

Question 11

Q. But is God not also merciful?

A. God is indeed merciful,[1] but He is also just.[2] His justice requires that sin committed against the most high majesty of God also be punished with the most severe, that is, with everlasting, punishment of body and soul.[3]

[1] [Exo 20:6](#); [Exo 34:6-7](#); [Psa 103:8-9](#). [2] [Exo 20:5](#); [Exo 34:7](#); [Deu 7:9-11](#); [Psa 5:4-6](#); [Heb 10:30-31](#). [3] [Mat 25:45-46](#).

Question 12

Q. Since, according to God's righteous judgment we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, how can we escape this punishment and be again received into favour?

A. God demands that His justice be satisfied.[1] Therefore full payment must be made either by ourselves or by another.[2]

[1] [Exo 20:5](#); [Exo 23:7](#); [Rom 2:1-11](#). [2] [Isa 53:11](#); [Rom 8:3-4](#).

Question 13

Q. Can we ourselves make this payment?

A. Certainly not. On the contrary, we daily increase our debt.[1]

[1] [Psa 130:3](#); [Mat 6:12](#); [Rom 2:4-5](#).

Question 14

Q. Can any mere creature pay for us?

A. No. In the first place, God will not punish another creature for the sin which man has committed.[1] Furthermore, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.[2]

[1] [Eze 18:4](#), [Eze 18:20](#); [Heb 2:14-18](#). [2] [Psa 130:3](#); [Nah 1:6](#).

Cottonwood Community Church

May 15, 2011

Third Sunday After Easter

Sunday Devotion, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome

The Collect

Hymn 2: Holy, Holy, Holy

[Psalms 30:1-12](#)

- 1 I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me.**
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me. 3 You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
- 4 Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. 5 For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.**
- 6 Now in my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved."
- 7 LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled.**
- 8 I cried out to You, O LORD; And to the LORD I made supplication:
- 9 "What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?"**
- 10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper!"
- 11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,**
- 12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.
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Hymn 8: All Hail The Power

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 13:6-8

Hymn 218: The Solid Rock

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament: Philippians 3:7-14

Hymn 232: Trust And Obey

Unabashed Commitment

Luke 14:25-35

Congregational Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on 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.

Hymn 39: Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen