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Everlasting Punishment

GOLDEN TEXT

Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

RESPONSIVE READING

Romans 14:10–13 *why*; 12:10, 17–19 (to :), 20 (to :), 21

10 . . . why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 **For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.**

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 **Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.**

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

17 **Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.**

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 **Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath:**

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink:

21 **Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.**

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **Isaiah 54:8 *with*, 10**

8 with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.

10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

2 | **Habakkuk 1:12 (to ?), 13 (to :)**

12 Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One?

13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity:

3 | **Psalms 103:6, 10–12**

6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

4 | **I John 3:1 (to :), 9**

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

5 | **I John 4:16**

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

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by Mary Baker Eddy

1 | **2:23 (only, to .)**

God is Love.

2 | **465:14**

The attributes of God are justice, mercy, wisdom, goodness, and so on.

3 | **539:10–13**

God could never impart an element of evil, and man possesses nothing which he has not derived from God. How then has man a basis for wrong-doing?

Only one standard

4 | **356:25–5 2nd Does**

Does divine Love commit a fraud on humanity by making man inclined to sin, and then punishing him for it? Would any one call it wise and good to create the primitive, and then punish its derivative?

Does subsequent follow its antecedent? It does. Was there original self-creative sin? Then there must have been more than one creator, more than one God. In common justice, we must admit that God will not punish man for doing what He created man capable of doing, and knew from the outset that man would do. God is "of purer eyes than to behold evil."

Two infinite creators absurd

5 | **475:28–1 The (to 2nd .)**

The real man cannot depart from holiness, nor can God, by whom man is evolved, engender the capacity or freedom to sin. A mortal sinner is not God's man. Mortals are the counterfeits of immortals.

Man unfallen

6 | **315:16**

The likeness of God we lose sight of through sin, which beclouds the spiritual sense of Truth; and we realize this likeness only when we subdue sin and prove man's heritage, the liberty of the sons of God.

SECTION 2

The Bible

6 | **Zechariah 7:9**

9 Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

7 | **Jeremiah 17:10**

10 I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

8 | **Matthew 4:17 Jesus**

17 Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

9 | **Matthew 5:17, 21, 22 (to 1st :)**

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:

10 | [Matthew 15:11, 19, 20 \(to :\)](#)

11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 These are the things which defile a man:

11 | [Psalms 19:12, 14](#)

12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

*Science and Health*7 | [30:14–25](#)

Rabbi and priest taught the Mosaic law, which said: "An eye for an eye," and "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Not so did Jesus, the new executor for God, present the divine law of Love, which blesses even those that curse it.

As the individual ideal of Truth, Christ Jesus came to rebuke rabbinical error and all sin, sickness, and death, — to point out the way of Truth and Life. This ideal was demonstrated throughout the whole earthly career of Jesus, showing the difference between the offspring of Soul and of material sense, of Truth and of error.

Rebukes
helpful

8 | [405:1 \(only\)](#)

The basic error is mortal mind.

9 | [311:3](#)

What we term mortal mind or carnal mind, dependent on matter for manifestation, is not Mind. God is Mind: all that Mind, God, is, or hath made, is good, and He made all. Hence evil is not made and is not real.

10 | [234:17–18, 25–27](#)

If mortals would keep proper ward over mortal mind, the brood of evils which infest it would be cleared out.

Sin and disease must be thought before they can be manifested. You must control evil thoughts in the first instance, or they will control you in the second.

11 | [339:17](#)

Only those, who repent of sin and forsake the unreal, can fully understand the unreality of evil.

12 | [201:9, 17–18](#)

Passions, selfishness, false appetites, hatred, fear, all sensuality, yield to spirituality, and the superabundance of being is on the side of God, good.

The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour in truth through flood-tides of Love.

SECTION 3

The Bible

12 | [Psalms 94:12, 14](#)

12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law;

14 For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

13 | [Matthew 23:1, 8 one](#)

1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

8 one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

14 | **Matthew 25:31, 34–46**

31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

15 | **Isaiah 55:7**

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

*Science and Health*13 | **241:1 (only)**

“Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth.”

14 | **22:20, 27**

Love is not hasty to deliver us from temptation, for Love means that we shall be tried and purified.

Whosoever believeth that wrath is righteous or that divinity is appeased by human suffering, does not understand God.

