

## Character of God Texts and Quotes

God is Love. 1 John 4:8

*Jesus is the PERFECT revelation of the Father*

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and **the exact representation of his being**, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father**; how do you say, 'Show us the Father '?

NAS John 1:18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, **He has explained *Him***.

*Jesus's Job*

John 17:3 Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 **I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.** 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. 6 **"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world.** They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

1 John 3:8 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. **The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.**

Hebrews 2:14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity **so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil--**

John 12:31 **Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.**

*The Devil's Job*

2 Corinthians 4:4 **The god of this age** has **blinded** the minds of unbelievers, so **that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

Revelation 12:9 The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, **who leads the whole world astray.** He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

*Who/What does the Destroying?*

Romans 6:23 The wages of **SIN is death.**

James 1:15 ...**sin** when it is full grown **brings forth death.**

Psalms 34:21 **Evil shall slay the wicked;** And those who hate the righteous will be condemned. (Ps. 34:21 NAS)

John 10:10 **“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.** I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly.”

*Who/What Kills According to Mrs. White?*

Men have reached a point in insolence and disobedience which shows that their cup of iniquity is almost full. Many have well-nigh passed the boundary of mercy. Soon God will show that He is indeed the living God. **He will say to the angels, "No longer combat Satan in his efforts to destroy. Let him work out his malignity upon the children of disobedience; for the cup of their iniquity is full. They have advanced from one degree of wickedness to another, adding daily to their lawlessness. I will no longer interfere to prevent the destroyer from doing his work."** {RH, September 17, 1901 par. 8}

Men have become bold in transgression. The wickedness of the inhabitants of the world has almost filled up the measure of their iniquity. **This earth has almost reached the place where God will permit the destroyer to work his will upon it.** {7T 141.1}

**Satan is the destroyer. God cannot bless those who refuse to be faithful stewards. All He can do is to permit Satan to accomplish his**

***destroying work.*** We see calamities of every kind and in every degree coming upon the earth, and why? The Lord's restraining power is not exercised. The world has disregarded the word of God. They live as though there were no God. Like the inhabitants of the Noachic world, they refuse to have any thought of God. Wickedness prevails to an alarming extent, and the earth is ripe for the harvest. {6T 388–389}

We cannot know how much we owe to Christ for the peace and protection which we enjoy. **It is the restraining power of God that prevents mankind from passing fully under the control of Satan.** The disobedient and unthankful have great reason for gratitude for God's mercy and long-suffering in holding in check the cruel, malignant power of the evil one. But when men pass the limits of divine forbearance, that restraint is removed. ***God does not stand toward the sinner as an executioner of the sentence against transgression; but He leaves the rejectors of His mercy to themselves, to reap that which they have sown*** . Every ray of light rejected, every warning despised or unheeded, every passion indulged, every transgression of the law of God, is a seed sown which yields its unfailing harvest. The Spirit of God, persistently resisted, is at last withdrawn from the sinner, and then there is left no power to control the evil passions of the soul, and no protection from the malice and enmity of Satan. The destruction of Jerusalem is a fearful and solemn warning to all who are trifling with the offers of divine grace and resisting the pleadings of divine mercy. Never was there given a more decisive testimony to God's hatred of sin and to the certain punishment that will fall upon the guilty. {GC 36.1}

***Sickness, suffering, and death are work of an antagonistic power. Satan is the destroyer; God is the restorer*** . {MH 112–113}