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Forgiveness

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

The Bible

1. Ps. 86:5 Thou (to ;)

5 thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive;

2. Ps. 85:2 (to 1st .)

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin.

3. Gen. 37:3 Israel, 4, 23, 24 (to :), 28

3 Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of *many* colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

23 ¶ And it came to pass when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, *his* coat of *many* colours that *was* on him;

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit:

28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty *pieces* of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

4. Gen. 39:1, 4

1 AND Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all *that* he had he put into his hand.

5. Gen. 41:1 (to :), 15, 16, 41, 42, 46, 47, 54

1 AND it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed:

15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that* thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is* not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

- 46 ¶ And Joseph *was* thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.
- 47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.
- 54 And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

6. Gen. 42:3, 6, 7 (to ;)

- 3 ¶ And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.
- 6 And Joseph *was* the governor over the land, *and* he *it was* that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the earth.
- 7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them;

7. Gen. 43:18 1st the (to 1st ;), 30

- 18 the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house;
- 30 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought *where* to weep; and he entered into *his* chamber, and wept there.

8. Gen. 45:3-5, 25, 26 (to 1st .), 28 (to :)

- 3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I *am* Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.
- 4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I *am* Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.
- 5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.
- 25 ¶ And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,
- 26 And told him, saying, Joseph *is* yet alive, and he *is* governor over all the land of Egypt.
- 28 And Israel said, *It is* enough; Joseph my son *is* yet alive:

9. Gen. 50:16, 17 1st Forgive (to ;), 17 2nd Joseph

- 16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,
- 17 Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

10. Mic. 7:18

18 Who *is* a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth *in* mercy.

11. Acts 13:23 God, 38

23 God according to *his* promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

38 ¶ Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

12. Luke 4:14 Jesus (to :)

14 Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee:

13. Luke 7:36-45, 48

36 ¶ And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.

37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

38 And stood at his feet behind *him* weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe *them* with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed *them* with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw *it*, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman *this is* that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.

41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?

43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that *he*, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head.

45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

14. Matt. 4:17 Jesus

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

15. Matt. 5:11, 12

- 11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

16. Matt. 6:12 forgive, 14, 15

- 12 forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
- 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
- 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

17. Matt. 12:31 All (to :), 32

- 31 All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men:
- 32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come.

18. Matt 27:1, 29, 31, 35 (to :), 39

- 1 WHEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:
- 29 ¶ And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!
- 31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify *him*.
- 35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots:
- 39 ¶ And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

19. Luke 23:34 (to 1st .), 47

- 34 ¶ Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.
- 47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

20. Eph. 4:32 be

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

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1. SH 17:6 1st forgive

- 6 forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And Love is reflected in love;

2. SH 11:1 Jesus', 8

11:1 Jesus' prayer,

“Forgive us our debts,” specified also the terms of forgiveness. When forgiving the adulterous woman he said, “Go, and sin no more.”

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.

3. SH 497:9 We

We acknowledge God's forgiveness of sin in the destruction of sin and the spiritual understanding that casts out evil as unreal. But the belief in sin is punished so long as the belief lasts.

4. SH 5:22

Prayer is not to be used as a confessional to cancel sin. Such an error would impede true religion. Sin is forgiven only as it is destroyed by Christ, — Truth and Life. If prayer nourishes the belief that sin is cancelled, and that man is made better merely by praying, prayer is an evil. He grows worse who continues in sin because he fancies himself forgiven.

Cancellation of human sin

5. SH 6:3-5, 7, 14

Divine Love corrects and governs man. Men may pardon, but this divine Principle alone reforms the sinner. Calling on Him to forgive our work badly done or left undone, implies the vain supposition that we have nothing to do but to ask pardon, and that afterwards we shall be free to repeat the offence. To reach heaven, the harmony of being, we must understand the divine Principle of being.

Pardon and amendment

6. SH 7:27-32 (to 1st .)

The danger from prayer is that it may lead us into temptation. By it we may become involuntary hypocrites, uttering desires which are not real and consoling ourselves in the midst of sin with the recollection that we have prayed over it or mean to ask forgiveness at some later day.

