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Bible Lessons

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Love

GOLDEN TEXT

I John 4:16 *God is*

. . . God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

The Golden Text is from the Holy Bible, New Living Translation.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 36:7, 8; 103:2–5; Ephesians 2:4–8 *God*

7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 **They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.**

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 **Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;**

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 **Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

4 . . . God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 **Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)**

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 **That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **I John 4:8 *God is***

8 God is love.

2 | **Psalms 145:1, 9**

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

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

3 | **Deuteronomy 7:7–9, 13 (to :)**

7 The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:
8 But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee:

4 | **Isaiah 43:1 now**

1 now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

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

1 | **2:23 (only, to ?), 26–28 Shall**

God is Love. Can we ask Him to be more?
Shall we plead for more at God's
standard
the open fount, which is
pouring forth more than we accept?

2 | **275:6, 14–17**

The starting-point of divine Science is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other might nor Mind, — that God is Love, and therefore He is divine Principle.

All substance, intelligence, wisdom, being, immortality, cause, and effect belong to God. These are His attributes, the eternal manifestations of the infinite divine Principle, Love.

3 | **256:7, 16**

Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe, including man.

The precise form of God No divine
corporeality
must be of small importance in
comparison with the sublime question, What is infinite Mind or divine Love?

4 | **503:12–15**

Divine Science, the Word of Spiritual
harmony
God, saith to the darkness upon
the face of error, "God is All-in-all," and the light of ever-present Love illumines the universe.

5 | **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.

SECTION 2

The Bible

5 | **Psalms 34:18**

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

6 | **Ruth 1:3–5, 8, 9, 14 and Orpah, 16, 19 (to .)**

3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. 9 The Lord grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

14 and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

16 And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

19 So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem.

7 | [Ruth 2:2, 3, 5–8, 11 /t, 12](#)

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. 3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this? 6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab: 7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house. 8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

11 It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. 12 The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

*Science and Health*6 | [494:10–11, 15 \(only\)](#)

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need.

The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love.

7 | [577:32–18](#)

In the following Psalm one word shows, though faintly, the light which Christian Science throws on the Scriptures by substituting for the corporeal sense, the incorporeal or spiritual sense of Deity: —

PSALM XXIII

[DIVINE LOVE] is my shepherd; I shall not want.

[LOVE] maketh me to lie down in green pastures: [LOVE] leadeth me beside the still waters.

[LOVE] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]: [LOVE] leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for [LOVE] is with me; [LOVE'S] rod and [LOVE'S] staff they comfort me.

[LOVE] prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: [LOVE] anointeth my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [LOVE] for ever.

8 | [4:3–5, 17–22](#)

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

Simply asking that we may love God will never make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we awake in His likeness.

Watchfulness
requisite

9 | [192:30](#)

Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power.

SECTION 3

The Bible

8 | [Psalms 86:14, 15](#)

14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them. 15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

9 | **Matthew 4:23**

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

10 | **Matthew 5:1, 2, 7, 43–45 (to :)**

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:

*Science and Health*10 | **516:9–13**

God fashions all things, after His own likeness. Life is reflected in existence, Truth in truthfulness, God in goodness, which impart their own peace and permanence. Love, redolent with unselfishness, bathes all in beauty and light.

Love imparts
beauty

11 | **234:12**

We should love our enemies and help them on the basis of the Golden Rule; but avoid casting pearls before those who trample them under foot, thereby robbing both themselves and others.

Hospitality
to health
and good

12 | **231:21–25**

To fear sin is to misunderstand the power of Love and the divine Science of being in man's relation to God, — to doubt His government and distrust His omnipotent care.

Superiority
to sickness
and sin

13 | **571:15**

At all times and under all circumstances, overcome evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil. Clad in the panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you. The cement of a higher humanity will unite all interests in the one divinity.

The armor
of divinity

14 | **476:28–32**

When speaking of God's children, not the children of men, Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you;" that is, Truth and Love reign in the real man, showing that man in God's image is unfallen and eternal.

The kingdom
within

15 | **337:7–10**

For true happiness, man must harmonize with his Principle, divine Love; the Son must be in accord with the Father, in conformity with Christ.

16 | **248:29**

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.

SECTION 4

The Bible

11 | **Matthew 14:14**

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

12 | [Mark 1:40–42](#)

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 | [John 4:46–53](#) *And*

46 And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judæa into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. 49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. 50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. 52 Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. 53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

*Science and Health*17 | [135:26](#)

Christianity as Jesus taught it was not a creed, nor a system of ceremonies, nor a special gift from a ritualistic Jehovah; but it was the demonstration of divine Love casting out error and healing the sick, not merely in the *name* of Christ, or Truth, but in demonstration of Truth, as must be the case in the cycles of divine light.

18 | [266:18](#) *Universal*

Universal Love is the divine way in Christian Science.

19 | [454:17–21](#)

Love for God and man is the true incentive in both healing and teaching. Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way. Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action.

Love the
incentive

20 | [367:3](#)

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

21 | [375:17](#)

The genuine Christian Scientist is adding to his patient's mental and moral power, and is increasing his patient's spirituality while restoring him physically through divine Love.

22 | [14:16–18](#)

Sorrow is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spiritual Life, Truth, and Love.

23 | [365:15–19](#)

If the Scientist reaches his patient through divine Love, the healing work will be accomplished at one visit, and the disease will vanish into its native nothingness like dew before the morning sunshine.

Speedy
healing

SECTION 5

The Bible

14 | [I John 4:7](#)

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

15 | [Matthew 18:21, 22](#)

21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

16 | [Luke 6:37](#)

37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

17 | [Romans 12:14, 18](#)

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

*Science and Health*24 | [11:1–3 Jesus'](#)

Jesus' prayer, "Forgive us our debts," specified also the terms of forgiveness.

25 | [17:6–7](#)

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And Love is reflected in love;

26 | [518:15–19](#)

The rich in spirit help the poor in one grand brotherhood, all having the same Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another's good.

Assistance in
brotherhood

27 | [55:16–21](#)

My weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as himself, — when he shall realize God's omnipotence and the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done and is doing for mankind.

28 | [412:13](#)

The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy disease, sin, and death.

Eloquent
silence

SECTION 6

The Bible

18 | [I John 3:1 \(to :\), 11 this, 18](#)

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:

11 this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

19 | [I John 4:12 If](#)

12 If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

20 | [I Peter 3:8, 9](#)

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: 9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

*Science and Health*29 | **241:19–21**

The substance of all devotion is the reflection and demonstration of divine Love, healing sickness and destroying sin.

30 | **572:6–8**

“Love one another” (I John, iii. 23), is the most simple and profound counsel of the inspired writer.

31 | **496:9 Ask**

Ask yourself: Am I living the life that approaches the supreme good? Am I demonstrating the healing power of Truth and Love? If so, then the way will grow brighter “unto the perfect day.” Your fruits will prove what the understanding of God brings to man. Hold perpetually this thought, — that it is the spiritual idea, the Holy Ghost and Christ, which enables you to demonstrate, with scientific certainty, the rule of healing, based upon its divine Principle, Love, underlying, overlying, and encompassing all true being.

Condition
of progress

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