

keeping with repentance!"

In Matthew 11:21 Jesus said: "Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." And in Matthew 12:41 He said: "The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here."

In Luke 15:7, Jesus, applying the parable of the lost sheep, states: "I tell you that in the same way there will more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

In Luke 16:27-31, in the account of the rich man and Lazarus, we find the rich man saying to Abraham, "I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets: let them listen to them." "No, father Abraham," he said, "but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

In Luke 17:3-4, Jesus tells His disciples: "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

In Luke 24:46-47, Jesus, appearing to His disciples after His resurrection, told them: "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

In Acts 2:38, on the great day of Pentecost, Peter proclaimed: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

In Acts 11:18 is recorded the reaction of the believers at Jerusalem to Peter's account of what had happened at the house of Cornelius. We read: "When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life.'"

In Acts 17:30, Paul, speaking about the Athenians' idolatry, said: "In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent."