

## Didache texts 2

**Deuteronomy 30** <sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good (אֶת-הַחַיִּים וְאֶת-הַטּוֹב) (אֶת-הַמּוֹת וְאֶת-הָרָע), death and evil (אֶת-הַמּוֹת וְאֶת-הָרָע), <sup>16</sup> in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your seed may live; <sup>20</sup> that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

**Psalm 1**<sup>4</sup> For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**Matthew 7** <sup>13</sup> "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because<sup>[a]</sup> narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

**Didache 5** And the way of death is this: First of all it is **evil** and full of curse; murders, adulteries, **lusts**, fornications, thefts, idolatries, magic arts, witchcrafts, robberies, false-witness, hypocrisies, double-heartedness, deceit, haughtiness, depravity, self-will, greediness, filthy talking, jealousy, over-confidence, loftiness, boastfulness; persecutors of the good, hating **truth**, loving a **lie**, not **knowing** a reward for righteousness, not cleaving to good nor to righteous judgment, watching not for that which is **good**, but for that which is **evil**; from whom meekness and endurance are far, loving vanities, pursuing requital, not pitying a **poor** man, not laboring for the afflicted, not **knowing** Him that made them, murderers of children, destroyers of the handiwork of **God**, turning away from him that is in want, afflicting him that is distressed, advocates of the rich, lawless judges of the **poor**, utter sinners. Be delivered, children, from all these.

**Didache 2** And the second commandment of the Teaching; You shall not commit **murder**, you shall not commit **adultery**, you shall not commit pederasty, you shall not commit fornication, you shall not **steal**, you shall not practice **magic**, you shall not practice **witchcraft**, you shall not **murder** a child by **abortion** nor kill that which is begotten. You shall not **covet** the things of your neighbor, you shall not forswear yourself, you shall not bear false **witness**, you shall not speak **evil**, you shall bear no grudge. You shall not be double-minded nor double-tongued; for to be double-tongued is a snare of death. Your speech shall not be false, nor empty, but fulfilled by deed. You shall not be **covetous**, nor rapacious, nor a hypocrite, nor **evil** disposed, nor **haughty**. You shall not take **evil** counsel against your neighbor. You shall not **hate** any man; but some you shall reprove, and concerning some you shall **pray**, and some you shall **love** more than your own life.