

# Isaiah 54:8 with

## Golden Text ... with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.

### **Responsive Reading**

Psalms 86:5 thou, 7, 11, 16; 119:67, 76, 77, 80, 142

- ... thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.
- 11 Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.
- 16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of

### thine handmaid.

- 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.
- 76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant. 77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.
- 80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.
- 142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

#### **SECTION ONE:**

God loves you too much to subject you to sin. Page 2

#### **SECTION TWO:**

Supposed pleasure in sin only brings pain and is its own punishment. Page 3

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As sin is exposed and forsaken, reform brings forgiveness. Page 4

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Sin—like darkness disappears, in light of the Christ, Truth. Page 5

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As God is merciful and forgiving, so must you be merciful to others. Page 6

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Sing with joy for God's salvation from sin. Page 7

### 1 | Habakkuk 1:12 (to ?), 13 (to :)

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rt thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One?

13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity:

#### 2 | Deuteronomy 32:3 ascribe, 4, 6 is



ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

6 is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?

#### 3 | Psalms 100:3 (to:), 5

Know ye that the Lord he is God: 5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

#### 4 | Psalms 94:14 the, 15

the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. 15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

#### 5 | Jeremiah 31:3

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.

## THOUGHTS

Many passages in this lesson show God as a loving parent. How do you see God as Father-Mother, both Father and Mother?



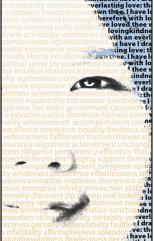
... praise the name of the LORD, and his people will tell of his greatness.
4 "The LORD is your mighty defender, perfect and just in all his ways;
Your God is faithful and true; he does what is right and fair.
6 ... He is your father, your Creator, he made you into a nation."

Deuteronomy 32:3 (in part), 4, 6 (in part)
—Good News Translation



forsake: give up; abandon commit a fraud: cheat; play a trick primitive: original; starting point derivative: result; product

**subsequent:** something that happens after **antecedent:** something that happens before



#### The LORD

Reader's Version

appeared to us in the past. He said, "I have loved you with a love that lasts forever. I have kept on loving you with faithful love." —Jeremiah 31:3 New International

6:17–18

"God is Love." More than this we cannot ask, 18 higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go.

#### 2 | 356:25–5 Does divine

Does divine Love com-

- mit a fraud on humanity by making man inclined to sin, and then punishing him for it? Would any one call it wise and good to create the primitive, and then punish its derivative?
- Does subsequent follow its antecedent? It does.
  Was there original self-creative sin? Then there must have been more than one creator, more than one God.
- 1 In common justice, we must admit that God will not punish man for doing what He created man
- 3 capable of doing, and knew from the outset that man would do. God is "of purer eyes than to behold evil."

Two infinite creators absurd

3 | 465:14

The attributes of God are justice,

mercy, wisdom, goodness, and so on.

4 | 230:11–16

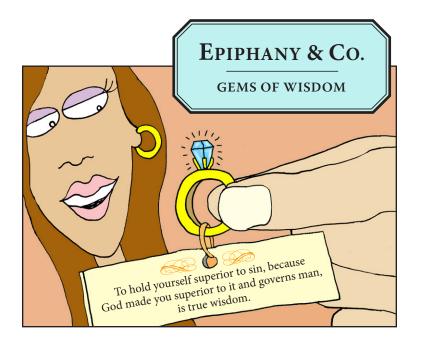
- It would be contrary to our highest ideas of God to

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

5 | 231:20-25

To hold yourself superior to sin, because God made
you superior to it and governs man, is true wisdom. To
fear sin is to misunderstand the power of Love

and the divine Science of being in man's relation to God, — to doubt His government and distrust His omnipotent care. Superiority to sickness and sin



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6 | Galatians 6:7 whatsoever, 8

whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh

reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

7 | II Samuel 11:2-4 (to 2<sup>nd</sup>;) nd it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. 3 And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bath-sheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? 4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she

#### 8 | Matthew 5:28 whosoever

in an eveningtide: one evening

whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

soweth: plants

sent: sent a messenger

proportionably: to an equivalent degree

plunged: submerged; sunk; immersed

opposition: resistance; aversion

WORD.

occupancy: presence

recourse: refuge; help



#### Flat roofs

The rooftop was a useful place for praying, storing flax, and drying clothing, fruits, and vegetables.

came in unto him, and he lay with her;

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in modern Jerusalem. Houses in biblical times had flat roofs as well. 234:27

Jesus

declared that to look with desire on forbidden objects was to break a moral precept. He laid great stress on the action of the human mind, unseen to the senses.

