

When Anyone Has Made a Mistake

by St. Benedict of Nursia

When making mistakes in prayer, humility and satisfaction are necessary to correct the error and avoid greater punishment.

Scripture: Proverbs 15:33, Proverbs 22:15, Proverbs 29:15, James 4:10

Topics: "Humility And Correction", "Discipline And Repentance"

Description

St. Benedict of Nursia emphasizes the importance of humility and correction when mistakes are made while reciting Psalms, responsories, antiphons, or lessons. He highlights the need for individuals to humble themselves before all by making satisfaction for their errors, rather than facing a greater punishment for not correcting their mistakes through humility. St. Benedict also mentions that boys, in particular, should be disciplined with physical correction for such faults.

Transcript

When anyone has made a mistake
while reciting a Psalm, a responsory,
an antiphon or a lesson,
if he does not humble himself there before all
by making a satisfaction,
let him undergo a greater punishment
because he would not correct by humility
what he did wrong through carelessness.
But boys for such faults shall be whipped.

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