

The kingdom of God

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The manual is divided by headings and bullets. Each heading and bullet refers to a point that is discussed (in the sermon). The contend that follows the heading refers to the scriptures (obtained mainly from the Old King James bible and Strongs dictionary) which are the basis for the headings and bullets that are discussed. Use these references as a guide for your own study of the WORD of GOD. Enjoy and let your mind be renewed by your Saviour.



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Introduction

To become or being part of God's kingdom is a point to be revisited on a regular basis. The bible clearly states that:

- His ways are not our ways; and
- His thoughts are not our thoughts.

It is the foolishness of preaching the gospel that gets us saved (1 Co 1:21).

Let us therefore create a lifestyle of being converted to the principles of God's gospel and be saved!

This manual will help us to look at a few points that we can consider of helping us to step into or to stay in God's kingdom.

A. Stepping into God's kingdom



The following steps can be noted:

1. Prepare to do

Luk 17:20 And^{G1161} when he was demanded^{G1905} of^{G5259} the^{G3588} Pharisees,^{G5330} when^{G4219} the^{G3588} kingdom^{G932} of God^{G2316} should come,^{G2064} he answered^{G611} them^{G846} and^{G2532} said,^{G2036} The^{G3588} kingdom^{G932} of God^{G2316} cometh^{G2064} not^{G3756} with^{G3326} **observation:**^{G3907}

- **observation:**^{G3907}
 - **G3907** παρατήρησις paratērēsis^{par-at-ay'-ray-sis} From [G3906](#); *inspection*, that is, *ocular evidence*: - observation.
 - **G3906** παρατηρέω paratēreō^{par-at-ay-reh'-o} From [G3844](#) and [G5083](#); to *inspect alongside*, that is, *note insidiously* or *scrupulously*: - observe, watch.
 - **G5083** τηρέω tērēō^{tay-reh'-o} From [τηρός](#) teros (a *watch*; perhaps akin to [G2334](#)); to *guard* (from *loss* or *injury*, properly by keeping *the eye upon*; and thus differing from [G5442](#), which is properly to *prevent* escaping; and from [G2892](#), which implies a *fortress* or full military lines of apparatus), that is, to *note* (a prophecy; figuratively to *fulfil* a command); by implication to *detain* (in custody; figuratively to *maintain*); by extension to *withhold* (for personal ends; figuratively to *keep unmarried*): - hold fast, keep (-er), (ob-, pre-, re) serve, watch.

2. Believe – (to take responsibility)

The kingdom of God defined

Luk 17:21 Neither^{G3761} shall they say,^{G2046} Lo^{G2400} here!^{G5602} or,^{G2228} lo^{G2400} there!^{G1563} for,^{G1063} behold,^{G2400} the^{G3588} kingdom^{G932} of God^{G2316} is^{G2076} within^{G1787} you.^{G5216}

- kingdom^{G932} **G932 βασιλεία** basileia *bas-il-i'-ah* From **G935**; properly *royalty*, that is, (abstractly) *rule*, or (concretely) a *realm* (literally or figuratively): - kingdom, + reign.
- within^{G1787}
 - **G1787 ἐντός** entos *en-tos'* From **G1722**; *inside* (adverb or noun): - within.
 - **G1722 ἐν** en *en* A primary preposition denoting (fixed) *position* (in place, time or state), and (by implication) *instrumentality* (medially or constructively), that is, a relation of *rest* (intermediate between **G1519** and **G1537**); “in”, at, (up-) on, by, etc.: - about, after, against, + almost, X altogether, among, X as, at, before, between, (here-) by (+ all means), for (. . . sake of), + **give self wholly to**, (here-) in (-to, -wardly), X mightily, (because) of, (up-) on, [open-] ly, X outwardly, one, X quickly, X shortly, [speedi-] ly, X that, X there (-in, -on), through (-out), (un-) to(-ward), under, when, where (-with), while, with (-in). Often used in compounds, with substantially the same import; rarely with verbs of motion, and then not to indicate direction, except (elliptically) by a separate (and different) prep.

Luk 17:33 Whosoever^{G3739} shall seek^{G2212} to save^{G4982} his^{G848} life^{G5590} shall lose^{G622} it;^{G846} and^{G2532} whosoever^{G3739} shall lose^{G622} his^{G848} life shall preserve^{G2225} it.^{G846}

3. Become a servant

Mat 18:1 At^{G1722} the same^{G1565} time^{G5610} came^{G4334} the^{G3588} disciples^{G3101} unto Jesus,^{G2424} saying,^{G3004} Who^{G5101} (G686) is^{G2076} the greatest^{G3187} in^{G1722} the^{G3588} kingdom^{G932} of heaven?^{G3772}

Mat 18:2 And^{G2532} Jesus^{G2424} called^{G4341} a little child^{G3813} unto him, and^{G2532} set^{G2476} him^{G846} in^{G1722} the midst^{G3319} of them,^{G846}

Mat 18:3 And^{G2532} said,^{G2036} Verily^{G281} I say^{G3004} unto you,^{G5213} Except^{G3362} ye be converted,^{G4762} and^{G2532} become^{G1096} as^{G5613} little children,^{G3813} ye shall not^{G3364} enter^{G1525} into^{G1519} the^{G3588} kingdom^{G932} of heaven.^{G3772}

- converted,^{G4762}
 - **G4762 στρέφω** strephō *stref'-o* Strengthened from the base of **G5157**; to *twist*, that is, *turn* quite around or *reverse* (literally or figuratively): - convert, turn (again, back again, self, self about).
 - **G5157 τροπή** tropē *rop-ay'* From an apparently primary word **τρέπω** trepō (to *turn*); a *turn* (“trope”), that is, *revolution* (figuratively *variation*): - turning.
- become^{G1096} **G1096 γίνομαι** ginomai *ghin'-om-ahēa* prolonged and middle form of a primary verb; to *cause to be* (“gen” -erate), that is, (reflexively) to *become* (*come into being*), used with great latitude (literally, figuratively, intensively, etc.): - arise be assembled, be (come, -fall, -have self), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), **continue**, be divided, be done, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, **be fulfilled**, + God forbid, **grow**, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, **be**

ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, X soon as it was, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought.

