λαβόντος αὐτόν καὶ ἀλλοιωθείσης τῆς ὁράσεως αὐτοῦ κινήσας τὴν κεφαλὴν ὥραν μίαν ἀποθαυμάσας ἀπεκρίθη μοι φωνῇ πραεῖα βασιλεῦ τὸ ἐνύπνιον τοῦτο τοῖς μισοῦσί σε καὶ ἡ σύγκρισις αὐτοῦ τοῖς ἐχθροῖς σου ἐπέλθοι

Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshaz'zar, was dismayed for a moment, and his thoughts alarmed him. The king said, "Belteshaz'zar, let not the dream or the interpretation alarm you." Belteshaz'zar answered, "My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you and its interpretation for your enemies!

Joel 4:11 συναθροίξεσθε καὶ εἰσπορεύεσθε πάντα τὰ ἔθνη κυκλόθεν καὶ συνάχθητε ἐκεῖ ὁ πραῦς ἔστω μαχητῆς

Zeph 3:12 καὶ ὑπολείψομαι ἐν σοὶ λαὸν πραῦν καὶ ταπεινόν καὶ εὐλαβηθήσονται ἀπὸ τοῦ ὀνόματος κυρίου

For I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD,

Zech 9:9 χαίρε σφόδρα θύγατερ Σιών κήρυσε θύγατερ Ἱερουσαλήμ ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται σοὶ δίκαιος καὶ σφῆζων αὐτὸς πραῦς καὶ ἐπιβεβηκὼς ἐπὶ ὑποζύγιον καὶ πῶλον νέον

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass.

Sir 10:14 θρόνους ἀρχόντων καθεῖλεν ὁ κύριος καὶ ἐκάθισεν πραεῖς ἀντ' αὐτῶν

The Lord has cast down the thrones of rulers, and has seated the lowly in their place.

ταπεινὸς τῆ καρδίᾳ - NT Hapax, 1x in LXX –

DanTh 3:87 εὐλογεῖτε ὅσοι καὶ ταπεινοὶ τῆ καρδίᾳ τὸν κύριον ὑμνεῖτε καὶ ὑπερυψοῦτε αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας

Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble in heart, sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

ταπεινὸς – 8x in NT, 70x in LXX – *pertaining to being unpretentious in one's behavior* -

Matt 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Luke 1:52 he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree;

Romans 12:16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited.

2Cor 7:6 But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus,

2Cor 10:1 I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ -- I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold to you when I am away! --

James 1:9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation,

James 4:6 But he gives more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

1Peter 5:5 Likewise you that are younger be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Lev 13:3, Lev 13:4, Lev 13:20, Lev 13:21, Lev 13:25, Lev 13:26, Lev 14:37, Lev 27:8, JoshB 11:16, JudgB 1:15, JudgA 1:15, JudgA

6:15, 1Sam/K 18:23, Esth 1:1, Job 5:11, Job 12:21, Ps 9:39, Ps 17:28, Ps 33:19, Ps 81:3, Ps 101:18, Ps 112:6, Ps 137:6, Prov 3:34,

Prov 11:2, Prov 16:2, Prov 30:14, Qoh 10:6, Isa 2:11, Isa 11:4, Isa 11:4, Isa 14:32, Isa 25:4, Isa 26:6, Isa 32:7, Isa 32:7, Isa 49:13, Isa

54:11, Isa 58:4, Isa 66:2, Jer 22:16, Ezek 17:24, Ezek 21:31, Ezek 29:14, Dan 3:37, Dan 3:87, DanTh 3:37, DanTh 3:87, Amos 2:7,

Amos 8:6, Zeph 2:3, Zeph 3:12, Jdt 9:11, Jdt 16:11, 1Mac 6:40, 1Mac 14:14, Sir 3:18, Sir 3:20, Sir 10:15, Sir 11:1, Sir 12:5, Sir 13:21,

Sir 13:22, Sir 25:23, Sir 29:8, Sir 35:17, PsSol 5:12

καρδίᾳ - 16x in Matthew –

5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

5:28 But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Exegetical Notes on Matthew 11:25-30

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9:4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?
 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
 12:34 You brood of vipers! how can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
 12:40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
 13:15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.'
 13:15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.'
 13:19 When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path.
 15:8 This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;
 15:18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a man.
 15:19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.
 18:35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."
 22:37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.
 24:48 But if that wicked servant says to himself, My master is delayed,'

ἐύρήσετε – 27x in Matthew – future active indicative, 7x * -

1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit;
 2:8 and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."
 *7:7 "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
 7:8 For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.
 7:14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.
 8:10 When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.
 10:39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.
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 *11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
 12:43 "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest, but he finds none.
 12:44 Then he says, I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes he finds it empty, swept, and put in order.
 13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
 13:46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.
 *16:25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
 *17:27 However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook, and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel; take that and give it to them for me and for yourself."
 18:13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.
 18:28 But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, Pay what you owe.'
 20:6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, Why do you stand here idle all day?"
 *21:2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.
 21:19 And seeing a fig tree by the wayside he went to it, and found nothing on it but leaves only. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.
 22:9 Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.'
 22:10 And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.
 *24:46 Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing.
 26:40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?
 26:43 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.
 26:60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward
 27:32 As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyre'ne, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross.

