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~ 1 ~

Thus seeing multitudes, the Master went  
Up on a mount, and sat, for he was sought,  
Disciples came to him. He slightly bent,  
And moved his mouth, and saying thus he taught:  
Most blessed are the poor in spirit for  
The kingdom that is heaven shall be theirs.  
Most blessed are the ones who mourn, in store  
For them, they shall be comforted. The heirs  
Of earth shall be most blessed, they're the meek.  
Most blessed are the ones who hunger, thirst  
For righteousness, they shall be filled who seek.  
Most blessed are the merciful for first  
They shall obtain God's mercy. And the pure  
In heart, most blessed, shall see God for sure.

~ 2 ~

Most blessed are the makers of the peace  
For they shall be God's Children as they're called;  
Most blessed are the ones oppressed who ease  
The path of righteousness, truth to unfold,  
For theirs is heaven's kingdom. And you all  
Are thus most blessed when the rest of men  
Shall but revile you, falsely you they call,  
And say all manner of what's evil then  
To you, and persecute you for my sake,  
Rejoice and far be more than glad, for great  
Is your divine reward the heavens make;  
For so have they pursued such sorry state,  
To persecute the ones who prophesied  
The light of wisdom people would abide.

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~ 3 ~

You are the salt of earth, but if the salt  
Has lost its savor, then by what shall it  
Be salted with? Its use must come to halt,  
It's good for nothing, all and every bit;  
Except to be cast out or thrown away,  
Left to be trodden under foot of men.  
You are the light of all the world, the ray  
That shines. A city on a hill is then  
Not out of sight. And neither do we lit  
A candle just to put it underneath  
A bushel, but on high a candlestick  
So it shall give its light by length and width  
To all those in the house. So let your light  
Shine in good works that glorify God's might.

~ 4 ~

It has been said and, you have heard the view  
That you shall love your neighbor and despise  
Your enemy. But I now say to you:  
Do love your enemies, to more than thrice,  
And bless all those that curse you; and in lieu  
Of hate, do good, and pray for them who use  
And aggravate, harass or slander you;  
Or bully, badger, blame you for excuse.  
For you'll be dearest Children of the One  
Eternal Parent raising you; galore  
Its awesome power shines the glorious Sun  
On both the good and evil; ever more  
On both the just and the unjust, there, sends  
The rain; pure love for all in sweetness blends.

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~ 5 ~

For if you love the ones who love you too,  
Then what reward have you? Do not the mass  
Of people do the same? And if you do  
Salute your kin, when meeting them, to pass,  
Is this much more than others do? They preach,  
Don't many do this too? So therefore be  
As perfect as the God in you, to reach  
Divine perfection that shall set you free.  
Avoid the show contributing before  
The public so they'll see and recognize  
Your deed; for otherwise there is no more  
Reward from your own Parent-God the wise.

Thus give your alms without pretensions held;  
All hype, that spin, those plugs, are justly quelled.

~ 6 ~

This means in rendering service, charity,  
Do not web jingle blaring ads ahead,  
Push picture pages of publicity  
For shaping praises which of you be said;  
The hypocrites in synods, synagogues,  
Mosques, temples, churches, missions, factions, groups,  
Committees, boards, all grind such catalogs  
To glorify themselves like marching troops.  
Thus, verily I say to you, they fake  
Their own reward. But when you give your aid,  
Let not your left hand know or even make  
A way to find how your right hand has laid  
Its gift: you give true service secretly,  
Your Parent-God rewards you openly.

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