THE QUESTION

Who in the Bible got into trouble through wrong choices, then turned to God and was helped?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

Many did. Early Christian writers point to the prodigal son, King David after his sin with Bathsheba, Jonah who ran from God's call, King Hezekiah, and the people of Nineveh. In each case, when the person truly repented and turned back, God showed mercy, forgave them, and restored them.

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POINT 1 OF 6

The prodigal son wasted everything, then came home

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

The Apostolic Constitutions retell Jesus' story of the lost son who spent his father's money and ended up feeding pigs. When he repented and went home, his father welcomed him. The writer draws the lesson that God does more than take the sinner back; he restores him.

1 “But if anyone returns and shows the fruit of repentance, then receive him to prayer, like the lost son, the prodigal, who had used up his father's substance with harlots, who fed swine, and wanted to be fed with husks, and could not obtain it.”

later in the same passage

“For God not only receives the penitent, but also restores them to their former dignity.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 27, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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POINT 2 OF 6

David sinned with Bathsheba, then found mercy

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Irenaeus names David's sin plainly: his lust led him to take another man's wife. God sent the prophet Nathan to show David his crime so he could confess it and receive mercy. The Apostolic Constitutions add that once David repented, God spared his life.

2 “Nathan the prophet was sent to him to point out his crime so that, by condemning himself, he might receive mercy and forgiveness from Christ”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 11, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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3 “Did not God, through Nathan, rebuke David for his offense? And yet, as soon as he said he repented, God delivered him from death, saying, "Be of good cheer; you shall not die,"”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 26, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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Jonah ran away, then prayed from the whale

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Jonah refused God's call to preach to Nineveh and ended up swallowed by the sea and the whale. When he prayed from inside it, God brought him back. Irenaeus says God allowed this so Jonah would come out more devoted to God and thankful for being rescued.

4 "In the same way, when God caused Jonah to be swallowed by the sea and by the whale because he refused to preach to the Ninevites, yet when he prayed to Him out of the belly of the whale, God brought his life back from corruption."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 26, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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5 "Just as He allowed Jonah to be swallowed by the whale—not to perish completely, but to be cast out again and become more devoted to God, glorifying Him for the unexpected deliverance, and leading the Ninevites to lasting repentance—they turned to the Lord and were delivered from death, struck with awe by the miracle in Jonah's case, as Scripture says, "And they turned each from his evil way and the unrighteousness in their hands, saying, Who knows if God will repent and turn away His anger from us, and we shall not perish?""

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 12, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Hezekiah grew proud, then prayed and was forgiven

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

The same passage adds King Hezekiah, who became proud for a time. When he prayed with tears and sorrow, God forgave him. The writer offers these stories as examples of how God treats sinners who return.

6 "And when Hezekiah had been puffed up for a while, as soon as he prayed with lamentation, God forgave his offense."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 26, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Nineveh turned from evil and was spared

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement of Rome says Nineveh faced destruction but repented, prayed, and was saved, even though its people were outside God's covenant. John Chrysostom adds that what healed them was not only fasting and sackcloth but that they changed their way of life.

7 "Jonah proclaimed destruction to the Ninevites; but they, repenting of their sins, appeased God by prayer and obtained salvation, even though they were aliens to the covenant of God."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 31, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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8 "They also lay on the ground, put on sackcloth, used ashes, and mourned. They also changed their way of life."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Second Corinthians* 4 (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 28, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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POINT 6 OF 6

God offers repentance in every age

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Clement of Rome looks back over history and sees a pattern: in every generation God has made room for anyone who turns to him. Theophilus says the same about Israel, to whom God kept sending prophets to call them back instead of destroying them.

