

The Tsunami Blessing: Inside and Out, Part 30

To receive the immeasurable or measureless riches of the glory of God, let's take you farther to employing an "anti-measure" approach against the corrupt world system. There must be resistance if you don't want to be contained in one place. God desires for you to live within the circle of blessing, not in a cycle of defeat. Your resistance lies in your persistence. Give no place to the devil. Create space to be the habitation of God through the Spirit of God. As the new wine skin, remain flexible under the guidance of Holy Spirit. Be fueled by the Word so you can live flooded with God Himself.

Surrender to God and watch the devil flee in terror. Declare the decree: "satan, you can't contain me anymore. I refuse to live in a cramped space. I'm making room for God to spread out. The Lord is adding the finishing touches to the work that He began in me. I am fulfilling God's dream for me. Please know, I am reaching forward to accomplish the goals that stretch me way out of my comfort zone. I am taking back all my designated territory that has been lost, stolen and destroyed. In the name of Jesus, by the blood of the Lamb, move out of my way, right now!"

Adoption: architecturally sound

Luke 6:38 The Passion Translation (TPT)

³⁸ Give generously and generous gifts will be given back to you, shaken down to make room for more. Abundant gifts will pour out upon you with such an overflowing measure that it will run over the top! Your measurement of generosity becomes the measurement of your return."

Luke 6:38 King James Version (KJV)

³⁸ Give, and it shall be given unto you; **good measure**, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the **same measure** that **ye mete** withal it shall **be measured** to you again.

Good measure: G3358 – *mētrōn* – Limited portion (degree)

Same measure: G3358 – *mētrōn* – Limited portion (degree)

Ye mete: G3354 (to measure i.e., to ascertain a size by a fixed standard) by imp. (to admeasure i.e., to allot by rule [to keep within measure]); fig. (to estimate; measure; mete)

Be measured: G488 – *antimētrēō* – Strong’s Often used in composition to denote: contrast; requital; substitution, correspondence.

1828 Webster dictionary - preposition for signifying against, opposite, contrary or in place of

Matthew 7:7-11 The Passion Translation (TPT)

⁷ “Ask, and the gift is yours. Seek, and you’ll discover. Knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸ For every persistent one will get what he asks for. Every persistent seeker will discover what he longs for. And everyone who knocks persistently will one day find an open door.^[a]

⁹ “Do you know of any parent who would give his hungry child, who asked for food, a plate of rocks instead? ¹⁰ Or when asked for a piece of fish, what parent would offer his child a snake instead? ¹¹ If you, imperfect as you are,^[b] know how to lovingly take care of your children and give them what’s best, how much more ready is your heavenly Father to give wonderful gifts^[c] to those who ask him?”

Footnotes:

- a. [Matthew 7:8](#) Clement of Alexandria attributes an additional saying to Jesus and states that it is from the Hebrew Matthew: “The one who seeks should not cease until he finds, and in finding he shall marvel, and having marveled he shall reign, and having reigned he shall rest.” *Miscellanies* 2.9 (de Santos 3; Lagrange 9) and *Miscellanies* 5.14 (de Santos 4; Lagrange 10).
- b. [Matthew 7:11](#) Or “although you are evil.”
- c. [Matthew 7:11](#) Hebrew Matthew is “give his good Spirit,” a reference to asking for the Holy Spirit. See also [Luke 11:13](#).

Mark 4:24 The Passion Translation (TPT)

²⁴ Then he said to them, “Be diligent to understand the meaning behind everything you hear, for as you do, more understanding will be given to you. And according to the depth of your longing to understand,^[a] much more will be added to you.

Footnotes:

- a. [Mark 4:24](#) Or “By the measure with which you measure, it will be measured to you.” Some interpret this to refer to our relationships; i.e., “The way you treat others will be the way you will be treated.” However the context is clearly about having an open heart to receive and live in truth, and not to hide it or have a closed heart to understand.

2 Chronicles 1:7-12 The Voice (VOICE)

⁷That night, the True God appeared to Solomon.

God (*following the offerings of Solomon*): Ask what you want from Me, and I shall give it to you.

Solomon: ⁸⁻⁹The loyal love You showed my father, David, was immeasurable, and You, O Eternal God, have fulfilled Your promise to my father and made me the king of innumerable people in his place. ¹⁰Now *that I am their ruler*, give me wisdom and knowledge to lead this *great* people. Without such wisdom, who can govern such a great people?

