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Bible Lessons

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Reality

GOLDEN TEXT

Psalms 34:8

Taste and see how good the LORD is!
The one who takes refuge in him is truly
happy!

*The Golden Text is from the Common English
Bible.*

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 111:2–4, 5 he will, 7–9, 10 a; 145:1, 4, 7, 9, 17, 18

2 The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 **His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.**

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 . . . **he will ever be mindful of his covenant.**

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

8 **They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.**

9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

10 . . . **a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.**

1 I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

4 **One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.**

7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

9 **The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.**

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

18 **The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.**

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **John 1:1, 3**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

2 | **Genesis 1:31 (to 1st.)**

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

3 | [Psalms 33:4–6, 9, 11](#)

4 For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth. 5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

11 The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

4 | [Psalms 104:24, 30](#)

24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

5 | [Psalms 119:68](#)

68 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

*Science and Health
with Key to the Scriptures*
by Mary Baker Eddy

1 | [480:26–29](#)

The Bible declares: “All things were made by Him [the divine Word]; and without Him was not anything made that was made.” This is the eternal verity of divine Science.

2 | [521:5–6](#)

All that is made is the work of God, and all is good.

3 | [335:25–26](#)

Mind is the divine Principle, Love, and can produce nothing unlike the eternal Father-Mother, God.

4 | [275:10–12, 17–24](#)

To grasp the reality and order of being in its Science, you must begin by reckoning God as the divine Principle of all that really is.

No wisdom is wise but His wisdom; no truth is true, no love is lovely, no life is Life but the divine; no good is, but the good God bestows.

Divine metaphysics, as revealed to spiritual

The divine completeness

understanding, shows clearly that all is Mind, and that Mind is God, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, — that is, all power, all presence, all Science. Hence all is in reality the manifestation of Mind.

5 | [207:27–2](#)

The spiritual reality is the scientific fact in all things. The spiritual fact, repeated in the action of man and the whole universe, is harmonious and is the ideal of Truth. Spiritual facts are not inverted; the opposite discord, which bears no resemblance to spirituality, is not real. The only evidence of this inversion is obtained from suppositional error, which affords no proof of God, Spirit, or of the spiritual creation.

6 | [503:28](#)

God, Spirit, dwelling in infinite light and harmony from which emanates the true idea, is never reflected by aught but the good.

SECTION 2

The Bible

6 | [Job 34:4](#)

4 Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.

7 | [Joshua 24:2, 14–16, 22, 24](#)

2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.

14 Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. 16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods;

22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

24 And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

8 | [Proverbs 16:3](#)

3 Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

9 | [Psalms 34:8](#)

8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

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7 | [277:7 As](#)

As God Himself is good and is Spirit, goodness and spirituality must be immortal. Their opposites, evil and matter, are mortal error, and error has no creator. If goodness and spirituality are real, evil and materiality are unreal and cannot be the outcome of an infinite God, good.

8 | [130:26–2](#)

If thought is startled at the strong claim of Science for the supremacy of God, or Truth, and doubts the supremacy of good, All evil unnatural ought we not, contrariwise, to be astounded at the vigorous claims of evil and doubt them, and no longer think it natural to love sin and unnatural to forsake it, — no longer imagine evil to be ever-present and good absent? Truth should not seem so surprising and unnatural as error, and error should not seem so real as truth.

9 | [186:22–24, 32](#)

If we concede the same reality to discord as to harmony, discord has as lasting a claim upon us as has harmony.

The human mind has been an idolater from the beginning, having other gods and believing in more than the one Mind.

10 | [182:5–9](#)

The demands of God Physiology or Spirit appeal to thought only; but the claims of mortality, and what are termed laws of nature, appertain to matter. Which, then, are we to accept as legitimate and capable of producing the highest human good?

11 | [167:7–12, 22–26](#)

Our proportionate admission of the claims of good or of evil determines the harmony of our existence, — our health, our longevity, and our Christianity.

We cannot serve two masters nor perceive divine Science with the material senses.

It is not wise to take Half-way success a halting and half-way position or to expect to work equally with Spirit and matter, Truth and error. There is but one way — namely, God and His idea — which leads to spiritual being.

