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# Doctrine of Atonement

## GOLDEN TEXT

### **Psalms 69:32** *your*

. . . your heart shall live that seek God.

## RESPONSIVE READING

### **Isaiah 30:21, 29; Psalms 34:2, 4–6, 8, 13–15, 18, 22**

21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

29 **Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the mighty One of Israel.**

2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

4 **I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

6 **This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.**

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

13 **Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.**

14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

15 **The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.**

18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

22 **The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.**

## SECTION 1

### The Bible

#### 1 | **Jeremiah 31:3**

3 The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

#### 2 | **Psalms 139:1, 7–10, 23, 24**

1 O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

#### 3 | **Micah 6:8**

8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

## SECTION 2

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

1 | **267:5–6**

God is one. The allness of Deity is His oneness.

2 | **341:8**

Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" [Truth].

3 | **4:3–5**

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds.

4 | **322:26–31**

The sharp experiences of belief in the supposititious life of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless woes, turn us like tired children to the arms of divine Love. Then we begin to learn Life in divine Science. Without this process of weaning, "Canst thou by searching find out God?"

Uses of  
suffering

5 | **304:9–14**

This is the doctrine of Christian Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind nor life result in death.

6 | **305:6–8**

Man, in the likeness of his Maker, reflects the central light of being, the invisible God.

## The Bible

4 | **Psalms 119:10 (to :)**

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee:

5 | **Psalms 5:1, 3**

1 Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

6 | **Psalms 40:1–3 (to :), 8**

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

*Science and Health*7 | **203:32–1**

God is at once the centre and circumference of being.

8 | **15:9**

To enter into the heart of prayer, the door of the erring senses must be closed. Lips must be mute and materialism silent, that man may have audience with Spirit, the divine Principle, Love, which destroys all error.

9 | **66:11**

Spiritual development germinates not from seed sown in the soil of material hopes, but when these decay, Love propagates anew the higher joys of Spirit, which have no taint of earth. Each successive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine goodness and love.

10 | **454:18**

Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way. Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action. Love is priestess at the altar of Truth. Wait patiently for divine Love to move upon the waters of mortal mind, and form the perfect concept. Patience must "have her perfect work."

11 | **18:1–3**

Atonement is the exemplification of man's unity with God, whereby man reflects divine Truth, Life, and Love.

## SECTION 3

## The Bible

7 | **Hebrews 4:12** *the*

12 the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

8 | **II Samuel 12:1–5** *the (to :), 7, 9, 13 (to 1<sup>st</sup> .)*

1 the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. 2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. 5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man;

7 And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord.

9 | **Psalms 130:1, 3, 5, 7** *for*

1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

3 If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

7 for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

10 | **Galatians 6:1**

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

*Science and Health*12 | **8:28–1**

We should examine ourselves and learn what is the affection and purpose of the heart, for in this way only can we learn what we honestly are. If a friend informs us of a fault, do we listen patiently to the rebuke and credit what is said? Do we not rather give thanks that we are "not as other men"?

Searching  
the heart

13 | [327:29](#)

Reason is the most active human faculty. Let that inform the sentiments and awaken the man's dormant sense of moral obligation, and by degrees he will learn the nothingness of the pleasures of human sense and the grandeur and bliss of a spiritual sense, which silences the material or corporeal. Then he not only will be saved, but *is* saved.

14 | [91:5](#)

Let us rid ourselves of the belief that man is separated from God, and obey only the divine Principle, Life and Love. Here is the great point of departure for all true spiritual growth.

15 | [326:16–17 \(to 1<sup>st</sup> .\), 20–21](#)

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained now.

Working and praying with true motives, your Father will open the way.