7 | 537:13-15

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Error excludes itself from harmony. Sin is its own punishment.

8 | 6:11-14

To cause suffering as the result of sin, is the means of destroying sin. Every supposed pleasure in sin will furnish more than its equivalent of pain, until belief in material life and sin is destroyed.

9 | 327:12-13 (to 2<sup>nd</sup> .)

The way to escape the misery of sin is to cease sinning. There is no other way.

10 | 260:24-28, 31

Selfishness and sensualism are educated in mortal 24 mind by the thoughts ever recurring to one's self, by conversation about the body, and by the expectation of perpetual pleasure or pain from it; and this education is at the expense of spiritual growth.

If we look to the body for pleasure, we find pain; for Life, we find death; for Truth, we find error; for Spirit, we find its opposite, matter. Now reverse this action.

Look away from the body into Truth and Love, **Thoughts** 3 the Principle of all happiness, harmony, and immortality. Hold thought steadfastly to the endur-

ing, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts.

11 | 329:26

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-

tal mind is plunged, the more intense the opposition to spirituality, till error yields to Truth.

King David-May I present to you that famous soap star.. Bath-sheba!





Find out more about how to remove sin-and its punishment—in Mary Baker Eddy's Message to The Mother Church for 1901. The section "No Reality in Evil or Sin" begins on page 12.

The "Tubby and Buddy" cartoon strip, created by Guernsey Le Pelley, appeared in The Christian Science Monitor from 1935-1981.

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| II Samuel 12:1–5 (to ;), 7 (to .), 13 (to 1<sup>st</sup> .)

nd the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. 2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: 3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. 4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. 5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man;

7 And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. 13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord.

### 10 | Psalms 51:0–3 [intro] *A Psalm* (to :), 6, 10-12 (to;)

A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba. 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions:

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;

#### 11 | Isaiah 55:7

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.











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, Sorrow and reformation

— namely, reformation.

13 | 327:1

5:3-6

Reform comes by understanding that there is no abiding pleasure in evil, and also by gaining an affection for 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 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 Mental charity, and to overcome deceit with honconspirators esty. Choke these errors in their early stages, if you would not cherish an army of conspirators against health, happiness, and success.

15 | 447:20-27

Expose and denounce the claims of evil and disease in all their forms, but realize no reality in them. A sinner is not reformed merely by assuring him that he cannot be a sinner because 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 its unreality.

16 | 497:9

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.

17 | 323:6-9

Through the wholesome chastisements of Love, we are helped onward in the march towards righteousness, peace, and purity, which are the landmarks A bright outlook of Science.



Let the wicked leave their way of life and change their way of thinking. Let them turn to the Lord, our God; he is merciful and quick to forgive.

Isaiah 55:7—Good News Translation



ewe: female spared: refused; avoided dress: prepare for a meal

wayfaring: travelling

abeyance: inactivity; suspension charity: love; compassion; mercy denounce: condemn; speak out against





Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak: O Lord, heal me;

#### 13 | Psalms 40:11, 12 (to ;), 13 2<sup>nd</sup> O Lord, 16

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me. 12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up;

- 13 O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

#### 14 | Matthew 14:14 Jesus

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esus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

#### 15 | Matthew 9:2-8

And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. 3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. 4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? 5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? 6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. 7 And he arose, and departed to his house. 8 But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.



## **BOTH JESUS**

and the scribes saw a connection between the man's sins and his sickness. The scribes believed that disease was a visible sign of

sinfulness. Since sin was an offense against God, only God could forgive it. So to regain health, one had to regain God's goodwill, perhaps by making offerings in the Temple. By healing the man on the spot, Jesus demonstrated that rituals are not necessary for someone to reform and truly forsake sin.



innumerable: countless

palsy: paralysis

scribes: teachers of religious law whether: which (of two things) account: consideration rebuked: condemned; rejected

perish: be lost forever; suffer complete destruction

18 | 473:10-12

Christ is the ideal Truth, that comes to heal sickness and sin through Christian Science, and attributes all power to God.

