

Readings from the Word of God

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Matthew 7:12 (NKJV)

“[W]hatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

Luke 15:17-20 (NKJV)

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.” ’

²⁰ “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

Married Love §395

All that little children receive they attribute to their parents. They are content with the little things they are given as gifts. They do not worry about their food and clothing, and are not anxious about the future. They do not pay regard to the world and covet many things on account of it. They love their parents, their nursemaids, and their little companions, and play with them in a state of innocence. They allow themselves to be guided; they listen and obey.

Divine Providence §92:2

Love wants to be loved. This is its inner instinct. To the extent that it is loved in return, it is filled with pleasure.

True Christianity §407

Everyone knows that a father who chastises his children when they do wrong loves them; and in the opposite case if he does not chastise them for it, he loves their faults, and this cannot be called charity.

Matthew 10:37 (NKJV)

“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”

Secrets of Heaven §587:2

Jehovah's mercy — the Lord's mercy — involves each and every thing the Lord does for the human race. Humankind's nature is such that the Lord has mercy on us, and on each of us according to our circumstances. So he has mercy on the state of one whom he permits to be punished and on the state of one to whom he grants good fortune. Punishment is an act of mercy because mercy bends all the evil involved in punishment to good ends. To grant good fortune is also an act of mercy because we never earn any kind of good. The whole human race is evil, and left to ourselves we all plunge into hell. To pull us back out of hell, then, is mercy, and pure mercy at that....

Heaven and Hell §522

Divine mercy is a pure mercy toward the whole human race with the intent of saving it, and it is constant toward every individual, never withdrawing from anyone. This means that everyone who can be saved is saved.

Isaiah 54:10-11, 13 (NKJV)

- 10 For the mountains shall depart
And the hills be removed,
But My kindness shall not depart from you,
Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,”
Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.
- 11 “O you afflicted one,
Tossed with tempest, and not comforted,
Behold, I will lay your stones with colorful gems,
And lay your foundations with sapphires.
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- 13 All your children shall be taught by the LORD,
And great shall be the peace of your children.

Other Resources

For Parents Only: Getting Inside the Head of Your Kid by Shaunti Feldhahn and Lisa A. Rice - <https://shaunti.com/tb-books/for-parents-only/> or <https://bit.ly/3P5xaMA>

“Survey Verbatims – How Teens Think: The one thing they most wanted to say (from the For Parents Only book)” - <https://shaunti.com/research/survey-verbatims-teens-think-one-thing-wanted-say-parents-book/> or <https://bit.ly/3KVLrbf>