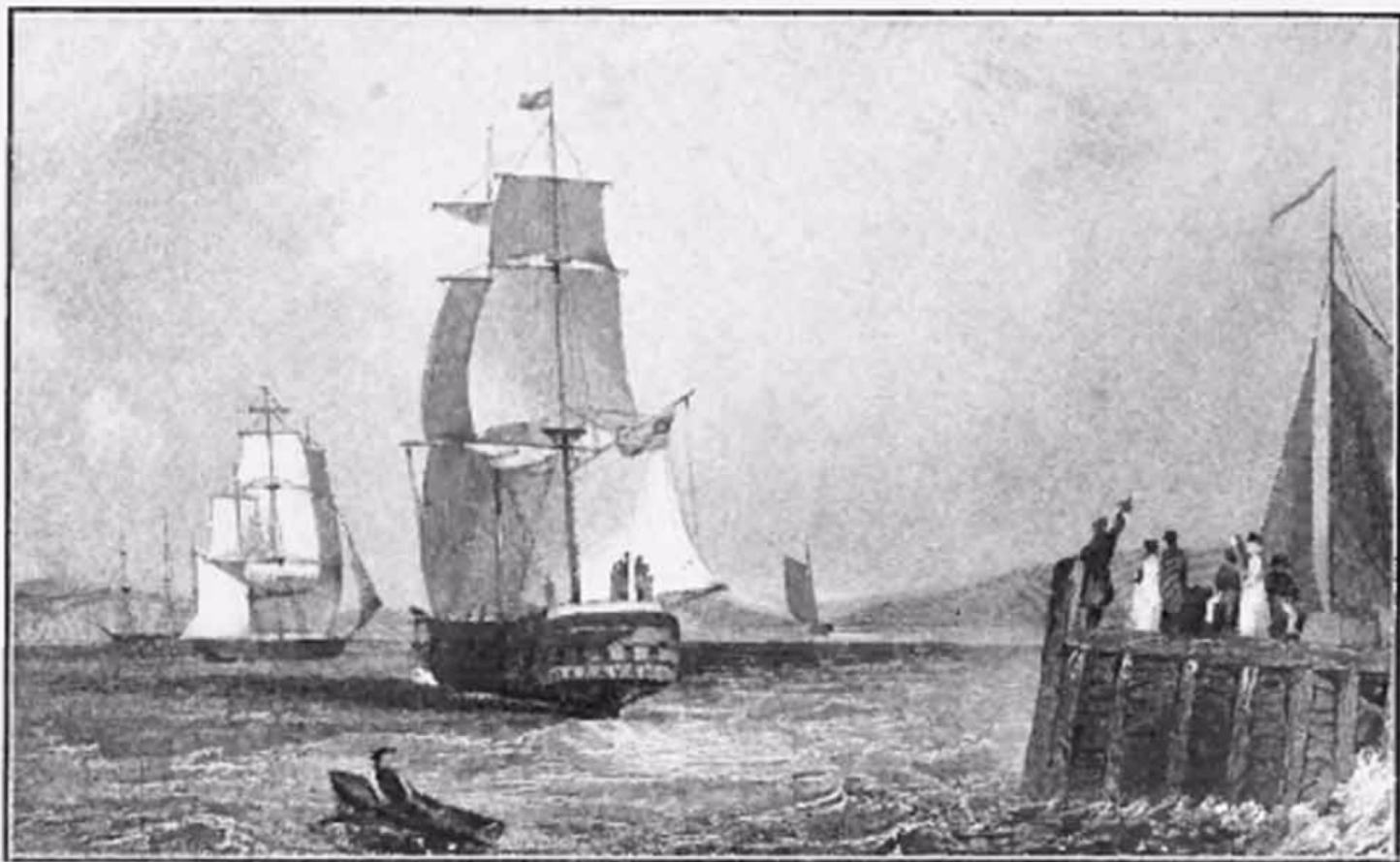




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MATTHEW



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“whether you can consent to her departure,  
and her subjection to the hardships and  
sufferings of missionary life ...

“to every kind of want and distress; to degradation, insult, persecution, and perhaps a violent death.

“Can you consent to all of this, for the sake of him who left his heavenly home and died for her and for you; for the sake of perishing immortal souls; for the sake of Zion, and the glory of God?”

