

H A R M O N Y

OF THE

PRECEPTS, PRAYERS, AND PROMISES,

OF

H O L Y S C R I P T U R E .

SOME divines, convinced of the inability of fallen man to fulfil the divine Law, have hastily reprobated all attempts to enforce the divine precepts, as anti-evangelical: but it will appear from the following Scriptures, God does not recede from his authority to command, on the ground of human inability to obey. While we are his creatures, in any possible state of existence, we must be subject to his commands, and answerable for our disobedience. But he hath taught us to pray for his assistance, with the gracious assurance, that if we pray in earnest, we shall not pray in vain; and the proper use of the divine promises is, to urge us thus to pray, and not to lull us into indolence and false security.

In the following *Scripture Triplets*, it should be carefully observed, that the first text under each is a divine *precept*; the second, a *prayer* for grace to fulfil that precept; and the third, a *promise* encouraging us to implore that grace. Thus we see the Harmony between the divine precepts and promises, and the influence which both should have upon our prayers—namely, to urge and to encourage us in that duty.

It is but justice to observe, that the writer is indebted for this judicious selection of appropriate Scriptures to a Tract published many years ago, by the Rev. *Matthew Wilks* (1787).

MAKE you a new heart, and a new spirit; for why will you die?—Ezek. xviii. 31.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.—Psalm li. 20.

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and will give you an heart of flesh.—Ezek. xxxvi. 26.

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump.—1 Cor. v. 7.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.—Psalm li. 7.

I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy sin.—Isaiah i. 25.

Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?—Ezek. xxxiii. 11.

Turn thou me, and I shall be turned:

for thou art the Lord my God.—Jeremiah xxxi. 18.

There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.—Rom. xi. 26.

Save yourselves from this untoward generation.—Acts ii. 40.

Save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.—Jer. xvii. 14.

Israel shall be saved in the Lord, with an everlasting salvation.—Isaiah xlv. 17.

Wash ye, make you clean.—Isaiah i. 16.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.—Psa. li. 2.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.—Ezek. xxxvi. 25.

Cast away from you all your transgressions.—Ezek. xviii. 31.

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Take away all iniquity.—Hosea xiv. 2.
Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy
sin purged.—Isa. vi. 7.

Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.—
Amos iv. 12.

Prepare their heart unto thee.—1 Chron.
xxix. 18.

The preparation of the heart in man, is
from the Lord.—Prov. xvi. 1.

Put away the evil of your doings from
before mine eyes.—Isa. i. 16.

Deliver us from evil, for thine is the
power.—Matt. vi. 13.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all
evil; he shall preserve thy soul.—Psalm
cxxi. 7.

Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from
the dead; and Christ shall give thee light.
—Ephes. v. 14.

My soul cleaveth to the dust; quicken
thou me according to thy word.—Psalm
cxix. 25.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour
cometh, and now is, when the dead shall
hear the voice of the Son of God, and they
that hear shall live.—John v. 25.

Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye
that which is good; and let your soul de-
light itself in fatness.—Isa. lv. 2.

O! satisfy us early with thy mercy, that
we may rejoice and be glad all our days.—
Psa. xc. 14.

I will satiate the soul of the priest with
fatness, and my people shall be satisfied
with my goodness, saith the Lord.—Jer.
xxxii. 14.

Thou, Solomon, my son, know thou the
God of thy father.—1 Chron. xxviii. 9.

Shew me now thy way, that I may know
thee.—Exod. xxxiii. 13.

They shall teach no more every man his
neighbour, and every man his brother,
saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all
know me, from the least of them, to the
greatest of them, saith the Lord.—Jer.
xxxii. 34.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,
call ye upon him while he is near.—Isaiah
lv. 6.

O that I knew where I might find him!
that I might come even to his seat!—Job
xxiii. 3.

Ye shall seek me, and shall find me,
when ye shall search for me with all your
heart; and I will be found of you.—Jer.
xxix. 13, 14.

Anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that
thou mayest see.—Rev. iii. 18.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of thy law.—Psalm
cxix. 18.

The eyes of the blind shall see out of
obscurity, and out of darkness.—Isaiah
xxix. 18.

Thus saith the Lord, stand in the ways,
and see, ask for the old paths, where is
the good way, and walk therein.—Jer.
vi. 16.

See if there be any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.—Psa.
cxxxix. 24.

They shall they ask the way to Zion,
with their faces thitherward.—Jer. i. 5.