- little children, ^{G3813}
 - **G3813** παιδίον paidion *pahee-dee'-on* Neuter diminutive of **G3816**; a *childling* (of either sex), that is, (properly) an infant, or (by extension) a half grown *boy* or girl; figuratively an *immature* Christian: - (little, young) child, damsel.
 - **G3816** παῖς pais *paheece* Perhaps from **G3817**; a *boy* (as often *beaten* with impunity), or (by analogy) a *girl*, and (generally) a *child*; **specifically a slave or servant** (especially a *minister to a king*; and by eminence to God): - child, maid (-en), (man) servant, son, young man.

4. Humble yourself

Mat 18:4 Whosoever^{G3748} therefore^{G3767} shall humble^{G5013} himself^{G1438} as^{G5613} this^{G5124} little child,^{G3813} the same^{G3778} is^{G2076} greatest^{G3187} in^{G1722} the^{G3588} kingdom^{G932} of heaven.^{G3772}

- humble^{G5013}
 - **G5013** ταπεινῶω tapeinoō *tap-i-no'-o* From **G5011**; to *depress*; figuratively to *humiliate* (in condition or heart): - abase, bring low, humble (self).
 - **G5011** ταπεινός tapeinos *tap-i-nos'* Of uncertain derivation; *depressed*, that is, (figuratively) *humiliated* (in circumstances or disposition): - base, cast down, humble, of low degree (estate), lowly.

I understand what is needed to be a child (servant) of God. Let's look how can I become one:

B. How can I step into God's kingdom?

1. Receive God's servant

Mat 18:5 And^{G2532} whoso^{G3739} shall receive^{G1209} one^{G1520} such^{G5108} little child^{G3813} in^{G1909} my^{G3450} name^{G3686} receiveth^{G1209} me.^{G1691}

Mar 16:5 And^{G2532} entering^{G1525} into^{G1519} the^{G3588} sepulchre,^{G3419} they saw^{G1492} a young man^{G3495} sitting^{G2521} on^{G1722} the^{G3588} right side,^{G1188} clothed in^{G4016} a long white garment,^{G4749} and^{G2532} they were affrighted.^{G1568}

Mar 16:6 And^{G1161} he^{G3588} saith^{G3004} unto them,^{G846} Be not^{G3361} affrighted:^{G1568} Ye seek^{G2212} Jesus^{G2424} of Nazareth,^{G3479} which was crucified:^{G4717} he is risen:^{G1453} he is^{G2076} not^{G3756} here:^{G5602} behold^{G2396} the^{G3588} place^{G5117} where^{G3699} they laid^{G5087} him.^{G846}

Mar 16:7 But^{G235} go your way,^{G5217} tell^{G2036} his^{G846} disciples^{G3101} and^{G2532} Peter^{G4074} that^{G3754} he goeth before^{G4254} you^{G5209} into^{G1519} Galilee:^{G1056} there^{G1563} shall ye see^{G3700} him,^{G846} as^{G2531} he said^{G2036} unto you.^{G5213}

Mar 16:8 And^{G2532} they went out^{G1831} quickly,^{G5035} and fled^{G5343} from^{G575} the^{G3588} sepulchre;^{G3419} for^{G1161} they^{G846} trembled^{G5156} and^{G2532} were amazed:^{G1611} neither^{G2532} said^{G2036} they any thing^{G3762} to any^{G3762} man;^{G1063} for^{G1063} they were afraid.^{G5399}

2. Believe that what they preach

Mar 16:9 Now^{G1161} when *Jesus* was risen^{G450} early^{G4404} the first^{G4413} *day* of the week,^{G4521} he appeared^{G5316} first^{G4412} to Mary^{G3137} Magdalene,^{G3094} out of^{G575} whom^{G3739} he had cast^{G1544} seven^{G2033} devils.^{G1140}

Mar 16:10 And she^{G1565} went^{G4198} and told^{G518} them that had been^{G1096} with^{G3326} him,^{G846} as they mourned^{G3996} and^{G2532} wept.^{G2799}

Mar 16:11 And they,^{G2548} when they had heard^{G191} that^{G3754} he was alive,^{G2198} and^{G2532} had been seen^{G2300} of^{G5259} her,^{G846} **believed not.**^{G569}

- believed not.^{G569}
 - **G569** ἀπιστέω apisteō *ap-is-teh'-o* From [G571](#); to be *unbelieving*, that is, (transitively) *disbelieve*, or (by implication) *disobey*: - believe not.
 - **G571** ἄπιστος apistos *ap'-is-tos* From [G1](#) (as a negative particle) and [G4103](#); (actively) *disbelieving*, that is, *without Christian faith* (specifically a *heathen*); (passively) *untrustworthy* (person), or *incredible* (thing): - that believeth not, faithless, incredible thing, infidel, unbeliever (-ing).
 - **G4103** πιστός pistos *pis-tos'* From [G3982](#); objectively *trustworthy*; subjectively *trustful*: - believe (-ing, -r), faithful (-ly), sure, true.
 - **G3982** πείθω peithō *pi'-tho* A primary verb; to *convince* (by argument, true or false); by analogy to *pacify* or *conciliate* (by other fair means); reflexively or passively to *assent* (to evidence or authority), to *rely* (by inward certainty): - agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) content, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield.

