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### Shylock's Justice

I have possess'd your grace of what I purpose; And  
by our holy Sabbath have I sworn To have the due  
and forfeit of my bond: If you deny it, let the danger  
light Upon your charter and your city's freedom.  
You'll ask me, why I rather choose to have A weight  
of carrion flesh than to receive Three thousand  
ducats: I'll not answer that: But, say, it is my humour:  
is it answer'd? What if my house be troubled with a  
rat And I be pleased to give ten thousand ducats To  
have it baned? . . . So can I give no reason, nor I will  
not, More than a lodged hate and a certain loathing I  
bear Antonio, that I follow thus A losing suit against  
him. Are you answer'd?

### Portia's Mercy

The quality of mercy is not strain'd, It droppeth as the  
gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath: it is  
twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that  
takes: 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest: it becomes The  
throned monarch better than his crown; His sceptre  
shows the force of temporal power, The attribute to  
awe and majesty, Wherein doth sit the dread and fear  
of kings; But mercy is above this sceptred sway; It is  
enthroned in the hearts of kings, It is an attribute to  
God himself; And earthly power doth then show  
likest God's When mercy seasons justice. Therefore,  
Jew, Though justice be thy plea, consider this, That,  
in the course of justice, none of us Should see  
salvation: we do pray for mercy; And that same  
prayer doth teach us all to render The deeds of mercy.  
I have spoke thus much To mitigate the justice of thy  
plea; Which if thou follow, this strict court of Venice  
Must needs give sentence 'gainst the merchant there.