ἀνάπαυσις – 5x in NT, 61x in LXX – *to become physically refreshed after ceasing activity or work* -

Matt 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
 Matt 12:43 "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest, but he finds none.

Luke 11:24 "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest; and finding none he says, I will return to my house from which I came.'

Rev 4:8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all round and within, and day and night they never cease to sing, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment goes up for ever and ever; and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

Exod 23:12 Ἐξ ἡμέρας ποιήσεις τὰ ἔργα σου τῇ δὲ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ ἑβδόμῃ ἀνάπαυσις ἵνα ἀναπαύσῃται ὁ βοῦς σου καὶ τὸ ὑποζυγίον σου καὶ ἵνα ἀναψύξῃ ὁ υἱὸς τῆς παιδίσκης σου καὶ ὁ προσήλυτος

"Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your ass may have rest, and the son of your bondmaid, and the alien, may be refreshed.

Lev 23:3 Ἐξ ἡμέρας ποιήσεις ἔργα καὶ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῇ ἑβδόμῃ σάββατα ἀνάπαυσις κλητὴ ἀγία τῷ κυρίῳ πᾶν ἔργον οὐ ποιήσεις σάββατά ἐστιν τῷ κυρίῳ ἐν πάσῃ κατοικίᾳ ὑμῶν

Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no work; it is a sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings.

Lev 25:4 τῷ δὲ ἔτει τῷ ἑβδόμῳ σάββατα ἀνάπαυσις ἐστὶ τῇ γῆ σάββατα τῷ κυρίῳ τὸν ἀγρόν σου οὐ σπερεῖς καὶ τὴν ἀμπελὸν σου οὐ τεμεῖς

but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath to the LORD; you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard.

Ps 22:2 εἰς τόπον χλόης ἐκεῖ με κατεσκῆνωσεν ἐπὶ ὕδατος ἀναπαύσεως ἐξέθρεψέν με

he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters;

Qoh 4:6 ἀγαθὸν πλήρωμα δρακὸς ἀναπαύσεως ὑπὲρ πλήρωμα δύο δρακῶν μόχθου καὶ προαιρέσεως πνεύματος

Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind.

Isa 11:10 καὶ ἔσται ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ ἡ ρίζα τοῦ Ιεσσαὶ καὶ ὁ ἀνιστάμενος ἄρχειν ἐθνῶν ἐπ' αὐτῷ ἔθνη ἐλπιούσιν καὶ ἔσται ἡ ἀνάπαυσις αὐτοῦ τιμὴ

In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

Sir 30:17 κρείσσων θάνατος ὑπὲρ ζωὴν πικρὰν καὶ ἀνάπαυσις αἰῶνος ἢ ἀρρώστημα ἔμμονον

Death is better than a miserable life, and eternal rest than chronic sickness.

Sir 36:24 ὁ κτώμενος γυναῖκα ἐνάρχεται κτήσεως βοηθὸν κατ' αὐτὸν καὶ στῦλον ἀναπαύσεως

He who acquires a wife gets his best possession, a helper fit for him and a pillar of support.

Wis 4:7 δίκαιος δὲ ἐὰν φθάσῃ τελευτῆσαι ἐν ἀναπαύσει ἔσται

But the righteous man, though he die early, will be at rest.

ψυχᾶς – 16x in Matthew –

2:20 "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

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10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

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11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

12:18 "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

16:25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

16:25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

16:26 For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life?

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20:28 even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

22:37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

26:38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

11:30

ὁ γὰρ ζυγὸς μου χρηστὸς καὶ τὸ φορτίον μου ἐλαφρόν ἐστιν.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Parallel to Acts 15:30

So they were sent off and went down to Antioch. When they gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter.

Parallel to 1 John 5:3

For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,

ζυγός - 6x in NT – see 11.28 above –

χρηστός – 7x in NT, 41x in LXX – *pertaining to being useful and benevolent - pertaining to being superior for a particular purpose or use - pertaining to that which is pleasant or easy, with the implication of suitability* -

Matt 11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Luke 5:39 And no one after drinking old wine desires new; for he says, The old is good."

Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish.

Romans 2:4 Or do you presume upon the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience? Do you not know that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

1Cor 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

Eph 4:32 and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

1Peter 2:3 for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

Ps 24:8 *χρηστός* καὶ εὐθής ὁ κύριος διὰ τοῦτο νομοθετήσει ἀμαρτάνοντας ἐν ὁδῷ

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Ps 33:9 γεύσασθε καὶ ἴδετε ὅτι *χρηστός* ὁ κύριος μακάριος ἀνὴρ ὃς ἐλπίζει ἐπ' αὐτόν

O taste and see that the LORD is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in him!

Ps 51:11 ἐξομολογήσομαί σοι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα ὅτι ἐποίησας καὶ ὑπομενῶ τὸ ὄνομά σου ὅτι *χρηστόν* ἐναντίον τῶν ὀσίων σου

I will thank thee for ever, because thou hast done it. I will proclaim thy name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.

Ps 68:17 εἰσάκουσόν μου κύριε ὅτι *χρηστόν* τὸ ἔλεός σου κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν οἰκτιρῶν σου ἐπίβλεπον ἐπ' ἐμέ

Answer me, O LORD, for thy steadfast love is good; according to thy abundant mercy, turn to me.

Ps 85:5 ὅτι σύ κύριε *χρηστός* καὶ ἐπιεικής καὶ πολυέλεος πᾶσι τοῖς ἐπικαλουμένοις σε

For thou, O Lord, art good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on thee.

Ps 99:5 ὅτι *χρηστός* κύριος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ καὶ ἕως γενεᾶς καὶ γενεᾶς ἡ ἀλήθεια αὐτοῦ

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Ps 105:1 ἀλληλοῦα ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ κυρίῳ ὅτι *χρηστός* ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ

Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever!

Ps 108:21 καὶ σύ κύριε κύριε ποίησον μετ' ἐμοῦ ἔλεος ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός σου ὅτι *χρηστόν* τὸ ἔλεός σου

But thou, O GOD my Lord, deal on my behalf for thy name's sake; because thy steadfast love is good, deliver me!

Ps 111:5 *χρηστός* ἀνὴρ ὁ οἰκτίρων καὶ κυχρῶν οἰκονομήσει τοὺς λόγους αὐτοῦ ἐν κρίσει

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.

Ps 118:39 περίελε τὸν ὄνειδισμόν μου ὃν ὑπώπτευσά τὰ γὰρ κρίματά σου *χρηστά*

Turn away the reproach which I dread; for thy ordinances are good.

Ps 118:68 *χρηστός* εἶ σύ κύριε καὶ ἐν τῇ χρηστότητί σου διδάξόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου

Thou art good and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

Ps 135:1 ἀλληλοῦα ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ κυρίῳ ὅτι *χρηστός* ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Ps 144:9 *χρηστός* κύριος τοῖς σύμπασιν καὶ οἱ οἰκτιρμοὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ πάντα τὰ ἔργα αὐτοῦ

The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

DanTh 3:89 ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ κυρίῳ ὅτι *χρηστός* ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ

Nah 1:7 *χρηστός* κύριος τοῖς ὑπομένουσιν αὐτόν ἐν ἡμέρᾳ θλίψεως καὶ γινώσκων τοὺς εὐλαβουμένους αὐτόν

The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.

φορτίον – 6x in NT, 8x in LXX – *a relatively heavy object which is carried* -

Matt 11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matt 23:4 They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger.

Luke 11:46 And he said, "Woe to you lawyers also! for you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

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Acts 27:10 saying, "Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives."

Gal 6:5 For each man will have to bear his own load.

JudgA 9:48 καὶ ἀνέβη Αβιμελεχ εἰς ὄρος Σελμων αὐτὸς καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ὁ μετ' αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλαβεν Αβιμελεχ ἀξίνην ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔκοψεν φορτίον ξύλων καὶ ἔλαβεν αὐτὸ καὶ ἐπέθηκεν ἐπὶ τοὺς ὤμους αὐτοῦ καὶ εἶπεν πρὸς τὸν λαὸν τὸν μετ' αὐτοῦ τί εἶδετέ με ποιοῦντα ταχέως ποιήσατε ὡς καὶ ἐγώ

And Abim'elech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the men that were with him; and Abim'elech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bundle of brushwood, and took it up and laid it on his shoulder. And he said to the men that were with him, "What you have seen me do, make haste to do, as I have done."

