

**Addresses  
for  
Morning and Evening Prayer**

**according to the  
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of the  
USA 1928 Book of Common Prayer**

**Intended for use  
by Layreaders  
in the absence of a priest**

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**Trinity 2**

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(There are three choices of propers for each office this week. Here are given two sermons, for morning and evening, the others to be written.)

**Morning Prayer A****First Lesson: Job 31:13-28**

*Here beginneth the thirteenth verse  
of the thirty-first chapter of the Book of Job.*

13 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or  
of my maidservant, when they contended with me;

14 What then shall I do when God riseth up? and  
when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?

15 Did not he that made me in the womb make  
him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

16 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or  
have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

17 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the  
fatherless hath not eaten thereof;

18 (For from my youth he was brought up with  
me, as with a father, and I have guided her from  
my mother's womb;)

19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing,  
or any poor without covering;

20 If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were  
not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

21 If I have lifted up my hand against the father-  
less, when I saw my help in the gate:

22 Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade,  
and mine arm be broken from the bone.

23 For destruction from God was a terror to me,  
and by reason of his highness I could not endure.

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**8:1** And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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24 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence;

25 If I rejoice because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much;

26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness;

27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand:

28 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

**Second Lesson: 1 Cor 13**

*Here beginneth the thirteenth chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians*

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 But Solomon built him an house.

48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.

17 And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

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**Second Lesson: Acts 7:44-8:4**

*Here beginneth the forty-fourth verse of the seventh chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.*

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles,

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Both lessons this morning ask the same question.

What really matters?

What really matters in my own life?

There is one striking feature that the two passages have in common: the pronoun, "I".

Both passages are intensely inward looking.

In both of them the speaker is questioning himself, examining deeply to see if the good in him really is good, or if he is fooling himself.

Job had just been on the receiving end of a lot of supposedly good advice and well-meant criticism from his friends. What we read this morning is just part of a long introspective passage on which he realized that little of what they said was of any use at all.

St. Paul likewise examines himself, his own remarkable gifts, and his motivations, and finds that only one thing really matters.

Please note very closely that, although these passages are often used by preachers who want to criticize others, that is not their intent.

These are attempts to get it right within one's own life, very much in the spirit of Our Lord's word about the beam in our own eye.

Job, before his troubles,  
 had been a very rich and a very powerful man,  
 certainly richer, perhaps smarter,  
 probably more gifted in many ways  
 than those around him.  
 Did he despise them?  
 Did he refuse to consider their thoughts,  
 their desires, their needs?  
 Did he make them feel like trash?  
 Did he share his blessings with those who has less,  
 or did he hoard them for his own?  
 Did he expect to be valued for what he had?  
 Well, he didn't have all that anymore,  
 and, as he looked deeply,  
 realized how horrible such an attitude is,  
 and said this:

*"If I have ...*

*Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade,  
 and mine arm be broken from the bone."*

St. Paul was a man of great accomplishments.  
 He was highly educated,  
 and brilliant of mind.  
 He had been favored with a special appearance  
 of the Lord Jesus,  
 and had been anointed as apostle to the gentiles.  
 He was also, by his own testimony,  
 proud, headstrong, often difficult,  
 and could well have become proud of his own  
 gifts,  
 and of the authority he had been given.

*"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of  
 angels,"*

laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax  
 dim, that he could not see;  
 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple  
 of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Sam-  
 uel was laid down to sleep;  
 4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered,  
 Here am I.  
 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for  
 thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie  
 down again. And he went and lay down.  
 6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And  
 Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I;  
 for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called  
 not, my son; lie down again.  
 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nei-  
 ther was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto  
 him.  
 8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third  
 time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here  
 am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that  
 the LORD had called the child.  
 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down:  
 and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say,  
 Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel  
 went and lay down in his place.  
 10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as  
 at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel an-  
 swered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.  
 11 And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will  
 do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every  
 one that heareth it shall tingle.  
 12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things  
 which I have spoken concerning his house: when I

pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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**Evening Prayer C**

**First Lesson: 1 Sam 3:1-18**

*Here beginneth the third chapter of the First Book of Samuel.*

1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was

he said,

*"and have not charity,  
I am become as sounding brass,  
or a tinkling cymbal."*

in other words, not only worthless,  
but more than a little bit annoying.

Charity, or love,  
true selfless love is what he needed,  
and this is what it looks like:

*"Charity suffereth long, and is kind;  
charity envieth not;  
charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,  
Doth not behave itself unseemly,  
seeketh not her own,  
is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;  
Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;  
Beareth all things, believeth all things,  
hopeth all things, endureth all things."*

It's not what we have,  
what kind of possessions,  
what kind of education or cultural level,  
what kind of intelligence or strength or beauty,  
what talents we can use,  
how much knowledge we have,  
but how much we truly love God  
and our neighbor.

As St. Paul wrote:

*"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three;  
but the greatest of these is charity."*

I can be perfectly Orthodox in every respect,  
every dogma perfectly defined.

I can have the surest hope  
of heaven and eternal life,  
the firmest trust in salvation in Christ,  
butt without the greatest, without love,  
it's not real.

Let us pray.

Grant, Lord, that we may hold the faith in truth,  
that we may know joyful hope in thy promises,  
but above all that all our thoughts and all our deeds  
may flow from the love that is thy nature,  
and that we may show forth true charity all or  
days.

To thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor, glory, and majesty, now and ever.  
Amen.