Receive, I pray thee, the law from his
mouth, and lay up his word in thine heart.
—Job xxii. 22.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
and not unto covetousness.—Ps. cxix. 36.

I will put my law in their inward parts;
and write it in their hearts.—Jer. xxxi. 33.

Keep thy heart with all diligence.—
Prov. iv. 23.

O keep my soul, and deliver me.—Psa.
xxv. 20.

I the Lord do keep it:—lest any hurt it,
I will keep it night and day.—Isa. xxvii. 3.

Keep my commandments, and live.—
Prov. vii. 2.

Deal bountifully with thy servant, that
I may live, and keep thy word.—Psalm
cxix. 17.

I will put my spirit within you, and
cause you to walk in my statutes: and ye
shall keep my judgments and do them.—
Eze. xxxvi. 27.

Believe in the Lord your God.—2 Chron.
xx. 20.

Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbel-
ief.—Mark ix. 24.

They shall trust in the name of the Lord.
—Zeph. iii. 12.

Thus saith the Lord, Consider your
ways.—Hag. i. 5.

O! that my ways were directed, to keep
thy statutes.—Ps. cxix. 5.

Ye shall remember your own evil ways,
and your doings that were not good, and
shall loathe yourselves.—Eze. xxxvi. 31.

Come my people, enter thou into thy
chambers, and shut thy doors about thee;
hide thyself, as it were for a little moment,
until the indignation be overpast.—Isaiah
xxvi. 20.

Keep me as the apple of thine eye: hide
me under the shadow of thy wing.—Psalm
xvii. 8.

Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of
the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of
destruction when it cometh.—Job. v. 21.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and
are heavy laden.—Matt. xi. 28.

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Draw me, we will run after thee.—Sol. Song i. 4.

All that the Father giveth me, shall come to me: and him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out.—John vi. 37.

Turn ye to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope.—Zech. ix. 12.

Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort.—Psalm lxxi. 3.

He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks.—Isa. xxxiii. 16.

Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart.—Mat. xi. 29.

That which I see not, teach thou me.—Job xxxiv. 32.

They shall be all taught of God.—John vi. 45.

Abide in me.—John xv. 4.

Cast me not away from thy presence.—Ps. li. 11.

I will give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall any pluck them out of my hands.—John x. 28.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.—Rom. vi. 12.

Keep back also thy servant, from presumptuous sins, let them not have dominion over me.—Psalm xix. 13.

Sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace.—Rom. vi. 14.

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.—2 Tim. i. 8.

I will speak of thy testimonies also before Kings, and will not be ashamed.—Psalm cxix. 46.

They shall not be ashamed that wait for me.—Isa. xlix. 23.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty where-with Christ hath made us free.—Gal. v. 1.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe.—Ps. cxix. 117.

He shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.—Rom. xiv. 4.

Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.—Mark xiv. 38.

Lead us not into temptation.—Matthew vi. 13.

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able.—1 Cor. x. 13.

Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.—Ephes. vi. 10.

My soul melteth for heaviness, strengthen

thou me according to thy word.—Psalm cxix. 28.

I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right-hand of my righteousness.—Isaiah xlii. 10.

Enter not into the path of the wicked; and go not into the way of evil men.—Prov. iv. 14.

Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man.—Psalm cxl. 1.

Understanding shall keep thee; to deliver thee from the way of the evil man.—Prov. ii. 11, 12.

Pray without ceasing.—1 Thess. v. 17.

Lord, teach us to pray.—Luke xi. 1.

I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplication.—Zech. xii. 10.

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say rejoice.—Phill. iv. 4.

Make me to hear joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.—Ps. li. 8.

Ye now have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your hearts shall rejoice; and your joy no man taketh from you.—John xvi. 22.

Your adversary the Devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith.—1 Peter v. 8, 9.

Save me from the lion's mouth.—Psalm xxii. 21.

The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.—Rom. xvi. 20.

Grow in Grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—2 Pet. iii. 18.

O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years.—Hab. iii. 2.

They shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine, and the scent thereof shall be as the vine of Lebanon.—Hos. xiv. 7.

Be thou faithful unto death.—Rev. ii. 10.

Let integrity, and uprightness preserve me.—Ps. xxv. 21.

Even to old age I am He; and even to hoary hairs I will carry you.—Isa. xlvi. 4.

Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises to our King, sing praises.—Psalm xlvi. 6.

O Lord, open thou my lips: and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.—Psalm li. 15.

This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.—Isaiah xliii. 21.