

54-Grace

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
For a day in thy courts [is] better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, blessed [is] the man that trusteth in thee.

Judaism, *Psalms* 84: 9-12

The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of knowledge: [but] fools despise wisdom and instruction.

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

For they [shall be] an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

Judaism, *Proverbs* 1: 7-9

He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.
He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

He that loveth pureness of heart, [for] the grace of his lips the king [shall be] his friend.

Judaism, *Proverbs* 22: 8-11

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Christianity, *Acts* 20: 32

For all things [are] for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward [man] is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding [and] eternal weight of glory...

Christianity, II *Corinthians* 4: 15-17

But this [I say], He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give]; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

And God [is] able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all [things], may abound to every good work:

(As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

Christianity, *II Corinthians* 9: 6-9

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Christianity, *Ephesians* 4: 29

Say: Surely grace is in the hand of Allah, He gives it to whom He pleases; and Allah is Ample giving, Knowing.

He specially chooses for His mercy whom He pleases; and Allah is the Lord of mighty grace.

Rejoicing in what Allah has given them out of His grace and they rejoice for the sake of those who, (being left) behind them, have not yet joined them, that they shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve.

They rejoice on account of favor from Allah and (His) grace, and that Allah will not waste the reward of the believers.

Islam, *Quran* 3: 73-74; 170-171

And do not covet that by which Allah has made some of you excel others; men shall have the benefit of what they earn and women shall have the benefit of what they earn; and ask Allah of His grace; surely Allah knows all things.

Islam, *Qur'án* 4: 32

Then as for those who believe and do good, He will pay them fully their rewards and give them more out of His grace; and as for those who disdain and are proud, He will chastise them with a painful chastisement. And they shall not find for themselves besides Allah a guardian or a helper

Then as for those who believe in Allah and hold fast by Him, He will cause them to enter into His mercy and grace and guide them to Himself on a right path

Islam, *Quran* 4: 173, 175

And you that ask forgiveness of your Lord, then turn to Him; He will provide you with a goodly provision to an appointed term and bestow His grace on every one endowed with grace, and if you turn back, then surely I fear for you the chastisement of a great day.

Islam, *Quran* 11: 3

Were any man to ponder in his heart that which the Pen of the Most High hath revealed and to taste of its sweetness, he would, of a certainty, find himself emptied and delivered from his own desires, and utterly subservient to the Will of the Almighty. Happy is the man that hath attained so high a station, and hath not deprived himself of so bountiful a grace.

Bahá'i, Baha'u'lláh, *Gleanings*, p. 343

O Thou forgiving God! These servants are turning to Thy kingdom and seeking Thy grace and bounty. O God! Make their hearts good and pure in order that they may become worthy of Thy love. Purify and sanctify the spirits that the light of the Sun of Reality may shine upon them. Purify and sanctify the eyes that they may perceive Thy light. Purify and sanctify the ears in order that they may hear the call of Thy kingdom.

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Promulgation of Universal Peace*, p. 149

All men have been created to carry forward an ever-advancing civilization. The Almighty beareth Me witness: To act like the beasts of the field is unworthy of man. Those virtues that befit his dignity are forbearance, mercy, compassion and loving kindness towards all the peoples and kindreds of the earth. Say: O friends! Drink your fill from this crystal stream that floweth through the heavenly grace of Him Who is the Lord of Names.

Bahá'i, Baha'u'lláh, *Gleanings*, p. 215

The honor and distinction of the individual consist in this, that he among all the world's multitudes should become a source of social good. Is any larger bounty conceivable than this, that an individual, looking within himself, should find that by the confirming grace of God he has become the cause of peace and well-being, of happiness and advantage to his fellow men?

Bahá'i, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, *The Secret of Divine Civilization*, pp. 2-3