God: ¹¹You did not ask for *selfish personal gain*: riches, wealth, honor, the deaths of your enemies, or a long life. Instead, you asked for *godly* wisdom and knowledge to rule My people, over whom I have made you king. ¹²*Because you thought of the welfare of My people*, I have granted you this *exceptional* wisdom and knowledge. In addition, I will give you riches and wealth and honor greater than any king ever has possessed or ever will possess.

Acknowledgment: Authenticity

Romans 15:29 King James Version (KJV)

²⁹ And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

Romans 15:29 The Passion Translation (TPT)

²⁹ I am convinced that when I come to you, I will come packed full and loaded^[a] with the blessings of the Anointed One!

Isaiah 34:16 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁶ Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered [collected] them.

John 1:1-3 The Voice (VOICE)

This Gospel begins not with Jesus' birth or John's baptism but with a deliberate echo of the creation story in Genesis. It takes us back before time began to the moment when God interrupts the silence and speaks the cosmos into existence. Only John's Gospel names Jesus as the *Logos* and declares that He existed long before time was measured. This Greek word carries a variety of meanings, all relating to the act of speaking. It could be translated "word," a thought that comes to expression, message, declaration, reason, or the content of preaching; most are found in various translations. It is clear that John means that *logos* is declared to all creation. John's use of *logos* is unique and has often been rendered as "Word." While this is a useful translation, even a casual understanding demonstrates that "Word" reflects only part of its meaning. Most readers will interpret "word" as a unit of language—a combination of sounds generally spoken but also written—that carries meaning. To understand what John means, readers need something more than their cultural understanding of "word"; they need a new way of thinking about it. This is why we have chosen to offer another rendering, an interpretive, poetic translation, of what may be one of the most theologically loaded words in Scripture. Since *logos* essentially refers to the act of speaking or bringing thoughts to expression, we have decided to use the word "voice" to capture that reality. John declares that truth has culminated in the person of Jesus. No single word captures the complete meaning of *logos*, but "voice" has a number of advantages.

First, "voice" manifests the act of speaking. Voice is that which is spoken and that which is heard; it comes on both sides of any communication event, bridging the gap between sender and receiver. John intends that in Jesus God is speaking and revealing Himself to the world.

Second, a voice is distinct and personal. We can distinguish people from one another simply by their voices. In [John 10](#) Jesus describes the fact that the sheep hear the voice of the shepherd when he calls and they follow, but they refuse to follow a stranger because they do not know his voice ([John 10:1-5](#)). John desires that we know Jesus as the Son of God and believe in Him personally as the Good Shepherd.

Third, "voice" is dynamic in that it reflects the robust and powerful activity of a living God. It is historical in that any act of speaking comes to expression and takes place in the real world as a "voice" calling, demanding a response.

It challenges any notion that the Christian faith can be reduced to rules, propositions, or doctrines that can be merely believed or dismissed and not lived out in our lives. Since in Jesus God is speaking and revealing Himself to the world, and since in Jesus we hear the Voice of God, then this new reality changes everything so we, too, must change.

In the beginning

1 Before time itself was measured, the Voice was speaking.

The Voice was and is God.

2 This *celestial* Word remained ever present with the Creator;

3 His speech shaped the entire cosmos.

Immersed in the practice of creating,

all things that exist were birthed in Him.

John 3:33-36 International Standard Version (ISV)

33 The person who has accepted his testimony has acknowledged that God is truthful.^[a] **34** The one whom God sent speaks the words of God, because God^[b] does not give the Spirit in limited measure to him.^[c] **35** The Father loves the Son and has put everything in his hands. **36** The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who disobeys the Son will not see life. Instead, the wrath of God remains on him.

Ephesians 1:21-23 The Passion Translation (TPT)

21 And now he [Jesus] is exalted as first above every ruler, authority, government, and realm of power in existence! He is gloriously enthroned over every name that is ever praised,^[a] not only in this age,^[b] but in the age that is coming!^[c]

22 And he alone is the leader and source of everything needed in the church. God has put everything beneath the authority of Jesus Christ^[d] *and has given him the highest rank above all others.* **23** And now we, his church, are his body on the earth and that which fills him who is being filled by it!^[e]

Footnotes:

- a. [Ephesians 1:21](#) As translated from the Aramaic.

- b. [Ephesians 1:21](#) The Aramaic word can be translated “universe.”
- c. [Ephesians 1:21](#) As translated from the Aramaic.
- d. [Ephesians 1:22](#) Both Greek and Aramaic texts use the figure of speech “under his feet,” which means he has conquered, subdued, and now rules over them.
- e. [Ephesians 1:23](#) That is, as we are those who are filled (completed) by Christ, we also complete (fill) him. What a wonderful and humbling mystery is revealed by this verse.

