

# Discipleship 1

The Basis of Discipleship

יָסַר (*yāsar*), “to instruct”:

**Isaiah 28:26 (KJV)** — 26 For his God doth *instruct* (*yāsar*)  
him to discretion, and doth teach him.

לָמַד (*lāmad*) “to teach”

**Deuteronomy 4:14 (KJV)** — 14 And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach (*lāmad*) you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

In the NT, the Greek word μαθητής (*mathētēs*, “disciple”) and other words related to μανθάνω (*manthanō*, “to learn”) express the idea of discipleship more narrowly. The root meaning of *manthanō* is “to learn,” which again ties discipleship to the concept of learning and instruction. (*Factbook*, Logos Bible Software, reference: discipleship)

**Mark 9:31 (KJV)** — 31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

**Matthew 16:13–16 (KJV)** — 13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

To dispute the supremacy of the Son of God, thus impeaching the wisdom and love of the Creator, had become the purpose of this prince of angels. To this object he was about to bend the energies of that master mind, which, next to Christ's, was first among the hosts of God. (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 36.1)

In all the counsels of God, Christ was a participant, while Lucifer was not permitted thus to enter into the divine purposes. “Why,” questioned this mighty angel, “should Christ have the supremacy? Why is He thus honored above Lucifer?” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 495.1)



Lucifer was envious of Christ, and gradually assumed command which devolved on Christ alone.

*(The Story of Redemption, p. 13.1)*

Lucifer and his sympathizers . . . rebelled against the authority of the Son. (*The Story of Redemption*, p. 15.1)

Angels that were loyal and true sought to reconcile this mighty, rebellious angel to the will of his Creator. They justified the act of God in conferring honor upon Christ, and with forcible reasoning sought to convince Lucifer that no less honor was his now than before the Father had proclaimed the honor which He had conferred upon His Son. They clearly set forth that Christ was the Son of God, existing with Him before the angels were created; and that He had ever stood at the right hand of God, and His mild, loving authority had not heretofore been questioned; . . .

*(The Story of Redemption, p. 15.2)*

**Isaiah 14:14 (KJV)** — 14 I will ascend above the heights of  
the clouds; I will be like the most High.

**1 Corinthians 8:6 (KJV) — 6** But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

**Philippians 2:11 (KJV)** — 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Revelation 19:16 (KJV) — 16** And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

**Luke 6:46 (KJV) — 46** And why call ye me, Lord,  
Lord, and do not the things which I say?



**Matthew 8:8–10 (KJV)** — 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

**Luke 7:8 (KJV)** — 8 For I also (καί) am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

**1 Corinthians 11:3 (KJV)** — 3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

**Matthew 28:19, 20 (KJV)** — 19 Go ye therefore, and teach (μαθητεύω *mathēteuō*) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

# **The Cost of Discipleship**

**Luke 14:25–27 (KJV)** — 25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.



The heaviest end of the cross lies  
ever on his shoulders. If he bids us  
carry a burden, he carries it also.  
(Charles Spurgeon)

**Matthew 16:24–26 (KJV)** — 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?



**Luke 14:28–30 (KJV)** — 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? 29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, 30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.



# British Army at Dunkirk



“I have nothing to offer but  
blood, toil, tears, and sweat.”

Winston Churchill



**Luke 14:31, 32 (KJV)** — 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

**Luke 14:33 (KJV)** — 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

