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Text

Thag 4:10 Dhammika

The Dhamma protects

those who live by the Dhamma.

The Dhamma well-practiced

brings bliss.

This—the reward

when the Dhamma’s well-practiced:

One who lives by the Dhamma

doesn’t go to a bad destination.

For Dhamma and non-
don’t bear equal results.
Non-Dhamma leads you to hell;
Dhamma, to a good destination.
So you should engender desire
for acts of Dhamma,
rejoicing
in the One Well-Gone,
the one who is Such.
Standing firm in the Dhamma,
of the foremost
One Well-Gone,
his disciples are guided
—enlightened—
to the foremost
refuge supreme.

Burst is the root of the boil;
the net of craving uprooted.
He, having ended his wandering-on,
has no stain—
like the moon
on a clear full-moon night.