## SECTION 4

## The Bible

11 | [Psalms 9:1](#)

1 I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

12 | [Mark 1:9, 11, 34 \(to :\), 40–42](#)

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils;

40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

13 | [II Corinthians 3:4, 5](#)

4 And such trust have we through Christ to Godward: 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

*Science and Health*16 | [18:3–9, 13–2](#)

Jesus of Nazareth taught Divine oneness and demonstrated man's oneness with the Father, and for this we owe him endless homage. His mission was both individual and collective. He did life's work aright not only in justice to himself, but in mercy to mortals, — to show them how to do theirs, but not to do it for them nor to relieve them of a single responsibility.

The atonement of Christ Human reconciliation reconciles man to God, not God to man; for the divine Principle of Christ is God, and how can God propitiate Himself? Christ is Truth, which reaches no higher than itself. The fountain can rise no higher than its source. Christ, Truth, could conciliate no nature above his own, derived from the eternal Love. It was therefore Christ's purpose to reconcile man to God, not God to man.

17 | [19:6](#)

Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus' teachings, and this truer sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of Spirit, — the law of divine Love.

18 | [258:31–1](#)

Through spiritual sense you can discern the heart of divinity, and thus begin to comprehend in Science the generic term *man*.

19 | [491:12](#)

It is only by acknowledging the supremacy of Spirit, which annuls the claims of matter, that mortals can lay off mortality and find the indissoluble spiritual link which establishes man forever in the divine likeness, inseparable from his creator.

## SECTION 5

## The Bible

14 | [I Chronicles 28:9 the Lord \(to ;\)](#)

9 the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee;

15 | [Isaiah 57:15](#)

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16 | [Luke 7:37–40 \(to 1<sup>st</sup> .\), 44–48 Seest, 50 Thy](#)

37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, 38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. 40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee.

44 Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. 45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased

to kiss my feet. 46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

50 Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

*Science and Health*20 | [12:31](#)

In divine Science, where prayers are mental, *all* may avail themselves of God as "a very present help in trouble." Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals. It is the open fount which cries, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."

21 | [23:4–5, 7 The](#)

The atonement requires constant self-immolation on the sinner's part.

Justice and substitution

The atonement is a hard problem in theology, but its scientific explanation is, that suffering is an error of sinful sense which Truth destroys, and that eventually both sin and suffering will fall at the feet of everlasting Love.

22 | [367:3–16](#)

The tender word and Christian encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience with his fears and the removal of them, are better than hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame with divine Love.

Genuine  
healing

This is what is meant by seeking Truth, Christ, not “for the loaves and fishes,” nor, like the Pharisee, with the arrogance of rank and display of scholarship, but like Mary Magdalene, from the summit of devout consecration, with the oil of gladness and the perfume of *gratitude*, with tears of repentance and with those hairs all numbered by the Father.

Gratitude  
and humility

## SECTION 6

## The Bible

17 | [Psalms 111:1 / will](#)

1 I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

18 | [Acts 2:14 Peter, 22–24 Jesus, 32, 38, 39, 41, 42](#)

14 Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

22 Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

*Science and Health*23 | [45:16](#)

Glory be to God, and peace to the struggling hearts! Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of human hope and faith, and through the revelation and demonstration of life in God, hath elevated them to possible at-one-ment with the spiritual idea of man and his divine Principle, Love.

The stone  
rolled away24 | [497:13](#)

We acknowledge Jesus' atonement as the evidence of divine, efficacious Love, unfolding man's unity with God through Christ Jesus the Way-shower; and we acknowledge that man is saved through Christ, through Truth, Life, and Love as demonstrated by the Galilean Prophet in healing the sick and overcoming sin and death.

25 | [37:20–25](#)

May the Christians of to-day take up the more practical import of that career! It is possible, — yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demonstration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness.

26 | **570:14–18**

Millions of unprejudiced minds — simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert — are waiting and watching for rest and drink. Give them a cup of cold water in Christ's name, and never fear the consequences.

Receptive  
hearts

## SECTION 7

## The Bible

19 | **Romans 8:38 / am, 39**

<sup>38</sup> I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Science and Health*27 | **361:16**

As a drop of water is one with the ocean, a ray of light one with the sun, even so God and man, Father and son, are one in being. The Scripture reads: "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being."

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