Adoniram Judson



“I rejoice, that I am in [God’s] hands, that he is everywhere present, and can protect me in one place as well as in another.

“He has my **heart** in his hands, and when I am called to face danger, to pass through scenes of terror and distress, he can inspire me with fortitude, and enable me to trust in him. Jesus is **faithful**; his promises are **precious**.”

Ann Judson

“If it may please the dear Redeemer to make me instrumental of leading some of the females of Burma to a saving acquaintance with him,

“my great object would be accomplished, my highest desires gratified; I shall rejoice to have relinquished my comforts, my country, and my home.”

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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21

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“You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.”

Haggai 1:6



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“He said also to the man who had invited him, ‘When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.’

“But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Luke 14:12-14

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Matthew 6:22-23

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stingy = lit. “a bad eye”

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for he is like one who is inwardly calculating.  
‘Eat and drink!’ he says to you,  
but his heart is not with you.”

Proverbs 23:6-7

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Matthew 6:23b

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- healthy eye - good or single

“Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed,  
for he shares his bread with the poor.”

Proverbs 22:9



“You have a good eye if you look at Master-money and Master-God and see Master-God as infinitely more valuable. In other words, a ‘good eye’ is a ‘valuing eye,’ a ‘discerning eye,’ a ‘treasuring eye.’

“It doesn’t just see facts about money and God. It doesn’t just perceive what is true and false. It sees beauty and ugliness, it senses value and worthlessness, it discerns what is really desirable and what is undesirable.