9 "Let us turn to every age that has passed and learn that, from generation to generation, the Lord has granted a place of repentance to all who would be converted to Him."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 31, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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10 "He sent them to teach them and remind them of the contents of the law, and to turn them to repentance, so that they might sin no more."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Theophilus of Antioch,** *To Autolycus* 11 (c. 169–183 AD) **Source 10, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These writers stress real repentance and a changed life; they do not promise that every earthly consequence of sin is removed.
- The passages give only a few examples and are not a complete list of such people in the Bible.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 32 early Christian passages and 182 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–32, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 33–144, in Bible order), then 70 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *32 passages from 13 writers*

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 1–6*

1. *Shepherd* (on point 6) “my questions." He said, "Go on." And I said, "Sir, I heard some teachers say that there is no repentance except the one that happens when we go down into… [continues online] **read ›**
2. *Shepherd* (on point 6) “then, have repentance within their reach, if they repent quickly and do not remain in their pleasures… [continues online] **read ›**
3. *Shepherd* (on point 6) “said to me, "I told you that this tree was tenacious of life. You see," he continued, "how many repented and were saved." "I see, sir," I replied. "This is… [continues online] **read ›**
4. *Shepherd* (on point 6) For he ought to take back the sinner who has repented. But not frequently. For there is but one repentance for the servants of God. In case, therefore, that the… [continues online] **read ›**
5. *Shepherd* (on point 6) “you not think," he said, "that it is great wisdom to repent… [continues online] **read ›**
6. *Shepherd* (on point 6) useless to their Lord because they have taken on savage habits. Therefore, these people have repentance in their power, unless they are found to have denied from the heart. But… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · source 7*

7. *Epistle to the Philadelphians* (1885 English; on point 6) “all them that repent, the Lord grants forgiveness, if they turn in penitence to the unity of God, and to communion with the bishop… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 8–9*

8. *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 6) “works deliverance from death to those who repent of their wickedness and believe upon Him… [continues online] **read ›**

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9 *Hortatory Address to the Greeks* (1885 English; on point 6) “it is the property of those who expect to obtain mercy by prayer and sacrifices, to cease from and repent of their sins… [continues online] **read ›**

Theophilus of Antioch, *c. 169–183 AD · source 10*

10 *To Autolycus* 11 **Quote 10, page 4** “in his righteousness that he has done he shall live. For I… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 11–13*

11 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** “however, was struck with remorse on hearing this, and exclaimed, “I have sinned against the Lord;” and he sung a penitential psalm, waiting for the coming of the Lord, who… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** “as He patiently suffered Jonah to be swallowed by the whale, not that he should be swallowed up and perish altogether, but that, having been cast out again, he might… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English; on point 6) “on the contrary, is it by undergoing a great change and reversal of their former mode of living, by which they have brought upon themselves no slight amount of sickness… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 14–17*

14 *Stromata* 2.22 (on point 6) his ways, and the unrighteous man his ways; and let him return to the Lord, and he shall obtain mercy," down to, "and your thoughts from my thoughts." We, then… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Stromata* 2.15 are they whose iniquities are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin, and in whose mouth there is no fraud… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Instructor* 1.8 (on point 6) “how God, through His love of goodness, seeks repentance… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Stromata* 1.21 (on point 6) were delivered into the hands of Æglom king of the Moabites for eighteen years. But when they repented, Aod, a man who had equal use of both hands, of the… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 18–19*

18 *Against Marcion* 10 (on point 6) “should I recount the frequent restoration of the nation itself after the… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Against Marcion* 17 (1885 English; on point 5) “patience, (I mean,) which waits for the sinner's repentance rather than his death, which prefers mercy to sacrifice, Hosea 6:6 averting from the Ninevites the ruin which had… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 20–21*

20 *Commentary on John* 1 (1885 English) “for example, the story of the woman who had been a sinner and had repented, and who, having experienced a genuine recovery from her evil state, had grace to pour… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Against Celsus* 71 (1885 English; on point 6) “those who have passed severe condemnation upon themselves because of their sins, and who, as on that account, lament and bewail themselves as lost, so far as their previous conduct… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 22–25*

