2024.10.23 - Forgiveness



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- King James Bible

1. Ps. 130:1, 3, 4, 7

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.
- 3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.
- 7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with him *is* plenteous redemption.

2. Gen. 37:3-8, 23, 24 (to:), 26, 28, 31, 32 (to:), 34

- 3 Now 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.
- ⁵ ¶ And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told *it* his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.
- 6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:
- ⁷ For, behold, we *were* binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.
- 8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.
- ¶ 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: ...
- And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?
- 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.
- And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;
- 32 And they sent the coat of *many* colours, and they brought *it* to their father; and said, This have we found: ...
- 34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son

3. Gen. 42:1-4, 6-10, 13, 23, 24 (to;), 25

- 1 Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?
- ² And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.
- 3 ¶ And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.
- 4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.
- 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; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.
- 8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.
- 9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye *are* spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.
- 10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.
- And they said, Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is* not.
- 23 And they knew not that Joseph understood *them;* for he spake unto them by an interpreter.
- 24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; ...
- ²⁵ ¶ Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

4. Gen. 43:2, 3, 8, 9, 16, 24 (to ;), 27–31, 34 3rd And

- ² And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.
- 3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you.
- 8 And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, *and* also our little ones.
- 9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:
- And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men home, and slay, and make ready; for *these* men shall dine with me at noon.
- 24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave *them* water, and they washed their feet; ...
- 27 And he asked them of *their* welfare, and said, *Is* your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? *Is* he yet alive?

- And they answered, Thy servant our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.
- 29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, *Is* this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.
- 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.
- 31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.
- 34 ... And they drank, and were merry with him.

5. Gen. 44:1-6, 11-14, 16-20, 27-34 (to?)

- And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks *with* food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth.
- ² And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.
- 3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.
- 4 *And* when they were gone out of the city, *and* not *yet* far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?
- 5 *Is* not this *it* in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.
- 6 ¶ And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.
- 11 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.
- ¹² And he searched, *and* began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.
- 13 Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.
- ¶ And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; for he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground.
- And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we *are* my lord's servants, both we, and *he* also with whom the cup is found.
- And he said, God forbid that I should do so: *but* the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.
- ¹⁸ ¶ Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou *art* even as Pharaoh.
- 19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother?
- 20 And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.
- 27 And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons:
- 28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:

- 29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.
- 30 Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad *be* not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;
- 31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad *is* not *with us*, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.
- For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.
- Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.
- 34 For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? ...

6. Gen. 45:1, 4-11 (to 1st;), 13-15 (to:)

- ¹ Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.
- 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.
- 6 For these two years *hath* the famine *been* in the land: and yet *there are* five years, in the which *there shall* neither *be* earing nor harvest.
- 7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.
- 8 So now *it was* not you *that* sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.
- 9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:
- And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:
- 11 And there will I nourish thee; ...
- And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.
- ¹⁴ And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.
- 15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: ...

7. Gen. 47:11, 12

- ¶ And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.
- 12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household,

with bread, according to their families.

8. Eph. 1:3, 7, 12

- 3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:
- 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

9. Rom. 8:28 we

- 28 ... we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.
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1. SH 17:4-7

Give us this day our daily bread; Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;

⁶ And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. *And Love is reflected in love;*

2. SH 22:30-32

Justice requires reformation of the sinner. Mercy cancels the debt only when justice approves. Revenge is inadmissible.

3. SH 68:9 (only)

Jealousy is the grave of affection.

4. SH 542:24

To envy's own hell, justice consigns the lie which, to advance itself, breaks God's commandments.

5. SH 541:14-18, 25

Genesis iv. 8. Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

The erroneous belief that life, substance, and intelligence can be material ruptures the life and brotherhood of man at the very outset.

Now it repudiates even the human duty of man towards

his brother.

6. SH 5:14-18

Saints and sinners get their full award, but not always in this world. The followers of Christ drank his cup.

Ingratitude and persecution filled it to the brim; but God pours the riches of His love into the understanding and affections, giving us strength according to our day.

7. SH 469:13-5 The

The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the *only* Mind, and that the supposititious opposite of infinite Mind — called *devil* or evil — is not Mind, is not Truth, but error, without intelligence or reality. There can be but one Mind, because there is but one God; and if mortals claimed no other Mind and accepted no other, sin would be unknown. We can have but one Mind, if that one is infinite. We bury the sense of infinitude, when we admit that, although God is infinite, evil has a place in this infinity, for evil can have no place, where all space is filled with God.