Ephesians 2:1-10 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

2 And you [He made alive], when you were dead (slain) by [your] trespasses and sins

² In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course *and* fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].

³ Among these we as well as you once lived *and* conducted ourselves in the passions of our flesh [our behavior governed by our corrupt and sensual nature], obeying the impulses of the flesh and the thoughts of the mind [our cravings dictated by our senses and our dark imaginings]. We were then by nature children of [God’s] wrath *and* heirs of [His] indignation, like the rest of mankind.

⁴ But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of *and* in order to satisfy the great *and* wonderful *and* intense love with which He loved us,

⁵ Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings *and* trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship *and* in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (^[a]delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ’s salvation).

⁶ And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us ^[b]joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

⁷ He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness *and* goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (^[c]delivered from judgment *and* made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God;

⁹ Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.]

¹⁰ For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), ^[d]recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

Footnotes:

- a. [Ephesians 2:5](#) Joseph Thayer, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*.
- b. [Ephesians 2:6](#) H.A.W. Meyer, *Commentary on the New Testament*.
- c. [Ephesians 2:8](#) Joseph Thayer, *A Greek-English Lexicon*.
- d. [Ephesians 2:10](#) Arthur S. Way, *Way's Epistles: The Letters of St. Paul to Seven Churches and Three Friends*.

Ephesians 1:18-20 The Passion Translation (TPT)

¹⁸ I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, ^[a] flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of his calling^[b]—that is, the wealth of God's glorious inheritances that he finds in us, his holy ones!

¹⁹ I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! This is the mighty power ²⁰ that was released when God raised Christ from the dead and exalted him^[c] to the place of highest honor and supreme authority^[d] in the heavenly realm!

Footnotes:

- a. [Ephesians 1:18](#) Or “innermost” (heart).
- b. [Ephesians 1:18](#) Or “to which he is calling you.”
- c. [Ephesians 1:20](#) Or “he seated him” (enthroned).
- d. [Ephesians 1:20](#) Or “at his right hand,” a metaphor for the place of honor and authority.

Ephesians 3:20-21 The Voice (VOICE)

This is a doxology of praise to the One with power that is beyond understanding.

²⁰ Now to the God who can do so many *awe-inspiring things, immeasurable things*, things greater than we ever could ask or imagine through the power at work in us, ²¹ to Him be all glory in the church and in Jesus the Anointed from this generation to the next, forever and ever. Amen.

Acquaintance: Agility

Micah 4 The Message (MSG)

The Making of God’s People

4 ¹⁻⁴ But when all is said and done,
God’s Temple on the mountain,
Firmly fixed, will dominate all mountains,
towering above surrounding hills.
People will stream to it
and many nations set out for it,
Saying, “Come, let’s climb GOD’s mountain.
Let’s go to the Temple of Jacob’s God.
He will teach us how to live.
We’ll know how to live God’s way.”
True teaching will issue from Zion,
God’s revelation from Jerusalem.
He’ll establish justice in the rabble of nations
and settle disputes in faraway places.
They’ll trade in their swords for shovels,
their spears for rakes and hoes.
Nations will quit fighting each other,

quit learning how to kill one another.
Each man will sit under his own shade tree,
each woman in safety will tend her own garden.
GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies says so,
and he means what he says.

⁵ Meanwhile, all the other people live however they wish,
picking and choosing their gods.
But we live honoring GOD,
and we're loyal to our God forever and ever.

⁶⁻⁷ "On that great day," GOD says,
"I will round up all the hurt and homeless,
everyone I have bruised or banished.
I will transform the battered into a company of the elite.
I will make a strong nation out of the long lost,
A showcase exhibit of GOD's rule in action,
as I rule from Mount Zion, from here to eternity.

⁸ "And you stragglers around Jerusalem,
eking out a living in shantytowns:
The glory that once was will be again.
Jerusalem's daughter will be the kingdom center."

⁹⁻¹⁰ So why the doomsday hysterics?
You still have a king, don't you?
But maybe he's not doing his job
and you're panicked like a woman in labor.
Well, go ahead—twist and scream, Daughter Jerusalem.
You *are* like a woman in childbirth.
You'll soon be out of the city, on your way
and camping in the open country.
And then you'll arrive in Babylon.
What you lost in Jerusalem will be found in Babylon.
GOD will give you new life again.
He'll redeem you from your enemies.