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### **Morning Prayer B**

#### **First Lesson: Deut 20:1-9**

*Here beginneth the twentieth chapter of the Book  
of Deuteronomy.*

1 When thou goest out to battle against thine ene-  
mies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people  
more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the  
LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee  
up out of the land of Egypt.

the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she  
said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie  
unto thine handmaid.

17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at  
that season that Elisha had said unto her, according  
to the time of life.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

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#### **Second Lesson: Luke 14:12-24**

*Here beginneth the twelfth verse of the fourteenth  
chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke.*

12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When  
thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy  
friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor  
thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again,  
and a recompence be made thee.

13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the  
maimed, the lame, the blind:

14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot rec-  
ompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the  
resurrection of the just.

15 And when one of them that sat at meat with  
him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed  
is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a  
great supper, and bade many:

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to  
them that were bidden, Come; for all things are  
now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make  
excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a  
piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I

## Evening Prayer B

### **First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:8-17**

*Here beginneth the eighth verse of the fourth chapter of the Second Book of Kings.*

8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

16 And he said, About this season, according to

2 And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,

3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them;

4 For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

5 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

6 And what man is he that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not yet eaten of it? let him also go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.

7 And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.

9 And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

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**Second Lesson: Luke 9:57-62**

*Here beginneth the fifty-seventh verse of the ninth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke.*

57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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We can endure the hardness that comes upon us.

We need to hold loosely to the good we receive.

None of it lasts,

But our God endures forever.

His promises never fail.

If we accept them and follow Him,

they are ours.

If we do not, they are not.

Let us pray.

Since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; We here dedicate both our souls and bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: in which resolution, do thou, P merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge and love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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*...thou shalt purge me with hyssop,  
and I shall be clean;  
thou shalt wash me,  
and I shall be whiter than snow  
...Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me ..."*

David knew he was a sinner.  
He hated that he was a sinner.  
He talked about it with God,  
asking forgiveness,  
asking for a change of his heart,  
and for a change of his life.  
Though it was centuries before Jesus' birth,  
and death, and resurrection,  
it was by that life and sacrifice  
that David, like all the faithful,  
was saved by Christ, who was, as St. Peter said,

*"...manifest in these last times for you,  
Who by him do believe in God,  
that raised him up from the dead,  
and gave him glory;  
that your faith and hope might be in God.  
Seeing ye have purified your souls  
in obeying the truth through the Spirit  
...Being born again,  
not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible,  
by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for  
ever. "*

Everything passes away,  
both the good and the bad  
*"But the word of the Lord endureth for ever"*

## Morning Prayer C

### **First Lesson: Gen 6:5-8, 13-22**

*Here beginneth the fifth verse of the sixth chapter  
of the Book of Genesis.*

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

**13** And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is

the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

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## **Second Lesson: Matt 24:32-42**

*Here beginneth the thirty-second verse of the twenty-fourth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.*

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

a friendship so deep and strong  
that all other friendships are measured by it.

A wonderful story, but ...  
This, too, shall pass away,  
like the withering of grass and flowers.  
You heard the story:  
the sudden reversal,  
the King's intense anger with David,  
his desire to kill him.

Jonathan couldn't believe that of his father,  
but it was true.  
The softness was ended.  
David had to run for his life.  
Very soon Jonathan died in battle.  
All gone -- all passed away,  
and that could have been the end of the story --  
but was it?

Well, we know that David went on  
to become a great king,  
to become the author of most of the Psalms,  
to be the ancestor of Our Lord and Savior.  
Though he sinned often and greatly,  
he was called by God,  
"a man after my own heart".

What marked him in that way?  
Meditate on Psalm 51,  
the Psalm written after the worst of his sins:  
*"...I acknowledge my faults,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against thee only have I sinned,  
and done this evil in thy sight.*

## Homily

*"...all flesh is as grass,  
and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.  
The grass withereth,  
and the flower thereof falleth away: ..."*

Life is a fleeting and undependable thing,  
isn't it?

Early in the Twentieth Century,  
a magazine ran a contest,  
it was searching for a short and simple sentence  
which would be true in every circumstance.  
The winning entry was so good  
that it became an often quoted proverb:

"This, too, shall pass away."

The proverb usually is taken to give comfort  
in the midst of difficulties one cannot endure,  
but it cuts the other way also.  
Not only the evil, but also the good things of earth,  
come to an end and pass away.

David had an honored place at the King's table.  
The King's son was his best and closest friend.  
He married the King's daughter.  
He was one of the King's best military leaders,  
and also the King's favorite musician.  
and, though he talked little about it,  
he had a promise  
that one day he would be King himself.  
You might say that he had it made

Jonathan was the King's first-born son.  
He had great love and complete trust for his father.  
His brother-in-law David was his best friend,

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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## Evening Prayer A

### **First Lesson: 1 Sam 20:1-7, 12-42**

*Here beginneth the twentieth chapter of the First Nook of Samuel.*

1 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

2 And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so.

3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.

4 Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee.

5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even.

6 If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.

7 If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him.

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

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40 And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city.

41 And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

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## **Second Lesson: 1 Pet 1:17-25**

*Here beginneth the seventeenth verse of the first chapter of the First Epistle of St. Peter.*

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

12 And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee;

13 The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not:

15 But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of David's enemies.

17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.

19 And when thou hast stayed three days, then thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel.

20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark.

21 And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad,

Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for there is peace to thee, and no hurt; as the LORD liveth.

22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away.

23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD be between thee and me for ever.

24 So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty.

26 Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

27 And it came to pass on the morrow, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem:

29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.