22 *Epistles* (on point 6) “I am amazed that some are so stubborn that they think repentance should not be granted to the lapsed, or that pardon should be denied to those who repent, when… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *Treatises* (1885 English) “who by repentance for his deed, who by shame for his sin, has conceived more both of virtue and of faith from the very grief of his fall, heard and… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 6) “long and full penitence deprecate the Lord so grievously offended, although it is written, Remember from whence you are fallen, and repent. Revelation 2:5… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 6) “that while in all Scripture the Lord God sooths those who return to Him and repent, repentance itself is taken away by our hardness and cruelty, which intercepts the fruits… [continues online] **read ›**

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Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 26–27*

26 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English) **Quotes 3, 4, 6, pages 2, 3** "yet as soon as he said he repented, He delivered him from death, saying, Be of good cheer… [continues online] **read ›**

27 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** "was lost, and is found. For that God does not only receive the penitent, but restores them to their former dignity, holy David is a sufficient witness, who, after his… [continues online] **read ›**

John Chrysostom, *c. 386–407 AD · sources 28–29*

28 *Homilies on Second Corinthians* 4 **Quote 8, page 4** "also sinned, 2 Samuel 12:17, etc. Let us see… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *Homilies on Romans* (1885 English) "would the (penitent) thief, or Manasses, or the Ninevites, or how would David after falling have recovered himself… [continues online] **read ›**

Anonymous · *source 30*

30 *Treatise Against the Heretic Novatian* 1 (1885 English; on point 6) "57:19 that to those who repent, and pray, and labour, restoration is possible, because they would miserably perish, and because they would decline from Christ… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *sources 31–32*

31 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Quotes 7, 9, page 4** "proclaimed destruction to the Ninevites; but they, repenting of their… [continues online] **read ›**

32 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English) "call upon Me in the day of thy trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." For "the sacrifice of God is a broken spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *112 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

33 **Deuteronomy 26:7** And we cried out to the Lord our God, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our humiliation and our toil and our oppression. **read ›**

34 **Judges 10:15** The children of Israel said to the Lord, "We have sinned. Do to us whatever is good in your eyes; only rescue us this day." **read ›**

35 **1 Samuel 12:10** And they cried out to the Lord and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord and have served the Baals and the groves; but now deliver us from the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.' **read ›**

36 **1 Samuel 15:30** Saul said, "I have sinned; yet honor me, please, before the elders of Israel and before my people, and turn back with me, and I will worship the Lord your God." **read ›**

37 **1 Samuel 26:21** Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Come back, my child David, for I will not harm you, because my life was precious in your eyes; and today I have acted foolishly and have been very greatly in error." **read ›**

38 **1 Kings 8:50** and be gracious to their unrighteousness in which they sinned against you, and with regard to all their transgressions by which they transgressed against you; and you shall give them compassion before those who carry them captive, and they shall have compassion on them; **read ›**

39 **1 Chronicles 21:8** And David said to God, "I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing; and now, please take away the wickedness of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly." **read ›**

40 **2 Chronicles 6:37** and they turn their heart in their land to which they were carried away, and also turn and plead with you in their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have acted lawlessly, we have done unrighteously,' **read ›**

41 **2 Chronicles 7:14** and my people, on whom my name is called, are put to shame, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will be gracious to their sins, and I will heal their land. **read ›**

42 **2 Chronicles 12:12** And when he was put to shame, the anger of the Lord turned away from him, and it was not for utter destruction; for in Judah also there were good things. **read ›**

43 **2 Chronicles 15:4** But he will turn them to the Lord God of Israel, and he will be found by them. **read ›**

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44 **Nehemiah 9:13** You came down upon Mount Sinai and spoke with them from heaven, and you gave them right judgments, laws of truth, statutes, and good commandments. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 19:13 (Nehemiah 9:13 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

