



Did you Know?

With God There Is No Double Jeopardy

There is in human law a rule known as double jeopardy. A man cannot be held twice for the same transgression. A Provincial judge, for instance, cannot ask of him a penalty, and a Federal judge ask another for the same transgression.

This same principle is in effect in divine jurisprudence. God can-not ask for a second payment for the same transgression. The Bible declares that God placed all our sins upon Christ and Christ paid the penalty in full. There is, therefore, full forgiveness of sin. To those that receive forgiveness there can be no further penalty for sin. The apostle Paul declared this truth saying:

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth” (Romans 8:32-33).

Think on Augustus Toplady’s verse:

Payment God cannot twice demand—

First at my bleeding Surety’s hand, And then again at mine.

From whence this fear and unbelief?

Hath not the Father put to grief His spotless Son for me?

And will the righteous Judge of men Condemn me for that debt of sin

Which, Lord, was charged on Thee?

Complete atonement Thou hast made,

And to the utmost farthing paid Whate’er Thy people owed;

How then can wrath on me take place If sheltered in Thy righteousness,

And sprinkled with Thy blood? If Thou hast my discharge procured,

And freely in my room endured The whole of wrath divine,

Payment God cannot twice demand— First at my bleeding Surety’s hand, And then again at mine.

Turn then, my soul, unto thy rest! The merits of thy great High Priest Have bought thy liberty;

Trust in His efficacious blood, Nor fear thy banishment from God, Since Jesus died for thee!

Augustus Toplady, 1740-1778