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Karma in the Christian Scriptures:

1. "They that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same." -- Job 4.8.
2. "The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands." -- Psalms 9.16.
3. "For thou renderest to every man according to his work." -- Psalms 62.12.
4. "And shall not he render to every man according to his works?" -- Proverbs 24.12.
5. "I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." -- Jeremiah 17.10.
6. "To give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." -- Jeremiah 32.19.
7. "Therefore I will judge you ... everyone according to his ways, saith the Lord God." -- Ezekiel 18.30.
8. "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind." -- Hosea 8.7.
9. "Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity..." -- Hosea 10.13.
10. "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." -- Matthew 7.1-2.
11. "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit: but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." -- Matthew 7.17.
12. "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels: and then he shall reward every man according to his works." --Matthew 16.27.
13. "God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds." -- Romans 2.5-6.
14. "Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil; And glory, honor, and peace to every man that worketh good." -- Romans 2.9-10.

15. "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
-- Galatians 6.7.
16. "And I will give unto every man that worketh good."
-- Revelation 2.23.
17. "To every man according to his work shall be."
-- Revelation 22.12.

[As to the laws of karma and reincarnation, some are "dead, deaf, or blind" to its teachings. When understood, thus, one is raised from the dead, healed from being deaf or blind.]

Reincarnation in the Christian Scriptures:

1. "To every thing there is a reason, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted."
-- Ecclesiastes 3.1-2.
2. "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption: but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."
-- Galatians 6.8.
3. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." -- John 3.3.
4. "And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God [karma and reincarnation] should be made manifest in him."
-- John 9.1-3.
5. "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the lord ..."
-- Malachi 4.5.
6. [Jesus was asked.] "Art thou he [Elijah] that should come, or do we look for another?"
-- Matthew 11.3.
7. [Jesus answers.] "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias [Elijah], which was for to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."
-- Matthew 11.13-15.
8. "And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, by hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand: and seeking ye shall see, and shall not perceive." -- Matthew 13.14.

9. [Jesus asked his disciples.] "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias [Elijah]: and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, but whom say yet that I am?" [As the belief in reincarnation was then prevalent.]

-- Matthew 16.13-15.

10. And his disciples asked him, saying, why then say the scribes that Elias [Elijah] must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them Elias [Elijah] truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That **Elias [Elijah] is come already**, and they knew him not but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Then the **disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.**

-- Matthew 17.10-13.

11. "... but have done unto him" [above] is a karma of Elijah reincarnated as John the Baptist. See Matthew 14.3-11, particularly in the following verses:

12. "And he [Herod] sent, and beheaded John in prison. And his head was brought in a charger." -- Matt 14.10-11.

[This karma is accounted for by the verses from I Kings 18.19-39, when he (John the Baptist) was Elijah. He won a contest, boasting, against 450 Baal priests (I Kings 18.22). See next, No. 13, for what he did.]

13. "And Elijah said unto them [his congregation], Take the prophets of Baal: let no one escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them to the river Kishon, and slew them there."

-- I Kings 18.40.

14. "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." -- Matt 13.9. Said after the Parable of the Sower (Matt 13.3-8). See Karma, No. 15.

15. "And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? Because it is given unto you [disciples] to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them [multitudes] it is not given ... because they seeing not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand."

-- Matthew 13.10-13.

16. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

-- Matthew 5.48.

17. "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out." [Freed or liberated from the karmic cycle of birth and death.]

-- Revelation 3.12.

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