Mar 16:13 And they^{G2548} went^{G565} and told^{G518} *it* unto the^{G3588} residue:^{G3062} neither^{G3761} **believed**^{G4100} they them.^{G1565}

- believed^{G4100}
 - **G4100** πιστεύω pisteuō *pist-yoo'-o* From [G4102](#); to *have faith* (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), that is, *credit*; by implication to *entrust* (especially one's spiritual well being to Christ): - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.
 - **G4102** πίστις pístis *pis'-tis* From [G3982](#); *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; moral *conviction* (of *religious* truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstractly *constancy* in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) *truth* itself: - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

Mar 16:14 Afterward^{G5305} he appeared^{G5319} unto the^{G3588} eleven^{G1733} as they^{G846} sat at meat,^{G345} and^{G2532} upbraided^{G3679} them with their^{G846} **unbelief**^{G570} and^{G2532} hardness of heart,^{G4641} because^{G3754} they believed^{G4100} not^{G3756} them which had seen^{G2300} him^{G846} after he was risen.^{G1453}

- unbelief^{G570}
 - **G570** ἀπιστία apistia *ap-is-tee'-ah* From [G571](#); *faithlessness*, that is, (negatively) *disbelief* (*want of Christian faith*), or (positively) *unfaithfulness* (*disobedience*): - unbelief.

3. Become a servant like they are

Mar 16:15 And^{G2532} he said^{G2036} unto them,^{G846} **Go**^{G4198} **ye into**^{G1519} **all**^{G537} **the**^{G3588} **world,**^{G2889} **and preach**^{G2784} **the**^{G3588} **gospel**^{G2098} **to every**^{G3956} **creature.**^{G2937}

Mar 16:16 He that believeth^{G4100} and^{G2532} is baptized^{G907} shall be saved;^{G4982} but^{G1161} he that believeth not^{G569} shall be damned.^{G2632}

Mar 16:17 And^{G1161} these^{G5023} signs^{G4592} shall follow^{G3877} them^{G3588} that believe;^{G4100} In^{G1722} my^{G3450} name^{G3686} shall they cast out^{G1544} devils;^{G1140} they shall speak^{G2980} with new^{G2537} tongues;^{G1100}

Mar 16:18 They shall take up^{G142} serpents;^{G3789} and if^{G2579} they drink^{G4095} any^{G5100} deadly thing,^{G2286} it shall not^{G3364} hurt^{G984} them;^{G846} they shall lay^{G2007} hands^{G5495} on^{G1909} the sick,^{G732} and^{G2532} they shall recover.^{G2192 G2573}

Mar 16:20 And^{G1161} they^{G1565} went forth,^{G1831} and preached^{G2784} every where,^{G3837} the^{G3588} Lord^{G2962} working with^{G4903} them, and^{G2532} confirming^{G950} the^{G3588} word^{G3056} with^{G1223} signs^{G4592} following.^{G1872 G2192} Amen.^{G281}

4. Be humble

Zec 11:11 And it was broken^{H6565} in that^{H1931} day:^{H3117} and so^{H3651} the poor^{H6041} of the flock^{H6629} that waited upon^{H8104} me knew^{H3045} that^{H3588} it^{H1931} was the word^{H1697} of the LORD.^{H3068}

- poor^{H6041}
 - **H6041** עני'ânîy aw-nee' From **H6031**; *depressed*, in mind or circumstances (practically the same as **H6035** subjectively and **H6041** objectively): - afflicted, humble, lowly, needy, poor.
 - **H6031** ענה'ânâhaw-naw'A primitive root (possibly rather identical with **H6030** through the idea of *looking down* or *browbeating*); to *depress* literally or figuratively, transitively or intransitively (in various applications). (*sing* is by mistake for **H6030**): - abase self, afflict (-ion, self), answer [by mistake for **H6030**], chasten self, deal hardly with, defile, exercise, force, gentleness, humble (self), hurt, ravish, sing [by mistake for **H6030**], speak [by mistake for **H6030**], submit self, weaken, X in any wise.
- that waited upon^{H8104} **H8104** שמרshâmar shaw-mar'A primitive root; properly to *hedge* about (as with thorns), that is, *guard*; generally to *protect*, *attend to*, etc.: - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-er, self), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

C. The KEY to the kingdom of God



1. The gospel of Jesus Christ

1Jn 1:1 That which^{G3739} was^{G2258} from^{G575} the beginning,^{G746} which^{G3739} we have heard,^{G191} which^{G3739} we have seen^{G3708} with our^{G2257} eyes,^{G3788} which^{G3739} we have looked upon,^{G2300} and^{G2532} our^{G2257} hands^{G5495} have handled,^{G5584} of^{G4012} the^{G3588} Word^{G3056} of life,^{G2222}

a) We have heard

- heard,^{G191} **G191** ἀκούω akouō ak-oo'-oA primary verb; to *hear* (in various senses): - give (in the) audience (of), come (to the ears), ([shall]) hear (-er, -ken), be noised, be reported, **understand**.

b) Seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon

- seen^{G3708} **G3708** ὁράω horaō hor-ah'-o Properly to *stare* at (compare [G3700](#)), that is, (by implication) to *discern* clearly (physically or mentally); by extension to *attend to*; by Hebraism to *experience*; passively to *appear*: - behold, perceive, see, take heed.
- looked upon,^{G2300} **G2300** θεάομαι theaomai theh-ah'-om-ahēe A prolonged form of a primary verb; **to look closely at**, that is, (by implication) to *perceive* (literally or figuratively); by extension **to visit**: - behold, look (upon), see. Compare [G3700](#).

c) Our hands have handled, of the Word of life

- handled,^{G5584}
 - G5584** ψηλαφάω psēlaphaō psay-laf-ah'-o From the base of [G5567](#) (compare [G5586](#)); **to manipulate**, that is, *verify by contact*; figuratively to *search for*: - feel after, handle, touch.
 - G5567** ψάλλω psallō psal'-lo Probably strengthened from ψάω psāō (**to rub or touch the surface**; compare [G5597](#)); to *twitch* or *twang*, that is, to *play* on a stringed instrument (*celebrate the divine worship with music* and accompanying odes): - make melody, sing (psalms).

2. The reason why we preach the gospel

1Jn 1:2 (For^{G2532} the^{G3588} life^{G2222} was manifested,^{G5319} and^{G2532} we have seen^{G3708} it, and^{G2532} bear witness,^{G3140} and^{G2532} shew^{G518} unto you^{G5213} that eternal^{G166} life,^{G2222} which^{G3748} was^{G2258} with^{G4314} the^{G3588} Father,^{G3962} and^{G2532} was manifested^{G5319} unto us;)^{G2254}

1Jn 1:3 That which^{G3739} we have seen^{G3708} and^{G2532} heard^{G191} declare^{G518} we unto you,^{G5213} that^{G2443} ye^{G5210} also^{G2532} may have^{G2192} fellowship^{G2842} with^{G3326} us:^{G2257} and^{G2532} truly^{G1161} our^{G2251} fellowship^{G2842} is with^{G3326} the^{G3588} Father,^{G3962} and^{G2532} with^{G3326} his^{G848} Son^{G5207} Jesus^{G2424} Christ.^{G5547}

- fellowship^{G2842}
 - G2842** κοινωνία koinōnia koy-nohn-ee'-ah From [G2844](#); *partnership*, that is, (literally) *participation*, or (social) *intercourse*, or (pecuniary) *benefaction*: - (to) communicate (-ation), communion, (contri-), distribution, fellowship.

- **G2844** κοινωνός *koinōnos koy-no-nos'* From [G2839](#); **a sharer**, that is, associate: - companion, X fellowship, **partaker**, partner.

For whom do we preach?

- **G2839** κοινός *koinos koy-nos'* Probably from [G4862](#); **common**, that is, (literally) shared by all or several, or (ceremonially) **profane**: - common, defiled, unclean, unholy.
 - **G4862** σύν *sun soon* A primary preposition denoting **union**; **with or together** (but much closer than [G3326](#) or [G3844](#)), that is, by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality, addition, etc.: - beside, with. In compounds it has similar applications, including **completeness**.

That your joy may be full

1Jn 1:4 And^{G2532} these things^{G5023} write^{G1125} we unto you,^{G5213} that^{G2443} your^{G5216} joy^{G5479} may be^{G5600} full.^{G4137}

- full.^{G4137} **G4137** πληρόω *plēroō play-ro'-o* From [G4134](#); to **make replete**, that is, (literally) to **cram** (a net), **level up** (a hollow), or (figuratively) to **furnish** (or *imbue, diffuse, influence*), **satisfy**, **execute** (an office), **finish** (a period or task), **verify** (or *coincide* with a prediction), etc.: - **accomplish**, X after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), **fulfil**, (be, make) full (come), **fully preach**, perfect, supply.

1Jn 1:5 This^{G3778} then^{G2532} is^{G2076} the^{G3588} message^{G1860} which^{G3739} we have heard^{G191} of^{G575} him,^{G846} and^{G2532} declare^{G312} unto you,^{G5213} that^{G3754} God^{G2316} is^{G2076} light,^{G5457} and^{G2532} in^{G1722} him^{G846} is^{G2076} no^{G3756} darkness^{G4653} at all.^{G3762}

1Jn 1:7 But^{G1161} if^{G1437} we walk^{G4043} in^{G1722} the^{G3588} light,^{G5457} as^{G5613} he^{G846} is^{G2076} in^{G1722} the^{G3588} light,^{G5457} we have^{G2192} fellowship^{G2842} one with another,^{G240} and^{G3326} ^{G2532} the^{G3588} blood^{G129} of Jesus^{G2424} Christ^{G5547} his^{G846} Son^{G5207} cleanseth^{G2511} us^{G2248} from^{G575} all^{G3956} sin.^{G266}

3. What the key is not

Mat 16:1 ^{G2532} The^{G3588} Pharisees^{G5330} also^{G2532} with the Sadducees^{G4523} came,^{G4334} and tempting^{G3985} desired^{G1905} him^{G846} that he would shew^{G1925} them^{G846} a sign^{G4592} from^{G1537} heaven.^{G3772}

a) Not exclusive

- Pharisees^{G5330}
 - **G5330** Φαρισαῖος *Pharisaios far-is-ah'-yos* Of Hebrew origin (compare [H6567](#)); a **separatist**, that is, **exclusively religious**; a **Pharisaean**, that is, Jewish sectary: - Pharisee.

