

Everlasting Punishment

GOLDEN TEXT | Isaiah 54:8 with

. . . WITH EVERLASTING KINDNESS WILL I HAVE MERCY ON THEE,
SAITH THE LORD THY REDEEMER.

RESPONSIVE READING | Psalms 136:1, 4, 5, 24

Titus 2:11, 12; 3:3–7

- 1 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 4 **To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.**
- 5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 24 **And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.**
- 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;**
- 3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.
- 4 **But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,**
- 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

- 6 **Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;**
- 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Section 1
The Bible

1 | Psalms 119:156 (to :), 159

156 Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord:

159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy lovingkindness.

2 | Psalms 100:5

5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

3 | Psalms 103:6, 10–13

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. 13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

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.

*Section 1
Science and Health*

1 | 465:14

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

2 | 232:3–4

3 Many theories relative to God and man neither make man harmonious nor God lovable.

3 | 230:11–16

12 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 vo-
15 lition for doing what they could not avoid doing. Good is not, cannot be, the author of experimental sins.

God never inconsistent

4 | 475:11–13, 28–1 The (to 1st.)

12 Man is spiritual and perfect; and because he is spiritual and perfect, he must be so understood in Christian Science.

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30 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
1 God’s man.

Man unfallen

5 | 405:18

18 The good man finally can overcome his fear of sin. This is sin’s necessity, — to destroy itself. Im-
21 mortal man demonstrates the government of God, good, in which is no power to sin.

*Section 2
The Bible*

5 | Jeremiah 31:3

3 The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

6 | Jeremiah 2:5 What, 11, 19 (to :)

5 What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

11 Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee:

7 | II Chronicles 33:1, 2, 6 (to 2nd :), 7, 10, 12, 13

1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem: 2 But did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.

6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards:

7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

10 And the Lord spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, 13 And prayed unto him: and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord he was God.

*Section 2
Science and Health*

6 | 327:9–13 (to 2nd .)

9 Evil is sometimes a man’s highest conception of right, until his grasp on good grows stronger.

12 Then he loses pleasure in wickedness, and it becomes his torment. The way to escape the misery of sin is to cease sinning. There is no other way.

7 | 537:14–15

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

8 | 315:16

18 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.

9 | 322:26–32

27 The sharp experiences of belief in the supposititious life of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless woes, turn us like tired children to the arms of divine Love. Then we begin to learn Life in divine Science. Without this process of weaning, “Canst thou by searching find out God?” It is easier to desire Truth than to rid one’s self of error.

Uses of suffering

10 | 323:6–9

6 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 3
The Bible

8 | Psalms 51:1

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

9 | Isaiah 1:18, 19

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

10 | Ezekiel 18:31, 32

31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

11 | Ezekiel 33:15, 16 (to :)

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:

12 | Ephesians 4:25, 26 let, 29, 31, 32

25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

26 let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

13 | II Corinthians 9:8

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Section 3
Science and Health

11 | 35:30 (only)

30 The design of Love is to reform the sinner.

12 | 5:3–6

3 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,

6 — namely, reformation.

Sorrow and reformation

13 | 327:1

1 Reform comes by understanding that there is no abiding pleasure in evil, and also by gaining an affection for
 3 good according to Science, which reveals the immortal fact that neither pleasure nor pain, appetite nor passion, can exist in or of matter, while divine Mind can and does
 6 destroy the false beliefs of pleasure, pain, or fear and all the sinful appetites of the human mind.

14 | 405:5–11

Christian Science commands man to master the propensities, — to hold hatred in abeyance with kindness, to conquer lust with chastity, revenge with
 6 charity, and to overcome deceit with honesty. Mental conspirators
 9 Choke these errors in their early stages, if you would not cherish an army of conspirators against health, happiness, and success.

15 | 327:22–24

Fear of punishment never made man truly honest. Moral courage is requisite to meet the wrong and to
 24 proclaim the right.