“The seeing of the good eye is not neutral.  
When it sees God, it sees God-as-beautiful. It  
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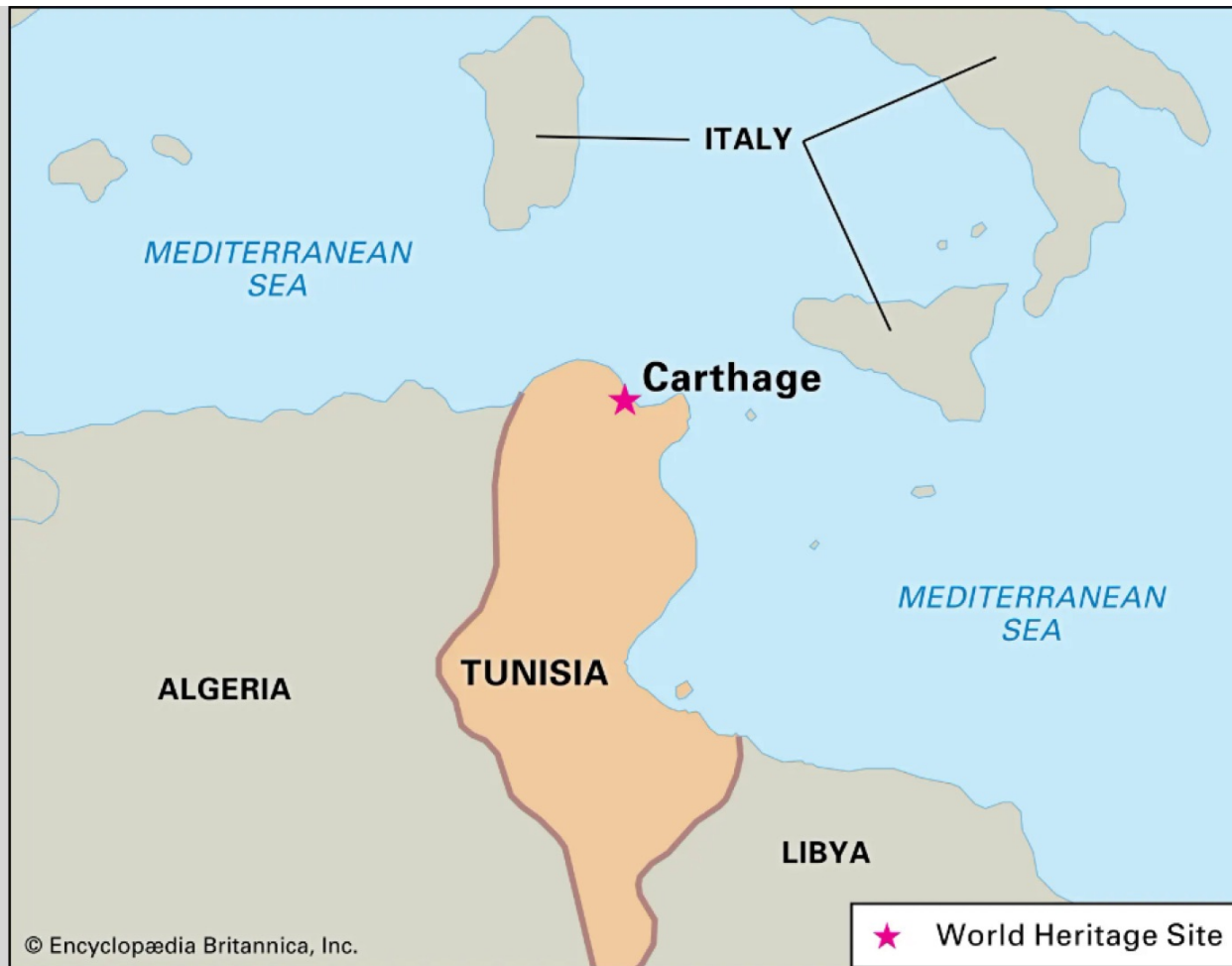
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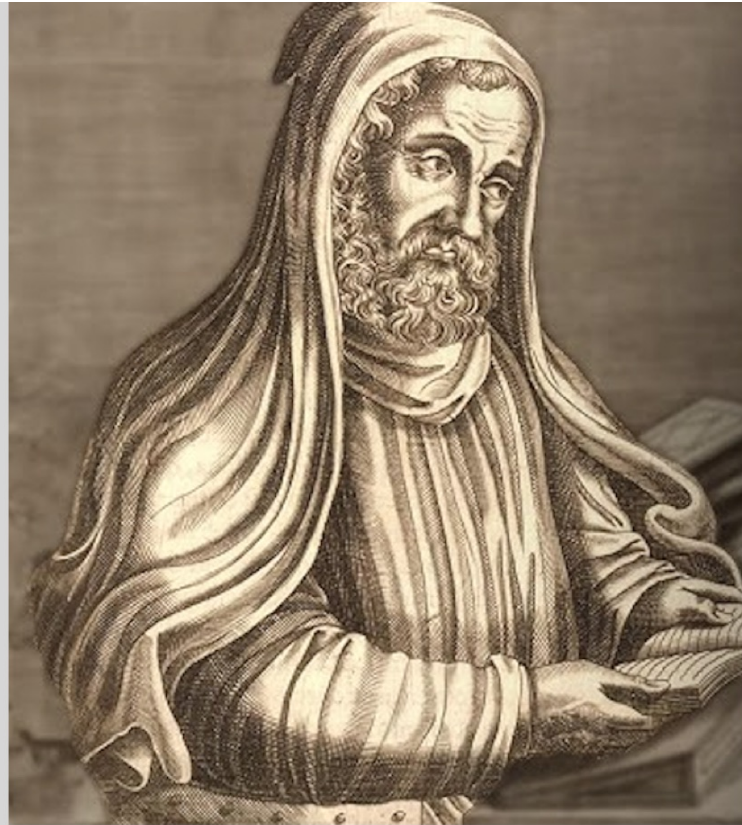
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Matthew 6:24

mammon = riches, possessions  
property







Thascius Cyprian

“Their property held them in chains ... chains which shackled their courage and choked their faith and hampered their judgment and throttled their soul....

“If they stored up their treasure in heaven,  
they would not now have an enemy and a  
thief within their own household....

“They think of themselves as owners, whereas it is they rather who are owned: enslaved as they are to their own property, they are not the masters of their money but its slaves.”

Cyprian

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

Matthew 6:25

“My native land, my home, my friends, and all my forsaken enjoyments, rushed into my mind; my tears flowed profusely, and I could not be comforted.”

Ann Judson

“We conversed much on death, and the probability of our finding an earthly grave. The subject was solemn and affecting, yet secretly pleasing and consoling.”

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“I do not recollect any period of my life, in which I have, for so long a time, had such constant peace of mind.”

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“But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.”

1 Timothy 6:8-9

“But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.”

1 Timothy 6:11

“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,



“thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19

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# **RISING ABOVE** **ANXIETY**

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