19 | xi:9-14

- 9 The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their real-
- 12 ity in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation.

20 | 392:4

To cure a bodily ailment, every broken moral law should be taken into account and the error be rebuked. Fear,

- 6 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
- 9 take antagonistic grounds against all that is opposed to the health, holiness, and harmony of man, God's image.

21 | 251:15

- We must learn how mankind govern the body, whether through faith in hygiene, in drugs, or in willpower. 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
- 21 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,
- 24 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
- 27 perish or to be punished.

22 | 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

Salvation
is through

- 27 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
- 30 the divine Principle, God, how to demonstrate the Christ, Truth, as the healing and saving power.



Remember, God is Love and is all around you— She's not a material being!

Our Master said to every follower: "Go ye into all the

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The king

the debt and

-Matthew 18:27

let him go.

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felt sorry for him,

so he forgave him

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16 | Philippians 2:5

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

17 | Matthew 18:21-33

hen came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?

till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. 23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. 24 And when he had begun to reckon. one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment

to be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down,

and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. 28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. 29 And his fellow-servant fell down at his feet. and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: 33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee?

18 | Luke 6:31 as, 36, 37



as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. 37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:



Treat others just as you want to be treated.

Luke 6:31—Contemporary English Version

world, and preach the gospel to every creature! . . . Heal the sick! . . . Love thy neighbor as

thyself!" It was this theology of Jesus which healed the sick and the sinning. It is his theology in this book and the spiritual meaning of this theology, which

1 heals the sick and causes the wicked to "forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts."

24 | 448:12-16

23 | 138:27-2

Healthful

Christian Science rises above the evidence of the corporeal senses; but if you have not risen above sin yourself, do not congratulate yourself upon your

blindness to evil or upon the good you know grand results and do not.

25 | 6:3-7

Divine Love corrects and governs man. Men may pardon, but this divine Principle alone reforms the sinner. God is not separate from the wis-

6 dom He bestows. The talents He gives we must improve.

26 | 497:24

And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and

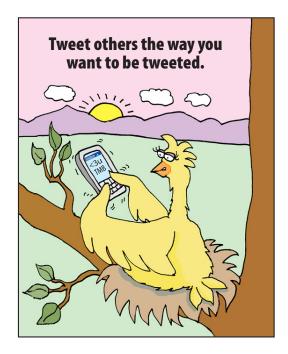
to be merciful, just, and pure.



**take account of:** settle accounts with; collect debts from

**ten thousand talents:** a very large amount of money **pence:** a very common silver coin equal to a worker's daily wage

**theology:** doctrine; particular religious belief and teaching **corporeal senses:** five physical senses—sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell



#### 19 | Psalms 85:10-12 (to ;), 13

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ercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. 11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. 12 Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good;

13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

#### 20 | Il Corinthians 6:1, 2

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. 2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

#### 21 | Isaiah 35:10 (to:)

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads:

#### 22 | Psalms 96:2

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Veah—towards goodness.

Vahoo! We're headed in the right direction.

27 | 213:11–12

Every step towards goodness is a departure from materiality, and is a tendency towards God, Spirit.



28 | 568:24-30

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, jubil 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.

29 | 39:18–25

18 "Now," cried the apostle, "is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation," — meaning, not that now men must prepare for a future-world salva-

21 tion, or safety, but that now is the time in which salvation to experience that salvation in spirit and in life. Now is the time for so-called material pains and material pleas-

24 ures to pass away, for both are unreal, because impossible in Science.

30 | 324:2

Gladness to leave the false landmarks

3 and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps to precipitate the ultimate harmony. The purification of sense and self is a proof of progress. "Blessed are the

6 pure in heart: for they shall see God."





succoured: helped
ransomed: rescued: liberated

**Hosts:** armies

accuser: one who blames or condemns

primal: original
strain: melody; song

landmarks: well-known sights which identify

a place



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**PEARL HINT:** They built them in ancient times, and they build them in modern times.

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