- **H6567** פָּרַשׁ *pârâsh paw-rash'* A primitive root; **to separate**, literally (to *disperse*) or figuratively (**to specify**); also (by implication) to *wound*: - scatter, declare, distinctly, shew, sting.

b) Not to justify self

- Sadducees^{G4523}
 - **G4523** Σαδδουκαῖος *Saddoukaios sad-doo-kah'-yos* Probably from [G4524](#); a *Sadducean* (that is, *Tsadokian*), or follower of a certain heretical Israelite: - Sadducee.
 - **G4524** Σαδὸκ *Sadōk sad-oke'* Of Hebrew origin [[H6659](#)]; *Sadoc* (that is, *Tsadok*), an Israelite: - Sadoc.
 - **H6659** צַדֹּק *tsâdôq tsaw-doke'* From [H6663](#); *just*; *Tsadok*, the name of eight or nine Israelites: - Zadok.
 - **H6663** צָדַק *tsâdaq tsaw-dak'* A primitive root; **to be** (causatively *make*) *right* (in a moral or forensic sense): - cleanse, clear self, (be, do) just (-ice, -ify, -ify self), (be, turn to) righteous (-ness).

c) How this “key” is used to deceive

1Co 10:6 Now^{G1161} these things^{G5023} were^{G1096} our^{G2257} examples,^{G5179} to the intent we^{G2248} should not lust after^{G1511} evil things,^{G3361 G1938} as^{G2556} they also^{G2548} lusted.^{G1937}

1Co 10:7 Neither^{G3366} be^{G1096} ye idolaters,^{G1496} as^{G2531} were some^{G5100} of them;^{G846} as^{G5613} it is written,^{G1125} The^{G3588} people^{G2992} sat down^{G2523} to eat^{G5315} and^{G2532} drink,^{G4095} and^{G2532} rose up^{G450} to play.^{G3815}

1Co 10:8 Neither^{G3366} let us commit fornication,^{G4203} as^{G2531} some^{G5100} of them^{G846} committed,^{G4203} and^{G2532} fell^{G4098} in^{G1722} one^{G3391} day^{G2250} three and twenty thousand.^{G5140 G1501 G5505}

1Co 10:9 Neither^{G3366} let us tempt^{G1598} Christ,^{G5547} as^{G2531} some^{G5100} of them^{G846} also^{G2532} tempted,^{G3985} and^{G2532} were destroyed^{G622} of^{G5259} serpents.^{G3789} (*malicious person, especially Satan*)

1Co 10:10 Neither^{G3366} murmur^{G1111} ye, as^{G2531} some^{G5100} of them^{G846} also^{G2532} murmured,^{G1111} and^{G2532} were destroyed^{G622} of^{G5259} the^{G3588} destroyer.^{G3644}

and

Mat 16:1 (^{G2532}) The^{G3588} Pharisees^{G5330} also^{G2532} with the Sadducees^{G4523} came,^{G4334} and tempting^{G3985} desired^{G1905} him^{G846} that he would shew^{G1925} them^{G846} a sign^{G4592} from^{G1537} heaven.^{G3772}

Mat 16:2 (^{G1161}) He^{G3588} answered^{G611} and said^{G2036} unto them,^{G846} **When it is^{G1096} evening,^{G3798} ye say,^{G3004} It will be fair weather:^{G2105} for^{G1063} the^{G3588} sky^{G3772} is red.^{G4449}**

Mat 16:3 And^{G2532} in the morning,^{G4404} **It will be foul weather^{G5494} to day:^{G4594} for^{G1063} the^{G3588} sky^{G3772} is red^{G4449} and^{G2532} lowring.^{G4768} O ye hypocrites,^{G5273} ye can^{G1097} discern^{G1252} the^{G3588} (G3303) face^{G4383} of the^{G3588} sky;^{G3772} but^{G1161} can^{G1410} ye not^{G3756} discern the^{G3588} signs^{G4592} of the^{G3588} times?^{G2540}**

Mat 16:4 A wicked^{G4190} and^{G2532} adulterous^{G3428} generation^{G1074} seeketh after^{G1934} a sign,^{G4592} and^{G2532} there shall no^{G3756} sign^{G4592} be given^{G1325} unto it,^{G846} but^{G1508} the^{G3588} sign^{G4592} of the^{G3588} prophet^{G4396} Jonas.^{G2495} And^{G2532} he left^{G2641} them,^{G846} and departed.^{G565}

i. They become or is part of that what is truthful and right

- came,^{G4334}
 - **G4334** προσέρχομαι proserchomai *pros-er'-khom-ahee* From [G4314](#) and [G2064](#) (including its alternate); **to approach**, that is, (literally) *come near, visit*, or (figuratively) *worship*, assent to: - (as soon as he) come (unto), come thereunto, consent, draw near, go (near, to, unto).
 - **G2064** ἔρχομαι erchomai *er'-khom-ahee* Middle voice of a primary verb (used only in the present and imperfect tenses, the others being supplied by a kindred [middle voice] word, ἐλεύθομαι eleuthomai or ἔλθω elthō; which do not otherwise occur); to *come* or *go* (in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively): - **accompany**, **appear**, bring, come enter, fall out, go, grow, X light, X next, pass, resort, be set.

ii. They tempt the truth

- tempting^{G3985}
 - **G3985** πειράζω peirazō *pi-rad'-zo* From [G3984](#); to *test* (objectively), that is, *endeavor, scrutinize, entice, discipline*: - assay, examine, go about, prove, **tempt (-er)**, try.
 - **G3984** πείρα peira *pi'-rah* From the base of [G4008](#) (through the idea of *piercing*); a *test*, that is, *attempt, experience*: - assaying, trial.
 - **G4008** πέραν peran *per'-an* Apparently the accusative case of an obsolete derivation of πείρω peirō (to “peirce”); *through* (as adverb or preposition), that is, *across*: - beyond, farther (other) side, over.