16 | 326:16

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained now. This point won, you have started as you should.
 18 You have begun at the numeration-table of Christian Science, and nothing but wrong intention can hinder your advancement. Working and praying with true motives,
 21 your Father will open the way. “Who did hinder you, that ye should not obey the truth?”

*Section 4
The Bible*14 | John 3:16

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.

15 | Matthew 9:10–13

10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? 12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. 13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

16 | Luke 15:3–5, 8–10

3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying, 4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? 5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? 9 And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. 10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

17 | I Timothy 1:15 (to ;)

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;

*Section 4
Science and Health*

17 | 473:6-7, 12-15

6 Christ Christ the ideal Truth
came to destroy the belief of sin.

12 Jesus is the name of the man who,
more than all other men, has presented Christ, the true
idea of God, healing the sick and the sinning and destroy-
15 ing the power of death.

18 | 311:8

9 Is man lost spiritually? No,
he can only lose a sense material. All sin is Sin only of
of the flesh. It cannot be spiritual. Sin exists the flesh
here or hereafter only so long as the illusion of mind in
12 matter remains. It is a sense of sin, and not a sinful soul,
which is lost. Evil is destroyed by the sense of good.

19 | 480:20

21 It is the oppo-
site of good — that is, evil — which seems to Evil
make men capable of wrong-doing. Hence, non-existent
evil is but an illusion, and it has no real basis. Evil is a
24 false belief. God is not its author. The supposititious
parent of evil is a lie.

20 | 5:23-25 Sin

Sin is forgiven
24 only as it is destroyed by Christ, — Truth and Cancellation
Life. of human sin

21 | 339:1-4

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

22 | 201:9, 17

9 Passions, selfishness,
false appetites, hatred, fear, all sensuality, yield to spirit-
12 uality, and the superabundance of being is on the side
of God, good.

The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour
18 in truth through flood-tides of Love. Christian perfec-
tion is won on no other basis.

23 | 316:3-7

3 The Jesus as
real man being linked by Science to his Maker, mediator
6 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.

*Section 5
The Bible*

18 | 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.

19 | I John 4:18 (to :)

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear:

20 | Luke 4:14, 15, 38, 39

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

38 And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. 39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

*Section 5
Science and Health*

24 | 385:17–18

18 Whatever it is your duty to do, you can do without harm to yourself. Honest toil has no penalty

25 | 384:5–12

Let us reassure ourselves with the law of Love. God never punishes man for doing right, for honest labor, or for deeds of kindness, though they expose him to fatigue, cold, heat, contagion. 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. Corporeal penalties

26 | 381:28–4

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

Christ Jesus overruled the error which would impose penalties for transgressions of the physical laws of health; he annulled supposed laws of matter, opposed to the harmonies of Spirit, lacking divine authority and having only human approval for their sanction. Begin rightly

27 | 392:5

Fear, which is an element of all disease, must be cast out to readjust the balance for God. Casting out evil and fear enables truth to outweigh error. The only course is to take antagonistic grounds against all that is opposed to the health, holiness, and harmony of man, God's image.

28 | 192:30

30 Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power.

Section 6
The Bible

21 | Proverbs 16:6 (to :)

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged:

22 | Isaiah 55:7, 12

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.

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

23 | 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.

Section 6
Science and Health

29 | 55:15–21

15 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
18 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
21 and is doing for mankind.

30 | 103:6–9

6 The destruction of the claims of mortal mind through Science, by which man can escape from sin and mortality, blesses the whole human fam-
9 ily. Liberation of mental powers

31 | 339:5

6 Does not God’s pardon, destroying any one sin, prophesy and involve the final destruction of all sin?

32 | 568:24–30

24 For victory over a single sin, we give thanks and magnify the Lord of Hosts. What shall we say of the mighty conquest over all sin? A louder song, sweeter
27 than has ever before reached high heaven, Pæan of jubilee
now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ; for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her
30 primal and everlasting strain.