

## Day 8

### Reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

(42: 1-4) Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

### Reading from the epistle of the holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians.

(2: 5-11) Brethren: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

(6: 1-8) The Lord said, Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

هُودًا عَبْدِي الَّذِي أَعْضَدُهُ مُحْتَارِي الَّذِي سُرْتُ بِهِ نَفْسِي. وَضَعْتُ رُوحِي عَلَيْهِ فَيُخْرِجُ الْحَقَّ لِلْأُمَّمِ. ٢ لَا يَصِيحُ وَلَا يَرْفَعُ وَلَا يُسْمِعُ فِي السَّارِعِ صَوْتَهُ. ٣ قَصَبَةٌ مَرْضُوضَةٌ لَا يَقْصِفُ وَفَيْبَلَةٌ خَامِدَةٌ لَا يُطْفِئُ. إِلَى الْأَمَانِ يُخْرِجُ الْحَقَّ. ٤ لَا يَكِلُ وَلَا يَنْكَسِرُ حَتَّى يَضَعَ الْحَقَّ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَنْتَظِرُ الْجَزَائِرُ شَرِيعَتَهُ.

في (٢: ٥-١١)

### الْمَسِيحُ نَمُودَجُ التَّوَاضِعِ وَإِنْكَارُ الذَّاتِ

٥ يا إخوة، لِيَكُنْ فِيكُمْ الْفِكْرُ الَّذِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا. ٦ الَّذِي إِذْ هُوَ فِي صُورَةِ اللَّهِ لَمْ يَعْتَبِرْ مُسَاوَاتَهُ لِلَّهِ اخْتِلَاسًا. ٧ الْكَيْفَةَ أَحَلَّى ذَاتَهُ أَخَذًا صُورَةَ عَبْدٍ صَاحِرًا فِي شِبْهِ الْبَشَرِ، ٨ وَمَوْجُودًا كَبَشَرٍ فِي الْهَيْئَةِ فَوَضَعَ نَفْسَهُ وَصَارَ يُطِيعُ حَتَّى الْمَوْتِ مَوْتِ الصَّلِيبِ. ٩ فَلِذَلِكَ رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ وَوَهَبَهُ اسْمًا يَفُوقُ كُلَّ اسْمٍ. ١٠ الْكَيْفِي تَجْتَوُّ بِاسْمِ يَسُوعَ كُلُّ رُكْبَةٍ مِمَّا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ وَمَا تَحْتَ الْأَرْضِ. ١١ وَاعْتَرَفَ كُلُّ لِسَانٍ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ رَبًّا لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ الْآبِ.

مت (٦: ٨-٨)

### الصَّدَقَةُ وَالصَّلَاةُ

قال الربُّ: احْتَرِزُوا أَلَّا تَصْنَعُوا صَدَقَاتِكُمْ قُدَّامَ النَّاسِ لِكَيْ يَنْظُرُوا إِلَيْكُمْ، وَإِلَّا فَلَيْسَ لَكُمْ أَجْرٌ عِنْدَ أَبِيكُمْ الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. ٢ فَإِذَا صَنَعْتَ صَدَقَةً، فَلَا تَهْتَفْ قُدَّامَكَ بِالْبُوقِ، كَمَا يَفْعَلُ الْمَرَاؤُونَ فِي الْمَجَامِعِ وَفِي الْأَرْقَةِ، لِكَيْ يَمَجِّدَهُمُ النَّاسُ، الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّهُمْ قَدْ أَخَذُوا أَجْرَهُمْ. ٣ أَمَّا أَنْتَ، فَإِذَا صَنَعْتَ صَدَقَةً، فَلَا تَعْلَمْ شِمَالَكَ مَا تَصْنَعُ يَمِينَكَ، ٤ لِتَكُونَ صَدَقَتُكَ فِي الْخُفْيَةِ، وَأَبُوكَ الَّذِي يَرَى فِي الْخُفْيَةِ يُجَازِيكَ عَلَانِيَةً. ٥ وَوَمَتَّى صَلَّيْتَ، فَلَا تَكُنْ كَالْمُرَائِينَ، فَإِنَّهُمْ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ يُصَلُّوا قَائِمِينَ فِي الْمَجَامِعِ وَفِي زَوَايَا الشُّوَارِعِ، لِيُظْهِرُوا لِلنَّاسِ، الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّهُمْ قَدْ أَخَذُوا أَجْرَهُمْ. ٦ أَمَّا أَنْتَ، فَإِذَا صَلَّيْتَ، فَادْخُلْ مُخَدَّعَكَ، وَأَعْلِقْ بَابَكَ وَصَلِّ إِلَى أَبِيكَ الَّذِي فِي الْخُفْيَةِ، وَأَبُوكَ الَّذِي يَرَى فِي الْخُفْيَةِ يُجَازِيكَ عَلَانِيَةً. ٧ وَوَمَتَّى صَلَّيْتُمْ فَلَا تُكْثِرُوا الْكَلَامَ مِثْلَ الْوَتَنِيِّينَ، فَإِنَّهُمْ يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُ بِكَثْرَةِ كَلَامِهِمْ يُسْتَجَابُ لَهُمْ. ٨ فَلَا تَتَشَبَّهُوا بِهِمْ، لِأَنَّ آبَاءَكُمْ عَالِمٌ بِمَا تَحْتَاجُونَ إِلَيْهِ قَبْلَ أَنْ تَسْأَلُوهُ.