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And so we must be punished. No sooner had I shared those words last week than a number of people asked if I had really meant to write that. The thought that “we must be punished” didn’t sound like something I would say. And they were right, that is not something I would say or even think. Rather, it reflects a way of thinking within our Jewish-Christian tradition that sees our relationship with God in terms of how our human relationships so often are, a matter of keeping score of credits and debits, pluses and minuses about who owes what to whom, and who deserves or doesn’t deserve what from whom (as described in last week’s article). But the Good News is that our relationship with God in no way resembles those kinds of human relationships. God does not keep score and calculate who deserves what and why. Rather, as God says to us through the Prophet Isaiah: *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts.* (55:8-9)

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