15 | **311:12**

It is a sense of sin, and not a sinful soul, which is lost. Evil is destroyed by the sense of good.

16 | **339:1**

The destruction of sin is the Divine
pardon divine method of pardon. Divine Life destroys death, Truth destroys error, and Love destroys hate. Being destroyed, sin needs no other form of forgiveness. Does not God's pardon, destroying any one sin, prophesy and involve the final destruction of all sin?

17 | **196:18**

Sin makes its own hell, and goodness its own heaven.

18 | **537:14–15**

Error excludes itself from harmony. Sin is its own punishment.

19 | **327:12–13 (to 2nd .)**

The way to escape the misery of sin is to cease sinning. There is no other way.

20 | **248:29**

Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.

SECTION 4

The Bible

16 | [Hebrews 4:16](#)

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

17 | [Luke 5:18–25](#)

18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. 19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? 22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? 23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? 24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. 25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

*Science and Health*21 | [210:16](#)

Jesus healed sickness and sin by one and the same metaphysical process.

22 | [251:13–27](#)

Sickness, as well as sin, is an error that Christ, Truth, alone can destroy.

We must learn how mankind govern the body, — whether through faith in hygiene, in drugs, or in will-power. We should learn whether they govern the body through a belief in the necessity of sickness and death, sin and pardon, or govern it from the higher understanding that the divine Mind makes perfect, acts upon the so-called human mind through truth, leads the human mind to relinquish all error, to find the divine Mind to be the only Mind, and the healer of sin, disease, death. This process of higher spiritual understanding improves mankind until error disappears, and nothing is left which deserves to perish or to be punished.

Mortal
mind's
disappearance

23 | [318:16](#)

Is the sick man sinful above all others? No! but so far as he is discordant, he is not the image of God. Weary of their material beliefs, from which comes so much suffering, invalids grow more spiritual, as the error — or belief that life is in matter — yields to the reality of spiritual Life.

Sickness
as discord

24 | [384:3–6, 9](#)

We should relieve our minds from the depressing thought that we have transgressed a material law and must of necessity pay the penalty. Let us reassure ourselves with the law of Love.

Corporeal
penalties

If man seems to incur the penalty through matter, this is but a belief of mortal mind, not an enactment of wisdom, and man has only to enter his protest against this belief in order to annul it. Through this action of thought and its results upon the body, the student will prove to himself, by small beginnings, the grand verities of Christian Science.

SECTION 5

The Bible

18 | [Ezekiel 18:27 when](#)

27 when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

19 | [Philemon 1:1, 2, 4–6, 10, 11, 15, 18, 19 \(to :\), 25 \(to 1st .\)](#)

1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellow-labourer, 2 And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in thy house:

4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers, 5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints; 6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds: 11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;

18 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account; 19 I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it:

25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

20 | [Ephesians 4:28, 30](#)

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

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25 | [35:30 \(only\)](#)

The design of Love is to reform the sinner.

26 | [253:18–19](#)

If you believe in and practise wrong knowingly, you can at once change your course and do right.

27 | [405:5–9, 17](#)

Christian Science commands Mental conspirators
man to master the propensities,
— to hold hatred in abeyance with kindness, to conquer lust with chastity, revenge with charity, and to overcome deceit with honesty.

“Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” The good man finally can overcome his fear of sin. This is sin's necessity, — to destroy itself. Immortal man demonstrates the government of God, good, in which is no power to sin.

28 | [404:12–15](#)

If the evil is over in the repentant mortal mind, while its effects still remain on the individual, you can remove this disorder as God's law is fulfilled and reformation cancels the crime.

29 | [542:19–21](#)

Let Truth uncover and Retribution and remorse
destroy error in God's own way,
and let human justice pattern the divine.

SECTION 6

The Bible

21 | [Proverbs 16:6 \(to :\), 7](#)

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged:

7 When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

22 | **Romans 13:10**

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

*Science and Health*30 | **55:15–21**

Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries, gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning. My weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as himself, — when he shall realize God's omnipotence and the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done and is doing for mankind.

31 | **340:12, 23**

Divine Love is infinite. Therefore all that really exists is in and of God, and manifests His love.

One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;" annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

32 | **58:7**

Unselfish ambition, noble life-motives, and purity, — these constituents of thought, mingling, constitute individually and collectively true happiness, strength, and permanence.

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