

¹And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.²And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.³And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?⁴And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go;⁵And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?⁶And they could not answer him again to these things.⁷And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them,⁸When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;⁹And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.¹⁰But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.¹¹For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.¹²Then 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.¹³But when thou makest a feast, call the poor,

the maimed, the lame, the blind:¹⁴And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.¹⁵And 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.¹⁶Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:¹⁷And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.¹⁸And 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 pray thee have me excused.¹⁹And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.²⁰And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.²¹So 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.²²And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.²³And 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.²⁴For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.²⁵And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,²⁶If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life

also, he cannot be my disciple.²⁷ And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?²⁹ Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,³⁰ Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.³¹ Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first,

and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?³² Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.³³ So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.³⁴ Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?³⁵ It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.