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Everlasting Punishment

GOLDEN TEXT

Psalms 142:5 (to :), 7 (to :)

I cried unto thee, O Lord: . . . Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name:

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 103:6, 10–12; 146:7 *The Lord*, 8, 9 *but*; 19:7–13; 119:45

103:6 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.

146:7 . . . The Lord looseth the prisoners:

8 The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:

9 . . . but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

19:7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

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

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

119:45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | [Psalms 79:9, 11 \(to 1st ;\)](#)

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee;

2 | [Psalms 94:14, 18, 19, 22 the \(to ;\)](#)

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

18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O Lord, held me up. 19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

22 the Lord is my defence;

3 | [Psalms 116:16 thou](#)

16 thou hast loosed my bonds.

4 | [Zephaniah 3:14, 15](#)

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. 15 The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

5 | [Job 33:4, 9](#)

4 The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

9 I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me.

6 | [1 John 3:9](#)

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.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1 | [99:2–5](#)

Human philosophy, ethics, and superstition afford no demonstrable divine Principle by which mortals can escape from sin; yet to escape from sin, is what the Bible demands.

Key to the
kingdom

2 | [127:16–19](#)

Christian Science reveals God, not as the author of sin, sickness, and death, but as divine Principle, Supreme Being, Mind, exempt from all evil.

3 | [230:11–16](#)

It would be contrary to our highest ideas of God to suppose Him capable of first arranging law and causation so as to bring about certain evil results, and then punishing the helpless victims of His volition for doing what they could not avoid doing.

God never
inconsistent

Good is not, cannot be, the author of experimental sins.

4 | [231:12](#)

If God makes sin, if good produces evil, if truth results in error, then Science and Christianity are helpless; but there are no antagonistic powers nor laws, spiritual or material, creating and governing man through perpetual warfare. God is not the author of mortal discords. Therefore we accept the conclusion that discords have only a fabulous existence, are mortal beliefs which divine Truth and Love destroy.

5 | [481:2](#)

Man is tributary to God, Spirit, and to nothing else. God's being is infinity, freedom, harmony, and boundless bliss. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Like the archpriests of yore, man is free "to enter into the holiest," — the realm of God.

SECTION 2

The Bible

7 | [Isaiah 56:1](#)

¹ Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

8 | [Romans 6:14 sin \(to :\)](#)

¹⁴ sin shall not have dominion over you:

9 | [Genesis 39:2, 7–9 his, 11, 12, 16, 17, 20 \(to :\), 21](#)

² And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

⁷ his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. ⁸ But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; ⁹ There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

¹¹ And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. ¹² And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

¹⁶ And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home. ¹⁷ And she spake unto him, according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:

²⁰ And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound:

21 But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

10 | [Psalms 105:20](#)

20 The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

11 | [James 1:12](#)

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Science and Health

6 | [189:13](#)

The sins of others should not make good men suffer.

7 | [346:13–16](#)

It is self-evident that we are harmonious only as we cease to manifest evil or the belief that we suffer from the sins of others. Disbelief in error destroys error, and leads to the discernment of Truth.

8 | [231:20–25](#)

To hold yourself superior to sin, because God made you superior to it and governs man, is true wisdom. To fear sin is to misunderstand the power of Love and the divine Science of being in man’s relation to God, — to

Superiority
to sickness
and sin

doubt His government and distrust His omnipotent care.

9 | [542:5–8, 19–22](#)

Though error hides behind a lie and excuses guilt, error cannot forever be concealed. Truth, through her eternal laws, unveils error.

Let Truth uncover and destroy error in God’s own way, and let human justice pattern the divine. Sin will receive its full penalty, both for what it is and for what it does.

Retribution
and remorse

10 | [537:14–15](#)

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

11 | [405:17](#)

“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.

SECTION 3

The Bible

12 | [Romans 6:16](#)

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

13 | Ezekiel 33:11 As (to 2nd);, 15, 16

11 As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways;

15 If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

14 | 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**12 | 225:1 What**

What is it that binds man with iron shackles to sin, sickness, and death? Whatever enslaves man is opposed to the divine government. Truth makes man free.

13 | 339:11

A sinner can receive no encouragement from the fact that Science demonstrates the unreality of evil, for the sinner would make a reality of sin, — would make

that real which is unreal, and thus heap up “wrath against the day of wrath.” He is joining in a conspiracy against himself, — against his own awakening to the awful unreality by which he has been deceived. Only those, who repent of sin and forsake the unreal, can fully understand the unreality of evil.

14 | 11:5

A magistrate sometimes Remission
of penalty remits the penalty, but this may be no moral benefit to the criminal, and at best, it only saves the criminal from one form of punishment. The moral law, which has the right to acquit or condemn, always demands restitution before mortals can “go up higher.” Broken law brings penalty in order to compel this progress.

15 | 40:9–12

Science removes the penalty only by first removing the sin which incurs the penalty. This is my sense of divine pardon, which I understand to mean God’s method of destroying sin.

16 | 240:21, 29

If at present satisfied with Progress
demanded wrong-doing, we must learn to loathe it. If at present content with idleness, we must become dissatisfied with it. Remember that mankind must sooner or later, either by suffering or by

Science, be convinced of the error that is to be overcome.

The divine method of paying sin's wages involves unwinding one's snarls, and learning from experience how to divide between sense and Soul.

17 | [323:6–9](#)

Through the wholesome chastisements of Love, we are helped onward in the march towards righteousness, peace, and purity, which are the landmarks of Science.

A bright
outlook

SECTION 4

The Bible

15 | [Job 37:14 stand, 23 he](#)

¹⁴ stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

²³ he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

16 | [Isaiah 61:1](#)

¹ The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

17 | [Luke 8:40, 43–48](#)

⁴⁰ And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.

⁴³ And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, ⁴⁴ Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. ⁴⁵ And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

⁴⁶ And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. ⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. ⁴⁸ And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

Science and Health

18 | [412:1–4, 13](#)

The great fact that God lovingly governs all, never punishing aught but sin, is your standpoint, from which to advance and destroy the human fear of sickness.

The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy disease, sin, and death.

19 | [316:7](#)

Christ, Truth, was demonstrated through Jesus to prove the power of Spirit over the flesh, — to show that Truth is made manifest by its effects upon the human mind and body, healing sickness and destroying sin.

20 | [391:3–9, 18–19, 24](#)

Blot out the images of mortal thought and its beliefs in sickness and sin. Then, when thou art delivered to the judgment of Truth, Christ, the judge will say, “Thou art whole!”

Instead of blind and calm submission to the incipient or advanced stages of disease, rise in rebellion against them.

When the body is supposed to say, “I am sick,” never plead guilty.

Disease has no intelligence to declare itself something and announce its name. Mortal mind alone sentences itself. Therefore make your own terms with sickness, and be just to yourself and to others.

21 | [381:28](#)

It is man’s moral right to annul an unjust sentence, a sentence never inflicted by divine authority.

22 | [285:27](#)

As mortals reach, through knowledge of Christian Science, a higher sense, they will seek to learn, not from matter, but from the divine Principle, God, how to demonstrate the Christ, Truth, as the healing and saving power.

Salvation
is through
reform

SECTION 5

The Bible

18 | [Galatians 5:13](#) *brethren*

¹³ brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

19 | [Titus 2:11, 12](#)

¹¹ For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
¹² Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

20 | [Ephesians 5:11, 18](#)

¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

21 | Psalms 69:1, 5, 8, 16

1 Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

16 Hear me, O Lord; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

22 | Psalms 16:10, 11

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Science and Health**23 | 407:10–20**

If man is not victorious over the passions, they crush out happiness, health, and manhood. Here Christian Science is the sovereign panacea, giving strength to the weakness of mortal mind, — strength from the immortal and omnipotent Mind, — and lifting humanity above itself into purer desires, even into spiritual power and good-will to man.

Let the slave of wrong desire learn the lessons of Christian Science, and he will get the better of that desire, and ascend

a degree in the scale of health, happiness, and existence.

24 | 67:23

Grace and Truth are potent beyond all other means and methods.

25 | 404:3–9 (to 1st.)

If a man is an inebriate, a slave to tobacco, or the special servant of any one of the myriad forms of sin, meet and destroy these errors with the truth of being, — by exhibiting to the wrong-doer the suffering which his submission to such habits brings, and by convincing him that there is no real pleasure in false appetites.

Appetites to be abandoned

26 | 327:12–13 (to 2nd.), 23–24, 29

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

Moral courage is requisite to meet the wrong and to proclaim the right.

Reason is the most active human faculty. Let that inform the sentiments and awaken the man's dormant sense of moral obligation, and by degrees he will learn the nothingness of the pleasures of human sense and the grandeur and bliss of a spiritual sense, which silences the material or corporeal. Then he not only will be saved, but *is* saved.

27 | [22:6](#)

Waking to Christ's demand, mortals experience suffering. This causes them, even as drowning men, to make vigorous efforts to save themselves; and through Christ's precious love these efforts are crowned with success.

Moral
retrogression28 | [444:10](#)

Step by step will those who trust Him find that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Refuge and
strength

SECTION 6

The Bible

23 | [Romans 8:1, 2](#)

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

24 | [Galatians 5:1, 7](#)

¹ Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and

be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

⁷ Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

25 | [II Thessalonians 2:16, 17](#)

¹⁶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

Science and Health

29 | [103:6–9](#)

The destruction of the claims of mortal mind through Science, by which man can escape from sin and mortality, blesses the whole human family.

Liberation
of mental
powers30 | [227:21–26](#)

Christian Science raises the standard of liberty and cries: "Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sickness, sin, and death!" Jesus marked out the way. Citizens of the world, accept the "glorious liberty of the children of God," and be free! This is your divine right.

Standard
of liberty

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