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Everlasting Punishment

GOLDEN TEXT

Luke 19:10 *the*

... the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

RESPONSIVE READING

John 3:16–18 (to :), **21** *he*; **Romans 6:14, 17** *God*, **22** *now*; **8:1**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned:

21 ... he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Rom. 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

17 ... God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

22 ... now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

The Bible

1 | [Psalms 103:1, 3](#)

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

³ Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

2 | [Isaiah 1:16 cease, 17 \(to ;\)](#)

¹⁶ cease to do evil; ¹⁷ Learn to do well;

3 | [Matthew 4:23](#)

²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

4 | [Luke 5:1, 3–6 \(to :\), 8, 10 And Jesus](#)

¹ And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Genesaret,

³ And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. ⁴ Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. ⁵ And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. ⁶ And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes:

⁸ When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

¹⁰ And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

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

1 | [30:30–32](#)

We cannot choose for ourselves, but must work out our salvation in the way Jesus taught.

2 | [6:3–5, 18–24, 26–27](#)

Divine Love corrects and governs man. Men may pardon, but this divine Principle alone reforms the sinner.

To suppose that God forgives or punishes sin according as His mercy is sought or unsought, is to misunderstand Love and to make prayer the safety-valve for wrong-doing.

Jesus uncovered and rebuked sin before he cast it out.

He came teaching and showing men how to destroy sin, sickness, and death.

3 | [51:19–21](#)

His consummate example was for the salvation of us all, but only through doing the works which he did and taught others to do.

4 | [54:8–10](#)

Who is ready to follow his teaching and example? All must sooner or later plant themselves in Christ, the true idea of God.

The Bible

5 | [Matthew 8:14, 15](#)

14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. 15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

6 | [John 6:2, 28, 29, 37, 38, 40 \(to :\), 64 \(to 1st .\), 66-69](#)

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life:

64 But there are some of you that believe not.

66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

Science and Health

5 | [316:12 \(only\)](#)

Jesus represented Christ, the true idea of God.

6 | [31:12-13, 14-17](#)

First in the list of Christian duties, he taught his followers the healing power of Truth and Love.

It is the living Christ, the practical Truth, which makes Jesus "the resurrection and the life" to all who follow him in deed. Healing
primary

7 | [27:22-25, 28-29](#)

Jesus sent forth seventy students at one time, but only eleven left a desirable historic record. Tradition credits him with two or three hundred other disciples who have left no name. Recreant
disciples

Why do those who profess to follow Christ reject the essential religion he came to establish?

8 | [285:23](#)

By interpreting God as a corporeal Saviour but not as the saving Principle, or divine Love, we shall continue to seek salvation through pardon and not through reform, and resort to matter instead of Spirit for the cure of the sick. 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

9 | [1:6](#)

Prayer, watching, and working, combined with self-immolation, are God's gracious means for accomplishing whatever has been successfully done for the Christianization and health of mankind.

The Bible

7 | [Mark 8:27 \(to :\), 31–34](#)

27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Cæsarea Philippi:

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. 33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men. 34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

8 | [Luke 22:1, 31–34](#)

1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. 33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. 34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

9 | [II Peter 3:17 beware, 18 \(to 1st.\)](#)

17 beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Science and Health

10 | [315:26, 32–3](#)

The history of Jesus shows him to have been more spiritual than all other earthly personalities.

Explaining and demonstrating the way of divine Science, he became the way of salvation to all who accepted his word. From him mortals may learn how to escape from evil.

11 | [7:1–6](#)

The only civil sentence which he had for error was, "Get thee behind me, Satan." Still stronger evidence that Jesus' reproof was pointed and pungent is found in his own words, — showing the necessity for such forcible utterance, when he cast out devils and healed the sick and sinning.

12 | [53:16–21](#)

The world could not interpret aright the discomfort which Jesus inspired and the spiritual blessings which might flow from such discomfort. Science shows the cause of the shock so often produced by the truth, — namely, that this shock arises from the great distance between the individual and Truth.

13 | [35:30–1 If](#)

If the sinner's punishment here has been insufficient to reform him, the good man's heaven would be a hell to the sinner.

14 | [15:16–22](#)

In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings, we must deny sin and plead God's allness. We must resolve to take up the cross, and go forth with honest hearts to work and watch for wisdom, Truth, and Love. We must "pray without ceasing." Such prayer is answered, in so far as we put our desires into practice.

15 | [316:3–7](#)

The real man being linked by Science to his Maker, mortals need only turn from sin and lose sight of mortal selfhood to find Christ, the real man and his relation to God, and to recognize the divine sonship.

Inspiring
discontent

Effectual
invocation

Jesus as
mediator

The Bible

10 | [Acts 10:38–40](#) *God*

³⁸ God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

³⁹ And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: ⁴⁰ Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

11 | [John 21:1, 2, 12 \(to 1st .\), 15–17](#)

¹ After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself. ² There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.

¹² Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine.

¹⁵ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. ¹⁶ He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. ¹⁷ He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

12 | [II Peter 3:9](#)

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Science and Health

16 | [35:30](#) (only)

The design of Love is to reform the sinner.

17 | [5:3–6](#)

Sorrow for wrong-doing is but one step towards reform and the very easiest step. The next and great step required by wisdom is the test of our sincerity, — namely, reformation. Sorrow and reformation

18 | [240:29–1](#)

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

"Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth."

19 | [339:1–4](#)

The destruction of sin is the divine method of pardon. Divine Life destroys death, Truth destroys error, and Love destroys hate. Being destroyed, sin needs no other form of forgiveness. Divine pardon

20 | [4:3–5](#)

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds.

21 | [22:11–12](#)

"Work out your own salvation," is the demand of Life and Love, for to this end God worketh with you.

The Bible

13 | Acts 3:1

¹ Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

14 | Acts 4:1, 2, 18-20

¹ And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, ² Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

¹⁸ And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

15 | Acts 5:14, 16

¹⁴ And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.

¹⁶ There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

16 | I Peter 5:10 *the*, 11 (to 1st.)

¹⁰ the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

¹¹ To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Science and Health

22 | 37:22-25

It is possible, — yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demonstration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness.

23 | 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

24 | 218:24, 32-2

Treat a belief in sickness as you would sin, with sudden dismissal. Resist the temptation to believe in matter as intelligent, as having sensation or power.

When we wake to the truth of being, all disease, pain, weakness, weariness, sorrow, sin, death, will be unknown, and the mortal dream will forever cease.

The Bible

17 | [Acts 10:1, 2, 25 as, 26, 28 Ye, 34 Of, 35](#)

1 There was a certain man in Cæsarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, 2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

25 as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. 26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

28 Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

34 Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Science and Health

25 | [13:2-3](#)

Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals.

26 | [340:23](#)

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.

The Bible

18 | II Peter 1:2–8, 11

² Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, ³ According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: ⁴ Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. ⁵ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; ⁶ And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; ⁷ And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. ⁸ For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹¹ For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Science and Health

27 | 192:27

We walk in the footsteps of Truth and Love by following the example of our Master in the understanding of divine metaphysics. Christianity is the basis of true healing. Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power.

28 | 99:23

The calm, strong currents of true spirituality, the manifestations of which are health, purity, and self-immolation, must deepen human experience, until the beliefs of material existence are seen to be a bald imposition, and sin, disease, and death give everlasting place to the scientific demonstration of divine Spirit and to God's spiritual, perfect man.