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ENDS of the
EARTH

Of mice and men (Acts 5:17-32)



Polycarp (69-155)

**“If you think I will
swear by the genius
of Caesar, then you
don't know who I am.
Hear me clearly:
I am a Christian.”**

–Saint Polycarp

*to the Roman Proconsul Statius Quadratus
on the occasion of his martyrdom, AD 167*



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Eighty and six years have I served Christ, nor has He ever done me any harm. How, then, could I blaspheme my King who saved Me?....I bless Thee for deigning me worthy of this day and this hour that I may be among Thy martyrs and drink the cup of my Lord Jesus Christ.

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Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?
If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?
But if you do not do what is right,
sin is crouching at your door;
it desires to have you, but you must rule over it
(Gen. 4:7)

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We do not need to defend ourselves
before you in this matter.

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace,
the God we serve is able to deliver us from it,
and he will deliver us from your majesty's hand.
But even if he does not, we want you to know,
your majesty, that we will not serve your gods or
worship the image of gold that you have set up.

(Dan. 3:16-17)

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11- To do what God commands because his commands are right and we delight in doing what is right (Phil. 4:8; Ps. 40:8)