JudgA 9:49 καὶ ἔκοψαν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἕκαστος φορτίον καὶ ἦσαν καὶ ἐπορεύθησαν ὀπίσω Αβιμελεχ καὶ ἐπέθηκαν ἐπὶ τὸ ὄχυρωμα καὶ ἐνέπρησαν ἐπ' αὐτούς τὸ ὄχυρωμα ἐν πυρὶ καὶ ἀπέθανον πάντες οἱ ἄνδρες πύργου Σικιμων ὡσεὶ χίλιοι ἄνδρες καὶ γυναῖκες

So every one of the people cut down his bundle and following Abim'elech put it against the stronghold, and they set the stronghold on fire over them, so that all the people of the Tower of Shechem also died, about a thousand men and women. 2Sam/K 19:36 υἱὸς ὀγδοήκοντα ἐτῶν ἐγὼ εἰμι σήμερον μὴ γινώσκωμι ἀνὰ μέσον ἀγαθοῦ καὶ κακοῦ ἢ γεύσεται ὁ δοῦλός σου ἐτι ὁ φάγομαι ἢ πίομαι ἢ ἀκούσομαι ἐτι φωνῆν ἀδόντων καὶ ἀδουσῶν ἵνα τί ἔσται ἐτι ὁ δοῦλός σου εἰς φορτίον ἐπὶ τὸν κύριόν μου τὸν βασιλέα

Your servant will go a little way over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king recompense me with such a reward?

Job 7:20 εἰ ἐγὼ ἤμαρτον τί δύναμαί σοι πράξαι ὁ ἐπιστάμενος τὸν νοῦν τῶν ἀνθρώπων διὰ τί ἔθου με κατεντευκτὴν σου εἰμι δὲ ἐπὶ σοὶ φορτίον

If I sin, what do I do to thee, thou watcher of men? Why hast thou made me thy mark? Why have I become a burden to thee? Ps 37:5 ὅτι αἱ ἀνομίαι μου ὑπερήραν τὴν κεφαλὴν μου ὡσεὶ φορτίον βαρὺ ἐβαρύνθησαν ἐπ' ἐμέ

For my iniquities have gone over my head; they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.

Isa 46:1 ἔπεσε Βηλ συνεντρίβη Δαγων ἐγένετο τὰ γλυπτὰ αὐτῶν εἰς θηρία καὶ κτήνη αἴρετε αὐτὰ καταδεδεμένα ὡς φορτίον κοπιῶντι

Bel bows down, Nebo stoops, their idols are on beasts and cattle; these things you carry are loaded as burdens on weary beasts.

Sir 21:16 ἐξήγησις μωροῦ ὡς ἐν ὁδῷ φορτίον ἐπὶ δὲ χεῖλους συνετοῦ εὐρεθήσεται χάρις

A fool's narration is like a burden on a journey, but delight will be found in the speech of the intelligent.

Sir 33:25 χορτάσματα καὶ ράβδος καὶ φορτία ὄνω ἄρτος καὶ παιδεία καὶ ἔργον οἰκίτη

Set your slave to work, and you will find rest; leave his hands idle, and he will seek liberty.

ἐλαφρόν – 2x in NT, 5x in LXX – *pertaining to that which is easy to bear or endure* -

Matt 11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

2Cor 4:17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

Exod 18:26 καὶ ἐκρίνοσαν τὸν λαὸν πᾶσαν ὥραν πᾶν δὲ ῥῆμα ὑπέρογκον ἀνεφέροσαν ἐπὶ Μωυσῆν πᾶν δὲ ῥῆμα ἐλαφρόν ἐκρίνοσαν αὐτοὶ

And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves.

Job 7:6 ὁ δὲ βίος μου ἔστιν ἐλαφρότερος λαλιᾶς ἀπόλωλεν δὲ ἐν κενῇ ἐλπίδι

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope.

Job 9:25 ὁ δὲ βίος μου ἔστιν ἐλαφρότερος δρομέως ἀπέδρασαν καὶ οὐκ εἶδοσαν

"My days are swifter than a runner; they flee away, they see no good.

Job 24:18 ἐλαφρός ἔστιν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον ὕδατος καταραθεῖν ἢ μερὶς αὐτῶν ἐπὶ γῆς

"You say, "They are swiftly carried away upon the face of the waters; their portion is cursed in the land; no treacher turns toward their vineyards.

Ezek 1:7 καὶ τὰ σκέλη αὐτῶν ὀρθὰ καὶ πτερωτοὶ οἱ πόδες αὐτῶν καὶ σπινθῆρες ὡς ἐξαστράπτων χαλκός καὶ ἐλαφροὶ αἱ πτέρυγες αὐτῶν

Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze.