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Bible Lessons

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Truth

GOLDEN TEXT

John 8:32 you

... you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

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RESPONSIVE READING

Zechariah 8:7, 8, 16, 17 (to :); Isaiah 49:8 (to :), 9–11; 65:16 (to 1st ;)

7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

8 **And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.**

16 These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

17 **And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour;**

8 Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee:

9 **That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew**

yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

11 **And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.**

16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth;

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | Psalms 100:1, 5

1 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

2 | Psalms 146:5–8

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God: 6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners: 8 The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:

3 | **Psalms 119:12, 30, 34, 45**

12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

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

1 | **vii:13–15**

The time for thinkers has come. Truth, independent of doctrines and time-honored systems, knocks at the portal of humanity.

2 | **312:17–19**

Mortals try to believe without understanding Truth; yet God *is* Truth.

3 | **127:4**

If God, the All-in-all, be the creator of the spiritual universe, including man, then everything entitled to a classification as truth, or Science, must be comprised in a knowledge or understanding of God, for there can be nothing beyond illimitable divinity.

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4 | **287:10–11**

In Science, Truth is divine, and the *infinite* God can have no unlikeness.

5 | **275:12–14, 17, 26–31**

Spirit, Life, Truth, Love, combine as one, — and are the Scriptural names for God.

Divine
synonyms

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.

The true understanding of God is spiritual. It robs the grave of victory. It destroys the false evidence that misleads thought and points to other gods, or other so-called powers, such as matter, disease, sin, and death, superior or contrary to the one Spirit.

Truth, spiritually discerned, is scientifically understood.

6 | **381:2–4**

Ignorant of our God-given rights, we submit to unjust decrees, and the bias of education enforces this slavery.

Ignorance
of our rights

7 | **225:2**

Whatever enslaves man is opposed to the divine government. Truth makes man free.

SECTION 2

The Bible

4 | **Psalms 89:8, 14**

8 O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

5 | **Exodus 18:5, 13–15, 17–19, 21–24**

5 And Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God:

13 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself

alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even? ¹⁵ And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to inquire of God:

¹⁷ And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. ¹⁸ Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone. ¹⁹ Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

²¹ Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: ²² And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee. ²³ If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace. ²⁴ So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.

6 | [Isaiah 33:22](#) *the*

²² the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us.

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8 | [106:7](#)

God has endowed man with inalienable rights, among which are self-government, reason, and conscience. Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and Love.

Proper self-government

9 | [465:14](#)

The attributes of God are justice, mercy, wisdom, goodness, and so on.

10 | [391:17](#) (only)

Justice is the moral signification of law.

11 | [128:4–6, 14](#)

The term Science, properly understood, refers only to the laws of God and to His government of the universe, inclusive of man.

A knowledge of the Science of being develops the latent abilities and possibilities of man. It extends the atmosphere of thought, giving mortals access to broader and higher realms. It raises the thinker into his native air of insight and perspicacity.

12 | [510:9](#)

Truth and Love enlighten the understanding, in whose "light shall we see light;" and this illumination is reflected spiritually by all who walk in the light and turn away from a false material sense.

13 | [224:22–28](#)

A higher and more practical Christianity, demonstrating justice and meeting the needs of mortals in sickness and in health, stands at the door of this age, knocking for admission. Will you open or close the door upon this angel visitant, who cometh in the quiet of meekness, as he came of old to the patriarch at noonday?

Truth brings the elements of liberty.

SECTION 3

The Bible

7 | [John 1:17](#)

¹⁷ For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

8 | [John 8:1, 2, 12, 26, 31–34, 39 If, 40, 44, 45, 47 \(to :\)](#)

1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. 2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

39 If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

47 He that is of God heareth God's words:

9 | [I John 2:20 ye, 21](#)

20 ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

10 | [Ephesians 5:8 now](#)

8 now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

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14 | [474:29–2 \(to 2nd .\)](#)

The apostle says that the mission of Christ is to “destroy the works of the devil.” Truth destroys falsity and error, for light and darkness cannot dwell together. Light extinguishes the darkness, and the Scripture declares that there is “no night there.” To Truth there is no error, — all is Truth.

15 | [357:5–16, 19–22](#)

We sustain Truth, not by accepting, but by rejecting a lie.

Jesus said of personified evil, that it was “a liar, and the father of it.” Truth creates neither a lie, a capacity to lie, nor a liar. If mankind would relinquish the belief that God makes sickness, sin, and death, or makes man capable of suffering on account of this malevolent triad, the foundations of error would be sapped and error's destruction ensured; but if we theoretically endow mortals with the creativeness and authority of Deity, how dare we attempt to destroy what He hath made, or even to deny that God made man evil and made evil good?

As there is in reality but one God, one Mind, wrong notions about God must have originated in a false supposition, not in immortal Truth, and they are fading out.

Anthropo-
morphism

16 | [367:32–4](#)

Evil is but the counterpoise of nothingness. The greatest wrong is but a supposititious opposite of the highest right. The confidence inspired by Science lies in the fact that Truth is real and error is unreal.

Real and
counterfeit

17 | [227:19](#)

Love and Truth make free, but evil and error lead into captivity.

18 | [346:15–16, 19–20](#)

Disbelief in error destroys error, and leads to the discernment of Truth.

We treat error through the understanding of Truth, because Truth is error's antidote.

19 | [293:28](#)

Christian Science brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal harmony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness of evil.

SECTION 4

The Bible

11 | [Isaiah 42:1 \(to 1st \); 3](#)

1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold;

3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

12 | [Luke 13:11–17](#)

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath

loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? 16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? 17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

*Science and Health*20 | [316:7](#)

Christ, Truth, was demonstrated through Jesus to prove the power of Spirit over the flesh, — to show that Truth is made manifest by its effects upon the human mind and body, healing sickness and destroying sin.

21 | [495:2–3, 6–15](#)

Truth casts out error now
as surely as it did nineteen
centuries ago.

Followers
of Jesus

If sickness is true or the
idea of Truth, you cannot
destroy sickness, and it would be absurd to try.
Then classify sickness and error as our Master did,
when he spoke of the sick, "whom Satan hath
bound," and find a sovereign antidote for error in
the life-giving power of Truth acting on human
belief, a power which opens the prison doors to
such as are bound, and sets the captive free
physically and morally.

Destruction
of all evil

When the illusion of sickness or sin tempts you,
cling steadfastly to God and His idea.

22 | [412:4, 23](#)

Mentally and silently plead the case scientifically for Truth. You may vary the arguments to meet the peculiar or general symptoms of the case you treat, but be thoroughly persuaded in your own mind concerning the truth which you think or speak, and you will be the victor.

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.

23 | [403:14–16](#)

You command the situation if you understand that mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the truth of being.

24 | [453:29–30](#)

A Christian Scientist's medicine is Mind, the divine Truth that makes man free.

SECTION 5

The Bible

13 | [II Thessalonians 3:1 brethren](#)

¹ brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

14 | [Acts 5:12, 14, 16–21 \(to 1st.\)](#)

¹² And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

¹⁴ And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

¹⁶ There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits:

and they were healed every one. ¹⁷ Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, ¹⁸ And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. ¹⁹ But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, ²⁰ Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life. ²¹ And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught.

*Science and Health*25 | [201:1–3](#)

The best sermon ever preached is Truth practised and demonstrated by the destruction of sin, sickness, and death.

26 | [97:22, 29](#)

It requires courage to utter truth; for the higher Truth lifts her voice, the louder will error scream, until its inarticulate sound is forever silenced in oblivion.

Christianity is again demonstrating the Life that is Truth, and the Truth that is Life, by the apostolic work of casting out error and healing the sick. Earth has no repayment for the persecutions which attend a new step in Christianity; but the spiritual recompense of the persecuted is assured in the elevation of existence above mortal discord and in the gift of divine Love.

Christianity
still rejected

27 | **418:20, 27–29 “Preach**

Truth is affirmative, and confers harmony. All metaphysical logic is inspired by this simple rule of Truth, which governs all reality. By the truthful arguments you employ, and especially by the spirit of Truth and Love which you entertain, you will heal the sick.

“Preach the gospel to every creature.” Speak the truth to every form of error.

Morality
required

28 | **345:7**

When the omnipotence of God is preached and His absoluteness is set forth, Christian sermons will heal the sick.

SECTION 6

The Bible

15 | **Galatians 5:1, 7**

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

*Science and Health*29 | **227:21–25**

Christian Science raises the standard of liberty and cries:

Standard
of liberty

“Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sickness, sin, and death!” Jesus marked out the way. Citizens of the world, accept the “glorious liberty of the children of God,” and be free!

30 | **326:20**

Working and praying with true motives, your Father will open the way. “Who did hinder you, that ye should not obey the truth?”

31 | **380:4 (only)**

Truth is always the victor.

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