We lose the high signification of omnipotence, when after admitting that God, or good, is omnipresent and has all-power, we still believe there is another power, named *evil*. This belief that there is more than one mind is as pernicious to divine theology as are ancient mythology and pagan idolatry. With one Father, even God, the whole family of man would be brethren; and with one Mind and that God, or good, the brotherhood of man would consist of Love and Truth, and have unity of Principle and spiritual power which constitute divine Science.

8. SH 329:21

There is no hypocrisy in Science. Principle is imperative. You cannot mock it by human will. Science is a divine demand, not a human. Always right,
 its divine Principle never repents, but maintains the claim of Truth by quenching error.
 The pardon of divine mercy is the destruction of error. If men understood their real spiritual source to be all blessedness, they would struggle for recourse to the spiritual and be at peace; but the deeper the error into which mor-

True sense of infinitude

The sole governor

Error destroyed, not pardoned ₃₀ tal mind is plunged, the more intense the opposition to spirituality, till error yields to Truth.

9. SH 22:3, 18

Vibrating like a pendulum between sin and the hope of forgiveness, — selfishness and sensuality causing constant retrogression, — our moral progress will

Moral retrogression

- 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.
- When the smoke of battle clears away, you will discern the good you have done, and receive according to your deserving. Love is not hasty to deliver us from temptation, for Love means that we shall be tried and purified.

10. SH 444:4-10

"All

things work together for good to them that love God," is the dictum of Scripture.

If Christian Scientists ever fail to receive aid from other Scientists, — their brethren upon whom they may call, — God will still guide them into the right use of temporary and eternal means.

Refuge and strength

11. SH 66:30

Sorrow has its reward. It never leaves us where it found us. The furnace separates the gold from the dross that the precious metal may be graven with the image of God. The cup our Father hath given, shall we not drink it and learn the lessons He teaches?

The gold and dross

12. SH 589:19-25

JOSEPH. A corporeal mortal; a higher sense of Truth rebuking mortal belief, or error, and showing the immortality and supremacy of Truth; pure affection blessing its enemies.

JUDAH. A corporeal material belief progressing and disappearing; the spiritual understanding of God and

man appearing.

13. SH 436:11

Giving a cup of cold water in Christ's name, is a Christian service. Laying down his life for a good deed, Mortal Man should find it again. Such acts bear their own justification, and are under the protection of the Most High.

14. SH 582:4 (only, to Benjamin), 9

BENJAMIN ...

Renewal of affections; self-offering; an improved state of mortal mind; the introduction of a more spiritual origin; a gleam of the infinite idea of the infinite Principle; a spiritual type; that which comforts, consoles, and supports.

15. SH 10:6-8

6 If good enough to profit by Jesus' cup of earthly sorrows, God will sustain us under these sorrows.

16. SH 518:13-19

God gives the lesser idea of Himself for a link to the greater, and in return, the higher always protects the lower. The rich in spirit help the poor in one grand brotherhood, all having the same Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another's good.

Assistance in brotherhood

17. SH 6:17

"God is Love." More than this we cannot ask,

18 higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go. To
suppose that God forgives or punishes sin
according as His mercy is sought or un
21 sought, is to misunderstand Love and to make prayer

the safety-valve for wrong-doing.

Mercy without partiality

18. SH 339:1-4 The

... The destruction of sin is the divine method of pardon. Divine Life destroys death, Truth destroys
 a error, and Love destroys hate. Being de-

Divine pardon stroyed, sin needs no other form of forgiveness.

19. SH 276:1

- Having one God, one Mind, unfolds the power that heals the sick, and fulfils these sayings of Scripture, "I
- am the Lord that healeth thee," and "I have found a ransom." When the divine precepts are understood, they unfold the foundation of fellowship,
- 6 in which one mind is not at war with another, but all have one Spirit, God, one intelligent source, in accordance with the Scriptural command: "Let this Mind be in you,
- 9 which was also in Christ Jesus." Man and his Maker are correlated in divine Science, and real consciousness is cognizant only of the things of God.

20. SH 578:11-18 love's

... [LOVE'S]

12 rod and [LOVE's] staff they comfort me.

[Love] prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: [Love] anointeth my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [LOVE] for ever.

Universal brotherhood

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