



GREATER TO LESSER ARGUMENT

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Bible Interpretation
Series

TEXT: 2 Kings 5:13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, **if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing**, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, **Wash, and be clean?**

A fortiori: Arguing from
the lesser to the greater;
or from the greater to the
lesser.

**"A fortiori means from one strength to another...Thus: If a man is very particular about little things, how much more about great things!..Or thus: If a man will risk his life for another, how much more will he put himself to some momentary inconvenience to oblige or assist those he loves!"
(Joseph Parker, 1895)**

Matthew 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe **the grass** of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not **much more** clothe **you**, O ye of little faith?

Matthew 7:11 If **ye** then, **being evil**,
know how to give good gifts unto
your children, **how much more**
shall your **Father which is in**
heaven give good things to them
that ask him?

John 13:15 For I have given you an **example, that ye should do as I have done to you.**

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord...

Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Job 4:18 Behold, he put no trust **in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:**

19 How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth?

Job 25:5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.

6 How much less man, that is a worm?...

Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. **Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?**

**Proverbs 21:1 The king's
heart is in the hand of the
Lord, as the rivers of water:
he turneth it whithersoever
he will.**

1 Kings 8:27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

1 Corinthians 6:1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?

2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

Matthew 10:24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called **the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call **them of his household?****

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners**, Christ died for us.

9 **Much more then, being now justified** by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, **when we were enemies**, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, **much more, being reconciled**, we shall be saved by his life.

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If **God** be for us, **who** can be against us?

32 He that **spared not his own Son**, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also **freely give us all things?**

**Luke 23:31 For if they
do these things in a
green tree, what shall
be done in the dry?**

Deuteronomy 31:27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet **alive with you** this day, ye have been rebellious against the Lord; and how much more after my **death?**

**Zechariah 11:2 Howl,
fir tree; for the cedar
is fallen...**

Romans 11:21 For if God spared not the **natural branches**, take heed lest he also spare not **thee**.

2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not **the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;**