Exo 17:2

Exo 17:2 Wherefore the people^{H5971} did chide^{H7378} with^{H5973} Moses,^{H4872} and said,^{H559} Give^{H5414} us water^{H4325} that we may drink.^{H8354} And Moses^{H4872} said^{H559} unto them, Why^{H4100} chide^{H7378} ye with^{H5978} me? wherefore^{H4100} do ye tempt^{H5254} (H853) (prove) the LORD?^{H3068}

Chide H7378 ריב ריב[°] rîyb rūb *reeb, roob* A primitive root; properly to *toss*, that is, *grapple*; mostly figuratively to *wrangle*, that is, *hold a controversy*; (by implication) to *defend*: - adversary, chide, **complain**, **contend**, debate, X ever, X lay wait, plead, rebuke, **strive**, X thoroughly.

iii. The reason for this is they are looking for a **CONVENIENT** method and time to do the right thing

- hypocrites,^{G5273}
 - **G5273** ὑποκριτής hupokritēs hoop-ok-ree-tace' From [G5271](#); an actor under an assumed character (stage player), that is, (figuratively) a dissembler ("hypocrite"): - hypocrite.
 - **G5271** ὑποκρίνομαι hupokrinomai hoop-ok-rin'-om-ahēe Middle voice from [G5259](#) and [G2919](#); to decide (speak or act) under a false part, that is, (figuratively) dissemble (pretend): - feign.
 - **G2919** κρίνω krinō kree'-no Properly to distinguish, that is, **decide** (mentally or judicially); by implication to **try, condemn, punish**: - avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, **determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law**, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think.
- discern^{G1252}
 - **G1252** διακρίνω diakrinō dee-ak-ree'-no From [G1223](#) and [G2919](#); to separate thoroughly, that is, (literally and reflexively) to withdraw from, or (by implication) oppose; figuratively to discriminate (by implication decide), or (reflexively) hesitate: - contend, make (to) differ (-ence), discern, doubt, judge, be partial, stagger, waver.
- signs^{G4592}
 - **G4592** σημεῖον sēmeion say-mi'-on Neuter of a presumed derivative of the base of [G4591](#); an indication, especially ceremonially or supernaturally: - miracle, sign, token, wonder.
 - **G4591** σημαίνω sēmainō say-mah'ee-no From [σημα](#) sēma (a **mark**; of uncertain derivation); to indicate: - signify.
- times?^{G2540} **G2540** καιρός kairos kahee-ros' Of uncertain affinity; an **occasion**, that is, **set or proper time**: - X always, opportunity, (**convenient**, due) season, (due, short, while) time, a while. Compare [G5550](#).

iv. They Murmur

- desired^{G1905}
 - **G1905** ἐπερωτάω eperōtaō ep-er-o-tah'-o From [G1909](#) and [G2065](#); to ask for, that is, inquire, seek: - ask (after, questions), demand, desire, question.
 - **G2065** ἐρωτάω erōtaō er-o-tah'-o Apparently from [G2046](#) (compare [G2045](#)); to **interrogate**; by implication to request: - ask, beseech, desire, intreat, pray. Compare [G4441](#).

[Exo 16:2-9](#)

Exo 16:2 And the whole^{H3605} congregation^{H5712} of the children^{H1121} of Israel^{H3478} murmured^{H3885} against^{H5921} Moses^{H4872} and Aaron^{H175} in the wilderness:^{H4057}

Read also Numbers 26.

v. They are bound in hurt

- **wicked**^{G4190}
 - **G4190** πονηρός ponēros *pon-ay-ros'* From a derivative of **G4192**; *hurtful*, that is, *evil* (properly in effect or influence, and thus differing from **G2556**, which refers rather to *essential* character, as well as from **G4550**, which indicates *degeneracy* from original virtue); figuratively *calamitous*; also (passively) *ill*, that is, *diseased*; but especially (morally) *culpable*, that is, *derelict*, *vicious*, *facinorous*; neuter (singular) *mischievous*, *malice*, or (plural) *guilt*; masculine (singular) the *devil*, or (plural) *sinners*: - bad, evil, grievous, harm, lewd, malicious, wicked (-ness). See also **G4191**.
 - **G4192** πόνος ponos *pon'-os* From the base of **G3993**; *toil*, that is, (by implication) *anguish*: - pain.
 - **G3993** πένης penēs *pen'-ace* From a primary "peno" (to *toil* for daily subsistence); *starving*, that is, *indigent*: - poor. Compare **G4434**.

vi. Lack of fellowship (accountability)

- **adulterous**^{G3428}
 - **G3428** μοιχαλῖς moichalis *moy-khal-is'* A prolonged form of the feminine of **G3432**; an *adulteress* (literally or figuratively): - adulteress (-ous, -y).
 - **G3432** μοιχός moichos *moy-khos* Perhaps a primary word; a (male) *paramour*; figuratively *apostate*: - adulterer.
 - **Apostate** One who has forsaken the church, sect or profession to which he before adhered. In its original sense, applied to one who has abandoned his religion; but correctly applied also to one who abandons a political or other party.

D. Using the key of the kingdom of God

Mat 16:4 A wicked^{G4190} and^{G2532} adulterous^{G3428} generation^{G1074} seeketh after^{G1934} a sign;^{G4592} and^{G2532} there shall no^{G3756} sign^{G4592} be given^{G1325} unto it,^{G846} but^{G1508} the^{G3588} sign^{G4592} of the^{G3588} prophet^{G4396} **Jonas**.^{G2495} And^{G2532} he left^{G2641} them,^{G846} and departed.^{G565}

Mat 16:16 And^{G1161} Simon^{G4613} Peter^{G4074} answered^{G611} and said,^{G2036} Thou^{G4771} art^{G1488} the^{G3588} Christ,^{G5547} the^{G3588} Son^{G5207} of the living^{G2198} God.^{G2316}

Mat 16:17 And^{G2532} Jesus^{G2424} answered^{G611} and said^{G2036} unto him,^{G846} **Blessed**^{G3107} art^{G1488} thou, **Simon**^{G4613} **Barjona**:^{G920} for^{G3754} flesh^{G4561} and^{G2532} blood^{G129} hath not^{G3756} revealed^{G601} it unto thee,^{G4671} but^{G235} my^{G3450} Father^{G3962} which^{G3588} is in^{G1722} heaven.^{G3772}

1. Have compassion for the lost

- **Jonas**.^{G2495}
 - **G2495** Ἰωνᾶς Iōnas ee-o-nas' Of Hebrew origin [[H3124](#)]; *Jonas* (that is, *Jonah*), the name of two Israelites: - Jonas.
 - **H3124** יוֹנָה yōnâh yo-naw' The same as [H3123](#); *Jonah*, an Israelite: - Jonah.
 - **H3123** יוֹנָה yōnâh yo-naw' Probably from the same as [H3196](#); a dove (apparently from the *warmth* of their mating): - dove, pigeon. Mat 3;16; Luk 11;28-30 and Joh 1:32
 - **H3196** יַיִן yayin yah'-yin From an unused root meaning to *effervesce*; *wine* (as fermented); by implication *intoxication*: - banqueting, wine, wine [-bibber]. Mat 11:19

2. Hear, believe and obey God's word

- **Simon**.^{G4613}
 - **G4613** Σίμων Simōn see'-mone Of Hebrew origin [[H8095](#)]; *Simon* (that is, *Shimon*), the name of nine Israelites: - Simon. Compare [G4826](#).
 - **H8095** שִׁמְעוֹן shim'ôn shim-one' From [H8085](#); *hearing*; *Shimon*, one of Jacob's sons, also the tribe descendant from him: - Simeon.
 - **H8085** שָׁמַע shâma' shaw-mah' A primitive root; **to hear** intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively *to tell*, etc.): - X attentively, call (gather) together, X carefully, X certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, X diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (-ken, tell), X indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) **obedient, obey**, perceive, (make a) proclaim (-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, X surely, tell, understand, whosoever [heareth], witness.
- **Barjona**.^{G920} **G920** Βαριωνᾶς Bariōnas bar-ee-oo-nas' Of Chaldee origin [[H1247](#)] and [[H3124](#)]; **son of Jonas (or Jonah)**; *Bar-jonas*, an Israelite: - Bar-jona.

Mat 16:18 And^{G1161} I say also^{G2504 G3004} unto thee,^{G4671} That^{G3754} thou^{G4771} art^{G1488} Peter,^{G4074} and^{G2532} upon^{G1909} this^{G5026} rock^{G4073} I will build^{G3618} my^{G3450} church;^{G1577} and^{G2532} the gates^{G4439} of hell^{G86} shall not^{G3756} prevail against^{G2729} it.^{G846}

3. Be stable and certain of the truth

Mat 16:19 And^{G2532} I will give^{G1325} unto thee^{G4671} the^{G3588} keys^{G2807} of the^{G3588} kingdom^{G932} of heaven:^{G3772} and^{G2532} whatsoever^{G3739 G1437} thou shalt bind^{G1210} on^{G1909} earth^{G1093} shall^{G2071} be bound^{G1210} in^{G1722} heaven:^{G3772} and^{G2532} whatsoever^{G3739 G1437} thou shalt loose^{G3089} on^{G1909} earth^{G1093} shall be^{G2071} loosed^{G3089} in^{G1722} heaven.^{G3772}

4. Be humble

Mat 16:22 Then^{G2532} Peter^{G4074} took^{G4355} him,^{G846} and began^{G756} to rebuke^{G2008} him,^{G846} saying,^{G3004} Be it far^{G2436} from thee,^{G4671} Lord:^{G2962} this^{G5124} shall not^{G3364} be^{G2071} unto thee.^{G4671}

Mat 16:23 But^{G1161} he^{G3588} turned,^{G4762} and said^{G2036} unto Peter,^{G4074} Get^{G5217} thee behind^{G3694} me,^{G3450} Satan:^{G4567} thou art^{G1488} an offence^{G4625} unto me:^{G3450} for^{G3754} thou savourest^{G5426} not^{G3756} the things^{G3588} that be of God,^{G2316} but^{G235} those^{G3588} that be of men.^{G444}

a) Incline your ear to the Spirit of God

- savourest^{G5426}
 - **G5426** φρονέω phroneō *fron-eh'-o* From [G5424](#); to exercise the *mind*, that is, entertain or have a *sentiment* or *opinion*; by implication to be (mentally) *disposed* (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively to *interest oneself* in (with concern or obedience): - set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed, regard, savour, think.
 - **G5424** φρήν phrēn *frane* Probably from an obsolete φράω phraō (to *rein in* or *curb*; compare [G5420](#)); the *midrif* (as a *partition* of the body), that is, (figuratively and by implication of sympathy) the *feelings* (or sensitive nature; by extension [also in the plural] the *mind* or cognitive faculties): - understanding.

