

Common Humanity

Genesis 5, 1-2

¹ This is the record of Adam's line. When god created man, He made him in the likeness of God; ² male and female He created them. And when they were created, He blessed them and He called them Man.

Jeremiah 29, 4-7

⁴ Thus said the LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel, to the whole community which I exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them, plant gardens and eat their fruit. ⁶ Take wives and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters. Multiply there, do not decrease. ⁷ And seek the welfare of the city to which I have exiled you and pray to the Lord for its behalf; for in its prosperity you shall prosper. *[END]*



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Matthew 5, 38-45

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴² Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. ⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

Luke 14, 12-24

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." ¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" ¹⁶ Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷ At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now.' ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' ¹⁹ Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' ²⁰ Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. ²² And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' ²³ Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.' " *[END]*

Notes

^a Greek "he".

^b The Greek word for "you" here is plural.



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Q 49 (The Private Rooms), 13

¹³ People, We created you all from single man and a single woman, and made you into races and tribes so that you should recognize one another. In God's eyes, the most honoured of you are the ones most mindful of Him: God is all knowing, all aware.

Q 90 (The City), 1-18

¹ I swear by this city ^a - ² and you [Prophet] are an inhabitant ^b of this city- ³ [I swear] by parent and offspring, ⁴ that We have created man for toil and trial. ⁵ Does he think that no-one will have power over him? ⁶ 'I have squandered great wealth.' he says. ⁷ Does he think no-one observes him? ⁸ Did We not give him eyes, ⁹ a tongue, lips, ¹⁰ and point out to him the two clear ways [of good and evil]? ¹¹ Yet he has not attempted the steep path. ¹² What will explain to you what the steep path is? ¹³ It is free to a slave, ¹⁴ to feed at a time of hunger ¹⁵ an orphaned relative ¹⁶ or a poor person in distress, ¹⁷ and to be one of those who believe and urge one another to steadfastness and compassion. ¹⁸ Those who do this will be on the right-hand side ¹⁹ but those who disbelieve in our revelations will be on the left-hand side, ²⁰ and the Fire will close in on them. *[END]*

Notes

^a Mecca

^b "Hillun bi" can mean 'fair game' for the disbelievers, even in this inviolable city, 'resident', 'free to live'; some see that it means the Prophet is a temporary resident, others that it prophesies his return after emigration to Medina.

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