

**THE
PRAYER OF MANASSES
KING OF JUDA
WHEN HE WAS HOLDEN CAPTIVE IN
BABYLON.**

¹ O LORD, Almighty God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed; ² who hast made heaven and earth, with all the ornament thereof; ³ who hast bound the sea by the word of thy commandment; who hast shut *up* the deep, and sealed it by thy terrible and glorious name; ⁴ whom all *men* fear, and tremble before thy power; ⁵ for the majesty of thy glory cannot be borne, and thine angry threatening towards sinners *is* importable; ⁶ but thy merciful promise *is* unmeasurable and unsearchable; ⁷ for thou art the most high Lord, of great compassion, longsuffering, very merciful, and repentest of the evils of men: thou, O Lord, according to thy great goodness hast promised repentance and forgiveness to them that have sinned against thee: and of thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance unto sinners, that *they* may be saved.

⁸ Thou therefore, O Lord, *that art* the God of the just, hast not appointed repentance to the just, *as* to Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, which have not sinned against thee; but thou hast appointed repentance unto me *that am* a sinner: ⁹ for I have sinned above the number of

the sands of the sea. My transgressions, O Lord, are multiplied: my transgressions are multiplied, and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of heaven for the multitude of mine iniquities.

¹⁰ *I am* bowed down with many iron bands, that I cannot lift up mine head, neither have *any* release: for I have provoked thy wrath, and done evil before thee: I did not thy will, neither kept I thy commandments: I have set up abominations, and have multiplied offences.

¹¹ Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, beseeching thee of grace. ¹² I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge mine iniquities: ¹³ wherefore, I humbly beseech thee, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with mine iniquities. Be not angry with me for ever, by reserving evil for me; neither condemn me into the lower *parts* of the earth. For thou art the God, *even* the God of them that repent; ¹⁴ and in me thou wilt shew all thy goodness: for thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, according to thy great mercy.

¹⁵ Therefore I will praise thee for ever all the days of my life: for all the powers of the heavens do praise thee, and thine is the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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