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Spirit

GOLDEN TEXT

Isaiah 59:21

The LORD says: “My people,
I promise to give you my Spirit
and my message.
These will be my gifts to you
and your families forever.
I, the LORD, have spoken.”

*The Golden Text is from the
Contemporary English Version.*

RESPONSIVE READING

I Corinthians 2:9 *Eye, 10, 13; 12:4–9, 11, 13*

9 . . . Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things 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.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **Psalms 143:10** *thou* (to 2nd ;)

10 thou art my God: thy spirit is good;

2 | **Isaiah 40:13, 26**

13 Who hath directed the spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him?

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

3 | **Job 26:13** (to ;), **14** (to 1st ?)

13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens;

14 Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him?

4 | **I John 5:6** *it*

6 it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

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

1 | 331:11 (only), 13–14, 18

The Scriptures imply that God is All-in-all.

Allness of
Spirit

The Scriptures also declare that God is Spirit.

God is individual, incorporeal. He is divine

The universal
cause

Principle, Love, the universal cause, the only creator, and there is no other self-existence. He is all-inclusive, and is reflected by all that is real and eternal and by nothing else. He fills all space, and it is impossible to conceive of such omnipresence and individuality except as infinite Spirit or Mind. Hence all is Spirit and spiritual.

2 | 109:32

The three great verities of Spirit, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, — Spirit possessing all

God's
allness
learned

power, filling all space, constituting all Science, — contradict forever the belief that matter can be actual. These eternal verities reveal primeval existence as the radiant reality of God's creation, in which all that He has made is pronounced by His wisdom good.

3 | 283:1

As mortals begin to understand Spirit, they give up the belief that there is any true existence apart from God.

SECTION 2

The Bible

5 | **Job 33:4**

⁴ The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

6 | **Romans 8:14–16 as, 28**

¹⁴ as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. ¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

7 | **II Corinthians 3:18 we**

¹⁸ we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Science and Health

4 | **70:6–9**

There is but one Spirit. Man is never God, but spiritual man, made in God's likeness, reflects

The infinite
one Spirit

God. In this scientific reflection the Ego and the Father are inseparable.

5 | 63:5

In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor does he pass through material conditions prior to reaching intelligence. Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.

Spiritual
origin

6 | 29:30–32

Man as the offspring of God, as the idea of Spirit, is the immortal evidence that Spirit is harmonious and man eternal.

7 | 481:2

Man is tributary to God, Spirit, and to nothing else. God's being is infinity, freedom, harmony, and boundless bliss. “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” Like the arch-priests of yore, man is free “to enter into the holiest,” — the realm of God.

SECTION 3

The Bible

8 | **Zechariah 4:6** *Not*

⁶ Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

9 | **Romans 13:1** *For*

¹ For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

10 | **Ezekiel 13:3, 22** *with, 23* *I will*

³ Thus saith the Lord God; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

²² with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:

²³ I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

11 | **Psalms 107:8–10, 14**

⁸ Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! ⁹ For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. ¹⁰ Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

¹⁴ He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

12 | I John 4:1

¹ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

13 | Ephesians 5:9 *the, 11 have, 18 be filled*

⁹ the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;

¹¹ have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

¹⁸ be filled with the Spirit;

Science and Health

8 | 102:9

There is but one real attraction, that of Spirit. The pointing of the needle to the pole symbolizes this all-embracing power or the attraction of God, divine Mind.

9 | 536:11

If man's spiritual gravitation and attraction to one Father, in whom we “live, and move, and have our being,” should be lost, and if man should be governed by corporeality instead of divine Principle, by body instead of by Soul, man would be annihilated. Created by flesh instead of by

The fall
of error

Spirit, starting from matter instead of from God, mortal man would be governed by himself. The blind leading the blind, both would fall.

10 | 73:10

God controls man, and God is the only Spirit. Any other control or attraction of so-called spirit is a mortal belief, which ought to be known by its fruit, — the repetition of evil.

One
government

11 | 200:20

The suppositional antipode of divine infinite Spirit is the so-called human soul or spirit, in other words the five senses, — the flesh that warreth against Spirit. These so-called material senses must yield to the infinite Spirit, named God.