11-12 But for right now, they're ganged up against you,
many godless peoples, saying,
"Kick her when she's down! Violate her!
We want to see Zion grovel in the dirt."
These blasphemers have no idea
what GOD is thinking and doing in this.
They don't know that this is the making of GOD's people,
that they are wheat being threshed, gold being refined.

13 On your feet, Daughter of Zion! Be threshed of chaff,
be refined of dross.
I'm remaking you into a people invincible,
into God's juggernaut to crush the godless peoples.
You'll bring their plunder as holy offerings to GOD,
their wealth to the Master of the earth.

Remain Resistless in Battle, Routing Alien Hosts

Ephesians 4:27 King James Version (KJV)

27 Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:27 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

27 Leave no [such] room *or* foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him].

James 4:1-8 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

Give Yourselves to God

4 Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that make war inside you. **2** You want things, but you don't get them. So you kill and are jealous of others. But you still cannot get what you want. So you argue and fight. You don't get what you want because you don't ask God. **3** Or when you ask, you don't receive anything, because the reason you ask is wrong. You only want to use it for your own pleasure.

⁴ You people are not faithful to God! You should know that loving what the world has is the same as hating God. So anyone who wants to be friends with this evil world becomes God's enemy. ⁵ Do you think the Scriptures mean nothing? The Scriptures say, "The Spirit God made to live in us wants us only for himself."^[a] ⁶ But the kindness God shows is greater. As the Scripture says, "God is against the proud, but he is kind to the humble."^[b]

⁷ So give yourselves to God. Stand against the devil, and he will run away from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. You are sinners, so clean sin out of your lives.^[c] You are trying to follow God and the world at the same time. Make your thinking pure.

Footnotes:

- a. [James 4:5](#) "*The Spirit ... himself*" Other possible translations: "God strongly desires the spirit that he made to live in us." Or "The spirit that he made to live in us is full of envious desires." See Ex. 20:5.
- b. [James 4:6](#) Quote from [Prov. 3:34](#).
- c. [James 4:8](#) *so clean sin out of your lives* Literally, "so wash your hands."

Ephesians 6:10-13 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

Wear the Full Armor of God

¹⁰ To end my letter I tell you, be strong in the Lord and in his great power. ¹¹ Wear the full armor of God. Wear God's armor so that you can fight against the devil's clever tricks. ¹² Our fight is not against people on earth. We are fighting against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world's darkness. We are fighting against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ That is why you need to get God's full armor. Then on the day of evil, you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will still be standing.

Create space

Isaiah 54:1-6 The Message (MSG)

Spread Out! Think Big!

54 ¹⁻⁶ "Sing, barren woman, who has never had a baby.

Fill the air with song, you who've never experienced childbirth!

You're ending up with far more children
than all those childbearing women." GOD says so!
"Clear lots of ground for your tents!
Make your tents large. Spread out! Think big!
Use plenty of rope,
drive the tent pegs deep.
You're going to need lots of elbow room
for your growing family.
You're going to take over whole nations;
you're going to resettle abandoned cities.
Don't be afraid—you're not going to be embarrassed.
Don't hold back—you're not going to come up short.
You'll forget all about the humiliations of your youth,
and the indignities of being a widow will fade from memory.
For your Maker is your bridegroom,
his name, GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies!
Your Redeemer is The Holy of Israel,
known as God of the whole earth.
You were like an abandoned wife, devastated with grief,
and GOD welcomed you back,
Like a woman married young
and then left," says your God.

Jesus' Ministry 1: Adaptability

Matthew 9 King James Version (KJV)

9 And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed:
and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good
cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man
blasphemeth.

4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your
hearts?

⁵ For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

⁶ But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

⁷ And he arose, and departed to his house.

⁸ But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

⁹ And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

¹⁰ And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

¹² But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

¹³ But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

¹⁴ Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?

¹⁵ And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.

¹⁶ No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.

