Forgiveness Full and Free

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. Psalm 130:4, 5. {UL 219.1}

There have been sins among us as among ancient Israel but thank God we have had an open door which no man can shut. Men may say, "I forgive all the injuries you have done to me," but their forgiveness would not blot out one sin. But the Voice sounding from Calvary— "My son, my daughter, thy sins be forgiven thee"—is all-efficacious. That word alone has power and awakens the gratitude in the grateful heart. **We have a Mediator**. There is but one channel of forgiveness and that channel is ever open, and through that channel a rich flood of divine mercy and forgiveness comes pouring down to us.... {UL 219.2}

Many have expressed wonder that God demanded so many slain victims in sacrificial offerings of the Jews, but it was to rivet in their minds the great and solemn truth that without shedding of blood there was no remission of sins. A lesson was embodied in every sacrifice, impressed in every ceremony, solemnly preached by their priests in holy office and inculcated by God Himself—this great truth that through the blood of Christ alone there is forgiveness of sins... {UL 219.3}

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Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Forgive our sins as we forgive You taught us, Lord, to pray, But you alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew: What trivial debts are owed to us; How great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease; Then, bound to all in bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

Bible Verses About Modesty

Bible verses related to *Modesty* from the King James Version (KJV)

<u>1 Corinthians 6:19-20</u> - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

<u>1 Timothy 2:9</u> - In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

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<u>1 Peter 3:3-4</u> - Whose adorning let it not be that outward [adorning] of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

<u>Proverbs 31:30</u> - Favour [is] deceitful, and beauty [is] vain: [but] a woman [that] feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

<u>Proverbs 11:22</u> - [As] a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, [so is] a fair woman which is without discretion.

<u>Matthew 5:28</u> - But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

<u>Deuteronomy 22:5</u> - The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so [are] abomination unto the LORD thy God.

<u>1 Timothy 2:8-10</u> - I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

<u>1 Peter 3:1-4</u> - Likewise, ye wives, [be] in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

<u>1 Samuel 16:7</u> - But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for [the LORD seeth] not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

<u>1 John 2:16</u> - For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

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<u>Matthew 5:27-28</u> - Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

<u>1 Corinthians 12:23</u> - And those [members] of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely [parts] have more abundant comeliness.

<u>Matthew 18:6-7</u> - But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and [that] he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

<u>1 Corinthians 10:31</u> - Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

<u>1 Peter 5:5-6</u> - Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all [of you] be subject one to another and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

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