

Important Quotes from “The Crucible”

Act I

1. “You did, you did! You drank a charm to kill John Proctor’s wife! You drank a charm to kill Goody Proctor!” (p. 837)
2. “Abby, I may think of you softly from time to time. But I will cut off my hand before I ever reach for you again. Wipe it out of mind. We never touched, Abby.” (p. 839)
3. “There is prodigious danger in the seeking of loose spirits. I fear it, I fear it. Let us rather blame ourselves...” (p. 841)
4. “You think that is God’s work that you should never lose a child, nor grandchild either, and I bury all but one? There are wheels within wheels in this villages, and fires within fires!” (pg. 841)
5. “There is either obedience or the church will burn like Hell is burning!” (pg. 842)
6. “Why, then I must find it and join it.” (pg. 842)
7. “You will confess yourself or I will take you out and whip you to your death, Tituba!” (pg. 847)

Act II

1. “I do not judge you. The magistrate sits in your heart that judges you.” (pg. 852)
2. “I must tell you, sir, I will be gone every day now. I am amazed you do not see what weighty work we do.” (pg. 854)
3. “Adultery, John.” (pg. 857)
4. “Theology, sir, is a fortress; no crack in a fortress may be accounted small.” (pg. 857)
5. “Is the accuser always holy now? Were they born this morning as clean as God’s fingers? I’ll tell you what’s walking Salem – vengeance is walking Salem.” (pg. 860)

Act III

1. “Come now. You say your only purpose is to free your wife. Good then, she is saved at least this year, and a year is long...will you drop this charge?” (pg. 866)
2. “But you must understand, sir, that a person is either with this court or he must be counted against it, there will be no road between.” (pg. 867)
3. “Do that which is good, and no harm shall come to thee.” (pg.867)

4. "She thinks to dance with me on my wife's grave! And well she might, for I thought of her softly. God help me, I lusted, and there is a promise in such sweat. But it is a whore's vengeance, and you must see it; I set myself entirely in your hands. I know you must see it now." (pg. 873)

5. "I denounce these proceedings, I quit this court!" (pg. 876)

Act IV

1. "I cannot pardon these when twelve are already hanged for the same crime. It is not just." (pg. 880)

2. "Let Rebecca go like a saint; for me it is fraud!" (pg. 884)

3. "I speak my own sins; I cannot judge another. I have no tongue for it." (pg. 885)

4. "Because it is my name! Because I cannot have another in my life! Because I lie and sign myself to lies! Because I am not worth the dust on the feet of them that hang. How may I live without my name? I have given you my soul; leave me my name!" (pg. 886)

5. "He have his goodness now. God forbid I take it from him!" (pg. 887)