¹⁷ Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

³³ And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

³⁴ But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

³⁵ And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

³⁶ But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

³⁷ Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

³⁸ Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Faith in Action: Accessibility

Luke 5:1-16 King James Version (KJV)

5 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

² And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

³ And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

⁴ Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

⁵ And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

⁶ And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

⁷ And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

⁹ For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

¹⁰ And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

¹¹ And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

¹² And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

¹³ And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

¹⁴ And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

¹⁵ But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

¹⁶ And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

John 2:1-11 King James Version (KJV)

2 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

² And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

³ And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

⁴ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

⁵ His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

⁶ And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

⁷ Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸ And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

⁹ When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

¹⁰ And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

¹¹ This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Romans 11:33-36 The Voice (VOICE)

Paul says that God's mysterious plan for the ages is being revealed as the number of outsiders swells in the churches and as a part of Israel is hardened, at least for a time. But let's not forget that hardening is not God's unilateral action. Whatever hardening takes place happens first on our side before God reluctantly agrees. That part of Israel now hardened has already rejected God's Anointed. Yet when the full complement of non-Jewish outsiders enters God's kingdom, "all Israel will be saved." But clearly "all Israel" can't mean every last Jew, because Paul has already shown that not every son or daughter of Abraham is an heir to the promise.

³³ *We cannot wrap our minds around* God's wisdom and knowledge! Its depths can never be measured! We cannot understand His judgments or explain the mysterious ways that He works! For,

³⁴ Who can fathom the mind of the Lord?
Or who can claim to be His advisor?^[a]

³⁵ Or,

Who can give to God in advance
so that God must pay him back?^[b]

³⁶ For all that exists originates in Him, comes through Him, and is moving toward Him; so give Him the glory forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 2:15-16 The Message (MSG)

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ The unspiritual self, just as it is by nature, can't receive the gifts of God's Spirit. There's no capacity for them. They seem like so much silliness. Spirit can be known only by spirit—God's Spirit and our spirits in open communion. Spiritually alive, we have access to everything God's Spirit is doing, and can't be judged by unspiritual critics. Isaiah's question, "Is there anyone around who knows God's Spirit, anyone who knows what he is doing?" has been answered: Christ knows, and we have Christ's Spirit.

2 Corinthians 4:3-5 King James Version (KJV)

³ But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

⁴ In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

⁵ For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

Accountability:

Luke 19:12-27 The Passion Translation (TPT)

¹² So he told them this story to change their perspective:

“Once there was a wealthy prince who left his province to travel to a distant land, where he would be crowned king and then return. ¹³ Before he departed he summoned his ten servants together and said, ‘I am entrusting each of you with fifty thousand dollars^[a] to trade with while I am away. Invest it and put the money to work until I return.’

¹⁴ “Some of his countrymen despised the prince and sent a delegation after him to declare before the royals, ‘We refuse to let this man rule over us! He will not be our king!’

¹⁵ “Nevertheless, he was crowned king and returned to his land. Then he summoned his ten servants to see how much each one had earned and what their profits came to.

¹⁶ “The first one came forward and said, ‘Master, I took what you gave me and invested it, and it multiplied ten times.’

¹⁷ “‘Splendid! You have done well, my excellent servant. Because you have shown that you can be trusted in this small matter, I now grant you authority to rule over ten fortress cities.’

¹⁸ “The second came and said, ‘Master, what you left with me has multiplied five times.’

¹⁹ “His master said, ‘I also grant you authority in my kingdom over five fortress cities.’

²⁰ “Another came before the king and said, ‘Master, here is the money you entrusted to me. I hid it for safekeeping. ²¹ You see, I live in fear of you, for everyone knows you are a strict master and impossible to please. You push us for a high return on all that you own, and you always want to gain from someone else’s efforts.’^[b]

²² “The king said, ‘You wicked servant! I will judge you using your own words. If what you said about me is true, that I am a harsh man, pushing you for a high return and wanting gain from others’ efforts, ²³ why didn’t you at least put my money in the bank^[c] to earn some interest on what I entrusted to you?’

²⁴ “The king said to his other servants, ‘Take the money he has and give it to the faithful servant who multiplied my money ten times over.’

²⁵ “‘But master,’ the other servants objected, ‘why give it to him? He already has so much!’

²⁶ “‘Yes,’ replied the king. ‘But to all who have been faithful, even more will be given them. And for the ones who have nothing, even the little they seem to have will be taken from them. ²⁷ Now, bring all those rebellious enemies of mine who rejected me as their king—bring them here before me and execute them!’”

Footnotes:

- a. [Luke 19:13](#) Literally “ten minas.”
- b. [Luke 19:21](#) The text is literally “You pick up what you didn’t lay down and reap where you didn’t sow.” This statement is obviously not true. The opposite can be found in how the master shared his kingdom with the other more faithful servants. Today, many likewise have a misconception of the true heart of our Master. Our Master makes servants into rulers.
- c. [Luke 19:23](#) The text is literally “upon a table,” a metaphor for where banking transactions took place.