45 **Psalms 13:6** I will sing to the Lord, who has dealt kindly with me, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High. (Septuagint Psalm 12:6 (Psalm 13:6 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

46 **Psalms 18:6** And in my trouble I called upon the Lord, and to my God I cried out; he heard my voice from his holy temple, and my cry before him shall come into his ears. (Septuagint Psalm 17:7 (Psalm 18:6 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

47 **Psalms 22:5** They cried to you and were saved; they hoped in you and were not put to shame. (Septuagint Psalm 21:6 (Psalm 22:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

48 **Psalms 30:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

49 **Psalms 32:1** Of understanding, of David. Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. (Septuagint Psalm 31:1 (Psalm 32:1 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

50 **Psalms 32:5** I made my sin known, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my iniquity against myself to the Lord”; and you forgave the ungodliness of my heart. Pause. (Septuagint Psalm 31:5 (Psalm 32:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

51 **Psalms 34:17** The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Septuagint Psalm 33:18 (Psalm 34:17 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

52 **Psalms 106:45** And he remembered his covenant, and he felt regret, according to the multitude of his mercy. (Septuagint Psalm 105:45 (Psalm 106:45 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

53 **Psalms 107:6** Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he rescued them out of their distresses. (Septuagint Psalm 106:6 (Psalm 107:6 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

54 **Psalms 107:13** Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. (Septuagint Psalm 106:13 (Psalm 107:13 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

55 **Psalms 107:19** Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. (Septuagint Psalm 106:19 (Psalm 107:19 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

56 **Psalms 107:28** Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distresses. (Septuagint Psalm 106:28 (Psalm 107:28 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

57 **Psalms 116:4** And I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, deliver my soul.” (Septuagint Psalm 114:4 (Psalm 116:4 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

58 **Proverbs 16:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

59 **Proverbs 28:13** He who covers his own ungodliness will not prosper, but he who sets forth rebukes will be loved. **read ›**

60 **Ecclesiastes 10:4** If the spirit of the one in power rises up against you, do not leave your place; for healing will put an end to great sins. **read ›**

61 **Isaiah 55:7** let the ungodly forsake his ways, and the lawless man his counsels; and let him return to the Lord, and he shall receive mercy, for he shall abundantly forgive your sins. **read ›**

62 **Jeremiah 3:5** Will it remain forever, or be kept to the end? Behold, you have spoken and done these evil things, and you prevailed. **read ›**

63 **Jeremiah 17:7** But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and the Lord will be his hope. **read ›**

64 **Jeremiah 29:3** by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Babylon, to Babylon, saying: (Septuagint Jeremiah 36:3 (Jeremiah 29:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

65 **Jeremiah 31:5** For you have planted vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; plant, and praise. (Septuagint Jeremiah 38:5 (Jeremiah 31:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

66 **Jeremiah 33:5** to fight against the Chaldeans, and to fill it with the corpses of men whom I struck down in my anger and in my wrath; and I turned my face away from them because of all their evils: (Septuagint Jeremiah 40:5 (Jeremiah 33:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

67 **Jeremiah 33:7** And I will bring back the exiles of Judah and the exiles of Israel, and I will build them up as before. (Septuagint Jeremiah 40:7 (Jeremiah 33:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

68 **Jeremiah 38:9** “You have done evil in what you have done, to kill this man because of the famine, for there is no more bread in the city.” (Septuagint Jeremiah 45:9 (Jeremiah 38:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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69 **Lamentations 1:7** Zain. Jerusalem remembered the days of her humiliation and of her rejection, all her desirable things that were from days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the oppressor, and there was none to help her; her enemies saw it and laughed at her dwelling. **read ›**

70 **Lamentations 1:8** Heth. Jerusalem has sinned a sin; therefore she has become a thing tossed about; all who honored her have humbled her, for they have seen her shame; and she herself groaned and turned backward. **read ›**

71 **Ezekiel 18:27** And when the lawless man turns from his iniquity that he has committed, and does judgment and righteousness, he has kept his soul, **read ›**