12 | [480:31–2](#)

As vapor melts before the sun, so evil would vanish before the reality of good. One must hide the other. How important, then, to choose good as the reality!

SECTION 3

The Bible

10 | [Deuteronomy 32:3 ascribe, 4](#)

3 ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

11 | [Isaiah 42:1](#)

1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

12 | [Isaiah 7:15](#)

15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

13 | [Luke 4:14, 15](#)

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

14 | [Luke 6:6–10](#)

6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him.

8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.

9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it? 10 And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

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13 | [18:10](#)

Jesus acted boldly, against the accredited evidence of the senses, against Pharisaical creeds and practices, and he refuted all opponents with his healing power.

14 | [243:32](#)

Inasmuch as God is good and the fount of all being, He does not produce moral or physical deformity; therefore such deformity is not real, but is illusion, the mirage of error. Divine Science reveals these grand facts. On their basis Jesus demonstrated Life, never fearing nor obeying error in any form.

Deformity
and
perfection

15 | [476:32–4](#)

Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick.

16 | [494:25–32](#)

Which of these two theories concerning man are you ready to accept? One is the mortal testimony, changing, dying, unreal. The other is the eternal and real evidence, bearing Truth's signet, its lap piled high with immortal fruits.

Our Master cast out devils (evils) and healed the sick. It should be said of his followers also, that they cast fear and all evil out of themselves and others and heal the sick.

17 | [412:16–18, 23](#)

To prevent disease or to cure it, the power of Truth, of divine Spirit, must break the dream of the material senses.

Mentally insist that harmony is the fact, and that sickness is a temporal dream. Realize the presence of health and the fact of harmonious being, until the body corresponds with the normal conditions of health and harmony.

18 | [353:10](#)

All must admit that Christ is “the way, the truth, and the life,” and that omnipotent Truth certainly does destroy error.

SECTION 4

The Bible

15 | [Luke 8:40 \(to :\)](#)

40 And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him:

16 | [Luke 10:38–42 he](#)

38 he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

17 | [Matthew 6:31–33 take](#)

31 take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

18 | [I Corinthians 2:12, 13](#)

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

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19 | [323:9](#)

Beholding the infinite tasks of truth, we pause, — wait on God. Then we push onward, until boundless thought walks enraptured, and conception unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory.

A bright
outlook

20 | [242:9](#)

There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ in divine Science shows us this way. It is to know no other reality — to have no other consciousness of life — than good, God and His reflection, and to rise superior to the so-called pain and pleasure of the senses.

The one
only way

21 | [265:3](#)

Man understands spiritual existence in proportion as his treasures of Truth and Love are enlarged. Mortals must gravitate Godward, their affections and aims grow spiritual, — they must near the broader interpretations of being, and gain some proper sense of the infinite, — in order that sin and mortality may be put off.

Godward
gravitation

22 | [239:16](#)

To ascertain our progress, we must learn where our affections are placed and whom we acknowledge and obey as God. If divine Love is becoming nearer, dearer, and more real to us, matter is then submitting to Spirit. The objects we pursue and the spirit we manifest reveal our standpoint, and show what we are winning.

Standpoint
revealed

23 | [208:20](#)

Let us learn of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain forever unseen.

SECTION 5

The Bible

19 | [Philippians 3:13–15](#)

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

20 | [Philippians 4:1 my, 4, 7, 8](#)

1 my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

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24 | [261:4](#)

Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts.

25 | [248:26–4](#)

We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually, or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives. Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.

Perfect
models

Let us accept Science, relinquish all theories based on sense-testimony, give up imperfect models and illusive ideals; and so let us have one God, one Mind, and that one perfect, producing His own models of excellence.

26 | **192:27–29**

We walk in the footsteps of Truth and Love by following the example of our Master in the understanding of divine metaphysics.

27 | **325:2–5**

He who has the true idea of good loses all sense of evil, and by reason of this is being ushered into the undying realities of Spirit.

Abiding
in Life

28 | **264:20 (only)**

Spirit and its formations are the only realities of being.

29 | **335:27–28**

Reality is spiritual,
harmonious, immutable,
immortal, divine, eternal.

The one
divine Mind

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