

Repent 1/02

Repentance

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Matthew 3:2

2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." NIV

Matthew 4:17

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

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Matthew 11:20

20 Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. NIV

Matthew 21:32

32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

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Mark 1:15

15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

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Mark 6:12

12 They went out and preached that people should repent. NIV

Luke 13:3

3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. NIV

Luke 13:5

5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

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Luke 15:7

7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

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Luke 16:30

30 "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

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Luke 17:4

4 If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

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Acts 2:38

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. NIV

Acts 3:19

19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, NIV

Acts 8:22

22 Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. NIV

Acts 17:30

30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. NIV

Acts 26:20

20 First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. NIV

Revelation 2:5

5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. NIV

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Revelation 2:16

16 Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

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Revelation 2:21

21 I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. NIV

Revelation 2:22

22 So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. NIV

Revelation 3:3

3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

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Revelation 3:19

19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. NIV

Revelation 9:20

20 The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood-idols that cannot see or hear or walk. NIV

Revelation 9:21

21 Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

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Revelation 16:9

9 They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

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Revelation 16:11

11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

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OT:5162

nacham --

to be sorry, to console oneself, to repent, to regret, to comfort, to be comforted

a) (Niphal)1) to be sorry, to be moved to pity, to have compassion 2) to be sorry, to rue, to suffer grief, to repent 3) to comfort oneself, to be comforted 4) to comfort oneself, to ease oneself b) (Piel) to comfort, to console c) (Pual) to be comforted, to be consoled d) (Hithpael)1) to be sorry, to have compassion 2) to rue, to repent of 3) to comfort oneself, to be comforted 4) to ease oneself

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NT:3340

metanoceo, metanoo;

to change one's mind, i. e., to repent Luke 17:3 f

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REPENT, REPENTANCE

A. Verbs.

1. *metanoëo* NT:3340, lit., "to perceive afterwards" (meta, "after," implying "change," *noëo*, "to perceive"; *nous*, "the mind, the seat of moral reflection"), in contrast to *pronoëo*, "to perceive beforehand," hence signifies "to change one's mind or purpose," always, in the NT, involving a change for the better, an amendment, and always, except in Luke 17:3,4, of "repentance" from sin. The word is found in the Synoptic Gospels (in Luke, nine times), in Acts five times, in the Apocalypse twelve times, eight in the messages to the churches, 2:5 (twice), 16,21 (twice), RV, "she willeth not to repent" (2nd part); 3:3,19 (the only churches in those chapters which contain no exhortation in this respect are those at Smyrna and Philadelphia); elsewhere only in 2 Cor 12:21. See also the general Note below.

2. *metamelomai* NT:3338, meta, as in No. 1, and *melo*, "to care for," is used in the passive voice with middle voice sense, signifying "to regret, to repent oneself," Matt 21:29, RV, "repented himself"; v. 32, RV, "ye did (not) repent yourselves" (KJV, "ye repented not"); 27:3, "repented himself"; 2 Cor 7:8 (twice), RV, "regret" in each case; Heb 7:21, where alone in the NT it is said (negatively) of God.

B. Adjective.

ametameletos NT:278, "not repented of, unregretted" (a, negative, and a verbal adjective of A, No. 2), signifies "without change of purpose"; it is said (a) of God in regard to his "gifts and calling," Rom 11:29; (b) of man, 2 Cor 7:10, RV, "[repentance (*metanoia*, see C)]... which bringeth no regret" (KJV, "not to be repented of"); the difference between *metanoia* and *metamelomai*, illustrated here, is briefly expressed in the contrast between "repentance" and "regret."

C. Noun.

metanoia NT:3341, "afterthought, change of mind, repentance," corresponds in meaning to A, No. 1, and is used of "repentance" from sin or evil, except in Heb 12:17, where the word "repentance" seems to mean, not simply a change of Isaac's mind, but such a change as would reverse the effects of his own previous state of mind. Esau's birthright-bargain could not be recalled; it involved an irretrievable loss.

As regards "repentance" from sin, (a) the requirement by God on man's part is set forth, e. g., in Matt 3:8; Luke 3:8; Acts 20:21; 26:20; (b) the mercy of God in giving "repentance" or leading men to it is set forth, e. g., in Acts 5:31; 11:18; Rom 2:4; 2 Tim 2:25. The most authentic mss. omit the word in Matt 9:13 and Mark 2:17, as in the RV.

Note: In the OT, "repentance" with reference to sin is not so prominent as that change of mind or purpose, out of pity for those who have been affected by one's action, or in whom the results of the action have not fulfilled expectations, a "repentance" attributed both to God and to man, e. g., Gen 6:6; Ex 32:14 (that this does not imply anything contrary to God's immutability, but that the aspect of His mind is changed toward an object that has itself changed, see under RECONCILE).

In the NT the subject chiefly has reference to "repentance" from sin, and this change of mind involves both a turning from sin and a turning to God. The parable of the Prodigal Son is an outstanding illustration of this. Christ began His ministry with a call to "repentance," Matt 4:17, but the call is addressed, not as in the OT to the nation, but to the individual. In the Gospel of John, as distinct from the Synoptic Gospels, referred to above, "repentance" is not mentioned, even in connection with John the Baptist's preaching; in John's gospel and 1st epistle the effects are stressed, e. g., in the new birth, and, generally, in the active turning from sin to God by the exercise of faith John 3:3; 9:38; 1 John 1:9, as in the NT in general.

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