72 **Ezekiel 33:17** And the children of your people shall say, “The way of the Lord is not straight”; but it is this way of theirs that is not straight. **read ›**

73 **Ezekiel 36:21** And I spared them for the sake of my holy name, which the house of Israel profaned among the nations where they went. **read ›**

74 **Joel 2:13** and tear your hearts and not your garments.” And turn to the Lord your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, long-suffering and abundant in mercy, and he relents from evils. **read ›**

75 **Jonah 3:10** And God saw their works, that they had turned from their evil ways; and God relented from the evil that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. **read ›**

76 **Micah 7:18** Who is a God like you, taking away iniquities and passing over ungodly deeds for the remnant of his inheritance? And he has not held fast his anger as a witness, for he delights in mercy. **read ›**

77 **Habakkuk 2:13** Are not these things from the Lord Almighty? And many peoples have failed in the fire, and many nations have lost heart. **read ›**

78 **Haggai 2:3** ‘Who is there among you who saw this house in its former glory? And how do you see it now, as though it were nothing before you? **read ›**

79 **Tobit 13:6** If you turn to him with all your heart and with all your soul, to do the truth before him, then he will turn to you and will by no means hide his face from you. And see what he will do with you, and give thanks to him with your whole mouth; and bless the Lord of righteousness, and exalt the King of the ages. In the land of my captivity I give thanks to him, and I show his strength and his greatness to a nation of sinners. Turn, you sinners, and do righteousness before him. Who knows if he will accept you and show you mercy? **read ›**

80 **Wisdom of Solomon 12:19** And through such works you taught your people that the righteous man must love mankind, and you made your sons of good hope, that you give repentance for sins. **read ›**

81 **Wisdom of Sirach 8:5** Do not insult a man who turns from sin; remember that we are all under penalty. **read ›**

82 **Wisdom of Sirach 17:24** Yet to those who repent he has granted a way back, and he has encouraged those whose endurance was failing. **read ›**

83 **Wisdom of Sirach 17:25** Turn back to the Lord and forsake your sins; make your prayer before his face and lessen your offense. **read ›**

84 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:1** My child, have you sinned? Do not do so again, and pray concerning your former sins. **read ›**

85 **Wisdom of Sirach 46:5** He called upon the Most High, the Mighty One, when enemies pressed him on every side; and the great Lord heard them. **read ›**

86 **Baruch 1:17** because we have sinned before the Lord, **read ›**

87 **1 Maccabees 9:46** Now therefore cry out to heaven, so that you may be saved from the hand of your enemies.” **read ›**

88 **2 Maccabees 10:4** When they had done this, they fell on their faces and begged the Lord that they might never again fall into such evils, but that if they should ever sin, they might be disciplined by him with gentleness, and not be handed over to blasphemous and barbaric nations. **read ›**

89 **3 Maccabees 5:51** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

90 **1 Enoch 1:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

91 **1 Enoch 65:11** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

92 **1 Enoch 98:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

93 **Matthew 3:8** Therefore produce fruit worthy of repentance! **read ›**

94 **Matthew 8:25** The disciples came to him and woke him up, saying, “Save us, Lord! We are dying!” **read ›**

95 **Matthew 14:30** But when he saw that the wind was strong, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” **read ›**

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96 **Matthew 15:25** But she came and worshiped him, saying, “Lord, help me.” **read ›**

97 **Matthew 21:29** He answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind, and went. **read ›**

98 **Matthew 27:43** He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he delights in him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” **read ›**

99 **Luke 1:16** He shall turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. **read ›**

100 **Luke 15:7** I tell you that even so there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. **read ›**

101 **Luke 15:18** I will get up and go to my father, and will tell him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. **read ›**

102 **Luke 15:21** The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ **read ›**

103 **Luke 17:4** If he sins against you seven times in the day, and seven times returns, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.” **read ›**

