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(32) And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come.

(33) Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by *his* fruit.

(34) O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

(35) A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

(36) But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

(37) For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

(38) Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

(39) But he answered and said unto them, **An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:**

(40) For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

(32) And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him: but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in the *world* to come.

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(41) The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

(42) The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

(43) When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

(44) Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept, and garnished.

(45) Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

(46) While he yet talked to the people, behold, *his* mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him.

(47) Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

(48) But he answered and said unto him that told him, **Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?**

(49) And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, **Behold my mother and my brethren!**

(50) For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

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(46) While He yet talked to the people, *His* mother and His brothers stood outside, desiring to speak with Him.

(47) Then one said to Him, Look, Your mother and Your brothers stand outside, desiring to speak with You.

(48) But He answered and said to the one who told Him, **Who is My mother? and who are My brothers?**

(49) And He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said, **See My mother and My brothers!**

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12:41h - Jonah 3:5

12:42i - I Ki. 10:1

12:43j - dry places - see 8:32 - demons do not like dry places