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FORGIVENESS AND REDEMPTION- AREN'T THEY BROTHERS?

Proverbs 24 Common English Bible

- 1 Don't envy evil people,
and don't long to be with them.
- 2 Their hearts are focused on violence,
and their lips speak of trouble.
- 3 By wisdom a house is built;
by understanding it is established.
- 5 A wise person is mightier than a strong one;[a]
a knowledgeable person than a powerful one.
- 8 Those who plot evil
will be called master schemers.

Proverbs 29:6. Common English Bible

The wicked are snared by their own sin

Proverbs 30 Easy-to-Read Version

These are the wise sayings of Agur son of Jakeh from Massa. He says, "God, I am tired, so tired. How can I keep going?"[a]

I am not as smart as other people are. 3 I have not learned to be wise. I know nothing about the Holy One.[b] 4 Who has ever gone up to heaven and come back down? Who gathered the winds in his hand? Who set the limits for the world? What is his name, and what is his son's name? Do you know?

Matt. 3:1, 2, 5–8, 11

- 1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa,
- 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- 5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judæa, and all the region round about Jordan,
- 6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

- 7 ¶ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
- 8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:
- 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

Luke 5:32

- 32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.



PROVERBS 24 CEB

- 17 When your enemies fall, don't rejoice.
When they stumble, don't let your heart be glad,
- 19 Don't get fighting mad at evil people;
don't be envious of the wicked.
- 20 Indeed, there is no future for the evil;
the lamp of the wicked will be put out.
Partiality in judgment isn't good.
- 24 Those who say to the guilty, "You are innocent"—
the people will curse them.
Nations will condemn them.
- 25 But it will go well for those who rebuke them.
A rich blessing will come to them.
- 26 Those who speak honestly
are like those who kiss on the lips.
- 28 Don't be a witness against your neighbor without reason;
don't deceive with your lips.
- 29 Don't say, "I'll do to them what they did to me."
I'll pay them back for their actions."

James 1:13

- 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

Luke 17:3

- 3 ¶ Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

Rom. 14:19

- 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

II Pet. 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.

Luke 15:7 joy, 8–10 what

- 7 ... joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.
8 ... 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.

Luke 9:56 the (to 1st .)

- 56 ... the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*. ...

II Tim. 2:24–26 the

- 24 ... the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,
25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Rom. 13:1

- 1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Isa. 50:1 (to 1st), 2 Is (to 4th ?)

- 1 Thus saith the LORD, ...
2 ... Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? ...

Ps. 130:7 hope

- 7 ... hope in the LORD: for with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with him *is* plenteous redemption.



SH 539:10

God could never
impart an element of evil, and man possesses
12 nothing which he has not derived from God. How then
has man a basis for wrong-doing? Whence does he
obtain the propensity or power to do evil? Has Spirit
15 resigned to matter the government of the universe?

Only one
standard

SH 196:18

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

SH 327:22

Fear of punishment never made man truly honest.
Moral courage is requisite to meet the wrong and to
24 proclaim the right. But how shall we re-
form the man who has more animal than
moral courage, and who has not the true idea of good?
27 Through human consciousness, convince the mortal of
his mistake in seeking material means for gaining hap-
piness. Reason is the most active human faculty. Let
30 that inform the sentiments and awaken the man's dor-
mant sense of moral obligation, and by degrees he will
learn the nothingness of the pleasures of human sense
1 and the grandeur and bliss of a spiritual sense, which
silences the material or corporeal. Then he not only will
3 be saved, but *is* saved.

Moral
courage

SH 479:23–29

Darkness and chaos
24 are the imaginary opposites of light, understanding,
and eternal harmony, and they are the elements of
nothingness.
27 We admit that black is not a color, because it reflects
no light. So evil should be denied identity or power,
because it has none of the divine hues.

SH 478:23–26

Error says, “I am man;” but this
24 belief is mortal and far from actual. From beginning
to end, whatever is mortal is composed of material hu-
man beliefs and of nothing else.

SH 252:16–26

Material sense lifts its voice
with the arrogance of reality and says:
18 I am wholly dishonest, and no man knoweth it. I can
cheat, lie, commit adultery, rob, murder, and I elude
detection by smooth-tongued villainy. Ani-
21 mal in propensity, deceitful in sentiment,
fraudulent in purpose, I mean to make my short span
of life one gala day. What a nice thing is sin! How
24 sin succeeds, where the good purpose waits! The world
is my kingdom. I am enthroned in the gorgeousness
of matter.

Testimony
of sense

SH 480:1, 19 Again

1 When the substance of Spirit appears in Christian Sci-
ence, the nothingness of matter is recognized. Where
3 the spirit of God is, and there is no place where God is
not, evil becomes nothing, — the opposite of the some-
thing of Spirit. If there is no spiritual reflection, then
6 there remains only the darkness of vacuity and not a trace
of heavenly tints.

Again, God,
or good, never made man capable of sin. It is the oppo-
21 site of good — that is, evil — which seems to
make men capable of wrong-doing. Hence,
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.

Evil
non-existent

SH 405:24

24 The abiding consciousness of wrong-
doing tends to destroy the ability to do right.
If sin is not regretted and is not lessening, then it is
27 hastening on to physical and moral doom. You are con-

Cumulative
repentance

quered by the moral penalties you incur and the ills they
bring. The pains of sinful sense are less harmful than its
30 pleasures. Belief in material suffering causes mortals to
retreat from their error, to flee from body to Spirit, and
to appeal to divine sources outside of themselves.

SH 253:18–19

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

SH 447:22–27

A sinner is not reformed merely
by assuring him that he cannot be a sinner because
24 there is no sin. To put down the claim of sin,
you must detect it, remove the mask, point out the
illusion, and thus get the victory over sin and so prove
27 its unreality.

SH 570:30

30 Many are willing to open the eyes of the people to the
power of good resident in divine Mind, but they are
1 not so willing to point out the evil in human thought,
and expose evil's hidden mental ways of accomplishing
3 iniquity.

SH 448:9 (only)

9 When needed tell the truth concerning the lie.

SH 357:25–29

If what opposes God is real, there must be two
powers, and God is not supreme and infinite. Can
27 Deity be almighty, if another mighty and
self-creative cause exists and sways man-
kind?

One
supremacy

SH 35:30 (only)

30 The design of Love is to reform the sinner.

SH 242:1–3

1 Through repentance, spiritual
baptism, and regeneration, mortals put off their material

3 beliefs and false individuality.

SH 327:1

1 Reform comes by understanding that there is no abid-
ing 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.

SH 231:12

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
15 material, creating and governing man through perpetual
warfare. God is not the author of mortal discords.
Therefore we accept the conclusion that discords have
18 only a fabulous existence, are mortal beliefs which divine
Truth and Love destroy.



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