104 **Luke 18:13** But the tax collector, standing far away, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his chest, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ **read ›**

105 **Luke 18:38** He cried out, “Jesus, you son of David, have mercy on me!” **read ›**

106 **Luke 22:62** And Peter went out and wept bitterly. **read ›**

107 **Acts 3:11** As the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch that is called Solomon’s, greatly wondering. **read ›**

108 **Acts 3:19** Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, **read ›**

109 **Acts 5:31** God exalted him with his right hand as Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. **read ›**

110 **Acts 7:42** But God turned away and gave them up to serve the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets: Did you offer to me slain victims and sacrifices, O house of Israel, forty years in the wilderness? **read ›**

111 **Acts 8:22** Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray to God that perhaps the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. **read ›**

112 **Acts 8:24** Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that none of the things which you have spoken happen to me.” **read ›**

113 **Acts 9:35** All who lived at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. **read ›**

114 **Acts 11:21** The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. **read ›**

115 **Acts 12:11** When Peter had come to himself, he said, “Now I truly know that the Lord has sent out his angel and delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from everything the Jewish people were expecting.” **read ›**

116 **Acts 26:20** but declared first to them of Damascus, at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance. **read ›**

117 **Romans 2:4** Or do you despise the riches of his goodness, forbearance, and patience, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? **read ›**

118 **Romans 2:19** and are confident that you yourself are a guide of the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, **read ›**

119 **Romans 4:25** who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification. **read ›**

120 **Romans 6:17** But thanks be to God that, although you were slaves of sin, you obeyed from the heart that form of teaching to which you were handed over. **read ›**

121 **Romans 6:21** What fruit then did you have at that time in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. **read ›**

122 **Romans 8:4** so that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **read ›**

123 **Romans 11:15** For if the rejection of them is the reconciling of the world, what would their acceptance be, but life from the dead? **read ›**

124 **Romans 11:31** even so these also have now been disobedient, that by the mercy shown to you they may also obtain mercy. **read ›**

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125 **1 Corinthians 1:17** For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be emptied of its power. **read ›**

126 **2 Corinthians 1:10** who delivered us out of so great a death, and does deliver, on whom we have set our hope that he will also still deliver us, **read ›**

127 **2 Corinthians 7:10** For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, which brings no regret. But the sorrow of the world produces death. **read ›**

128 **Galatians 1:4** who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father— **read ›**

129 **1 Timothy 5:12** having condemnation, because they have abandoned their former faithfulness. **read ›**

130 **2 Timothy 3:11** persecutions, and sufferings—the things that happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And the Lord delivered me out of them all. **read ›**

131 **2 Timothy 4:17** But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the lion's mouth. **read ›**

132 **2 Timothy 4:18** And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and will preserve me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. **read ›**

133 **Hebrews 5:7** He, in the days of his flesh, having offered up prayers and petitions with strong crying and tears to him who was able to save him from death, and having been heard for his godly fear, **read ›**

134 **Hebrews 11:25** choosing rather to share ill treatment with God's people than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a time, **read ›**

135 **Hebrews 12:17** For you know that even afterward, when he wished to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, although he sought it with tears. **read ›**

136 **James 2:13** For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. **read ›**

137 **James 5:20** let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. **read ›**

138 **2 Peter 2:21** For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. **read ›**

139 **2 Peter 2:22** But what the true proverb says has happened to them: A dog has returned to its own vomit, and a washed sow to wallowing in the mud. **read ›**

140 **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **read ›**

141 **Revelation 7:10** They cried with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation be to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" **read ›**

142 **Revelation 9:21** They did not repent of their murders, their sorceries, their sexual immorality, or their thefts. **read ›**

143 **Revelation 10:3** He cried with a loud voice, as a lion roars. When he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices. **read ›**

144 **Revelation 18:5** for her sins have piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her unrighteous deeds. **read ›**

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