b) Die to self

Mat 16:24 Then^{G5119} said^{G2036} Jesus^{G2424} unto his^{G848} disciples,^{G3101} If any^{G1536} man will^{G2309} come^{G2064} after^{G3694} me,^{G3450} let him deny^{G533} himself,^{G1438} and^{G2532} take up^{G142} his^{G848} CROSS,^{G4716} and^{G2532} follow^{G190} me.^{G3427}

- cross,^{G4716}
 - **G4716** σταυρός stauros *stow-ros'* From the base of [G2476](#); a *stake* or *post* (as set upright), that is, (specifically) a *pole* or *cross* (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively *exposure to death*, that is, *self denial*; by implication the *atonement* of Christ: - cross.
 - **G2476** ἵστημι histēmi *his'-tay-mee* A prolonged form of a primary word στάω staō (of the same meaning, and used for it in certain tenses); to *stand* (transitively or intransitively), used in various applications (literally or figuratively): - abide, appoint, bring, **continue, covenant**, establish, hold up, lay, present, set (up), stanch, stand (by, forth, still, up). Compare [G5087](#).

Mat 16:25 For^{G1063} whosoever^{G3739} will^{G2309} save^{G4982} his^{G848} life^{G5590} shall lose^{G622} it:^{G846} and^{G1161} whosoever^{G3739} will lose^{G622} his^{G848} life^{G5590} for my sake^{G1752} shall find^{G2147} it.^{G846}

Mat 16:28 Verily^{G281} I say^{G3004} unto you,^{G5213} There be^{G1526} some^{G5100} standing^{G2476} here,^{G5602} which^{G3748} shall not^{G3361} taste^{G1089} of death,^{G2288} till^{G2193} they see^{G1492} the^{G3588} Son^{G5207} of man^{G444} coming^{G2064} in^{G1722} his^{G848} kingdom.^{G932}

5. Preach the gospel

a) By being stable and certain of the truth

Jon 1:1 Now the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} came^{H1961} unto^{H413} Jonah^{H3124} the son^{H1121} of Amittai,^{H573} saying,^{H559}

- Amittai,^{H573}
 - **H573** אַמִּיטַי ^{amittay} *am-it-tah'ee* From [H571](#); *veracious; Amittai, an Israelite: - Amittai.*
 - **H571** אֱמֶת ^{emeth} *eh'-meth* Contracted from [H539](#); *stability; figuratively certainty, truth, trustworthiness: - assured (-ly), establishment, faithful, right, sure, true (-ly, -th), verity.*
 - **H539** אָמַן ^{aman} *aw-man'* A primitive root; properly to *build up* or *support*; to *foster* as a parent or nurse; figuratively to *render* (or *be*) *firm* or *faithful*, to *trust* or *believe*, to be *permanent* or *quiet*; morally to *be true* or *certain*; once (in [Isa 30:21](#); by interchange for [H541](#)) to *go to the right hand*: - hence *assurance, believe, bring up, establish, + fail, be faithful* (of long continuance, *stedfast, sure, surely, trusty, verified*), *nurse, (-ing father), (put), trust, turn to the right.*

b) Have compassion for those that are lost

Jon 1:2 Arise,^{H6965} go^{H1980} to^{H413} Nineveh,^{H5210} (handsome; agreeable) that great^{H1419} city,^{H5892} and cry^{H7121} against^{H5921} it; for^{H3588} their wickedness^{H7451} is come up^{H5927} before^{H6440} me.

- Arise,^{H6965} **H6965** קוּם ^{qum} *koom* A primitive root; to *rise* (in various applications, literally, figuratively, intensively and causatively): - *abide, accomplish, X be clearer, confirm, continue, decree, X be dim, endure, X enemy, enjoin, get up, make good, help, hold, (help to) lift up (again), make, X but newly, ordain, perform, pitch, raise (up), rear (up), remain, (a-) rise (up) (again, against), rouse up, set (up), (e-) stablish, (make to) stand (up), stir up, strengthen, succeed, (as-, make) sure (-ly), (be) up (-hold, -rising).*

The reason is: God love them!

- wickedness^{H7451}
 - **H7451** רָעָה ^{ra'ah} *rah, raw-aw'* From [H7489](#); *bad* or (as noun) *evil* (naturally or morally). This includes the second (feminine) form; as adjective or noun: - *adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, + displeasure (-ure), distress, evil* ([-favouredness], man, thing), + *exceedingly, X great, grief (-vous), harm, heavy, hurt (-ful), ill* (favoured), + *mark, mischief, (-vous), misery, naught (-ty), noisome, + not please, sad (-ly), sore, sorrow, trouble, vex, wicked (-ly, -ness, one), worse (-st) wretchedness, wrong.* [Including feminine *ra'ah*; as adjective or noun.] (*Refer to point C.3.c in this manual*)
 - i. *bad* or (as noun) *evil* (naturally or morally) - **(passively) ill, that is, diseased; but especially (morally) culpable**
 - ii. *affliction, bad, calamity, + displeasure (-ure), distress - guilt*
 - iii. + *mark - harm*
 - iv. *sorrow, trouble - hurtful and to toil for daily subsistence*