Danger from audible prayer

7. SH 22:3

Vibrating like a pendulum between sin and the hope

of forgiveness, — selfishness and sensuality causing constant retrogression, — our moral progress will
 6 be slow. Waking to Christ's demand, mortals
 experience suffering. This causes them, even as drowning men, to make vigorous efforts to save themselves; and
 9 through Christ's precious love these efforts are crowned with success.

Moral
 retrogression

8. SH 201:17-2

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

Grafting holiness upon unholiness, supposing that sin
 202:1 can be forgiven when it is not forsaken, is as foolish as straining out gnats and swallowing camels.

9. SH 339:1 1st The

339:1 The destruction of sin is the divine method of
 pardon. Divine Life destroys death, Truth destroys
 3 error, and Love destroys hate. Being destroyed, sin needs no other form of forgiveness.

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

Divine pardon

10. SH 362:1-12

362:1 It is related in the seventh chapter of Luke's Gospel
 that Jesus was once the honored guest of a certain
 3 Pharisee, by name Simon, though he was quite unlike
 Simon the disciple. While they were at meat, an unusual
 incident occurred, as if to interrupt the scene
 6 of Oriental festivity. A "strange woman"
 came in. Heedless of the fact that she was debarred from
 such a place and such society, especially under the stern
 9 rules of rabbinical law, as positively as if she were a Hindu
 pariah intruding upon the household of a high-caste
 Brahman, this woman (Mary Magdalene, as she has
 12 since been called) approached Jesus.

A gospel
 narrative

11. SH 363:8-23

Did Jesus spurn the woman? Did he repel her adoration?
 9 No! He regarded her compassionately. Nor was this all. Knowing
 what those around him were saying in their hearts, especially
 his host,
 12 — that they were wondering why, being a prophet, the
 exalted guest did not at once detect the woman's immoral
 status and bid her depart, — knowing this, Jesus rebuked
 15 them with a short story or parable. He described two
 debtors, one for a large sum and one for a smaller, who

Parable of the
 creditor

were released from their obligations by their common
 18 creditor. “Which of them will love him most?” was the
 Master’s question to Simon the Pharisee; and Simon re-
 plied, “He to whom he forgave most.” Jesus approved
 21 the answer, and so brought home the lesson to all, follow-
 ing it with that remarkable declaration to the woman,
 “Thy sins are forgiven.”

12. SH 365:19-24

If the Scientist has enough Christly affection to
 win his own pardon, and such commendation as the Mag-
 21 dalen gained from Jesus, then he is Christian enough to
 practise scientifically and deal with his patients compas-
 sionately; and the result will correspond with the spiritual
 24 intent.

13. SH 367:17

A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period
 18 of which Jesus spoke to his disciples, when he said: “Ye
 are the salt of the earth.” “Ye are the light
 of the world. A city that is set on an hill can-
 21 not be hid.” Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt
 lose not its saltness, and that this light be not hid, but
 radiate and glow into noontide glory.

The salt of the
 earth

Hymns 50, 558, 472

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Dear Lord and Father of us all,
 Forgive our foolish ways;
 Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
 In purer lives Thy service find,
 In deeper reverence, praise.

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 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
 Beside the Syrian sea,
 The gracious calling of the Lord,
 Let us, like them, without a word
 Rise up and follow thee.

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 Breathe through the pulses of desire
 Thy coolness and Thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
 O still small voice of calm.

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 Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
 Take from us now the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of Thy peace.

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Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

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Father, You are very near us,
Well we know that You will hear us,
And will answer when we call:
May the prayer of faith now heal us,
May the vision true reveal us
One with You, and You our All-in-all.

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Christ, the way of our salvation,
Lifts the veil of separation,
Shows our life in Spirit, free—
Shows the glory of creation,
God and man in true relation:
Children of the living God are we!

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Father, this most wondrous union
We would prove in blessed communion:
Take the Truth, our bread from heaven,
Drink the wine of inspiration,
Rise in holy exaltation,
One in You, redeemed, restored, forgiven.

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