12 | 491:7–10, 12

Material man is made up of involuntary and voluntary error, of a negative right and a positive wrong, the latter calling itself right. Man's spiritual individuality is never wrong.

Man linked
with Spirit

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 4

The Bible

14 | **Job 32:8** *there*

⁸ there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

15 | **Joel 2:26, 27** (to :)

²⁶ And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. ²⁷ And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else:

16 | **Genesis 41:1** (to :), **14** (to :), **15, 16, 29, 30, 33, 38–40, 46** *And Joseph went*, **48, 54, 57** (to ;)

¹ And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed:

¹⁴ Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon:

¹⁵ And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

¹⁶ And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

²⁹ Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: ³⁰ And there shall arise after them

seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the spirit of God is? 39 And

Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

46 And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

54 And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn;

Science and Health

13 | 84:3

The ancient prophets gained their foresight from a spiritual, incorporeal standpoint, not by foreshadowing evil and mistaking fact for fiction, — predicting the future from a groundwork of corporeality and human belief. When sufficiently advanced in Science to be in harmony with the truth of being, men become seers and prophets involuntarily, controlled not by demons, spirits, or demigods, but by the one Spirit. It is the prerogative of the ever-present, divine Mind, and of thought which is in rapport with this Mind, to know the past, the present, and the future.

Scientific
foreseeing

14 | 505:16–17

Spirit imparts the understanding which uplifts consciousness and leads into all truth.

15 | 487:15–16 *Spirit*

Spirit is all-knowing; this precludes the need of believing.

16 | 250:7–11 (to 2nd .)

Spirit is the Ego which never dreams, but understands all things; which never errs, and is ever conscious; which never believes, but knows; which is never born and never dies. Spiritual man is the likeness of this Ego.

Spirit the
one Ego

17 | 95:6–10

We approach God, or Life, in proportion to our spirituality, our fidelity to Truth and Love; and in that ratio we know all human need and are able to discern the thought of the sick and the sinning for the purpose of healing them.

18 | 507:3–6

Spirit duly feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the fatherhood and motherhood of God.

SECTION 5

The Bible

17 | Jeremiah 23:23, 24 Do

²³ Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?

²⁴ Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

18 | Psalms 139:1, 5, 6 (to ;)

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

⁵ Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

19 | Luke 4:14 (to :)

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee:

20 | Matthew 8:5–10, 13

⁵ And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, ⁶ And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. ⁷ And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

⁸ The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. ⁹ For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. ¹⁰ When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

¹³ And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

21 | II Corinthians 5:8

⁸ We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Science and Health

19 | 26:10–12

The Christ was the Spirit which Jesus implied in his own statements: “I am the way, the truth, and the life;” “I and my Father are one.”

20 | 473:12–15

Jesus is the name of the man who, more than all other men, has presented Christ, the true idea of God, healing the sick and the sinning and destroying the power of death.

21 | 223:7–8 *God*

God is infinite omnipresent Spirit.

22 | 78:17–19

If Spirit pervades all space, it needs no material method for the transmission of messages.

23 | 179:5

Science can heal the sick, who are absent from their healers, as well as those present, since space is no obstacle to Mind. Immortal Mind heals what eye hath not seen; but the spiritual capacity to apprehend thought and to heal by the Truth-power, is won only as man is found, not in self-righteousness, but reflecting the divine nature.

Absent
patients

24 | 396:26

Keep distinctly in thought that man is the offspring of God, not of man; that man is spiritual, not material; that Soul is Spirit, outside of matter, never in it, never giving the body life and sensation. It breaks the dream of disease to understand that sickness is formed by the human mind, not by matter nor by the divine Mind.

25 | 411:10

If Spirit or the power of divine Love bear witness to the truth, this is the ultimatum, the scientific way, and the healing is instantaneous.

SECTION 6

The Bible

22 | John 3:1–3, 6–8

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: ² The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. ³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee,

Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Science and Health

26 | 78:28

Spirit blesses man, but man cannot “tell whence it cometh.” By it the sick are healed, the sorrowing are comforted, and the sinning are reformed. These are the effects of one universal God, the invisible good dwelling in eternal Science.

27 | 598:1–5

The Greek word for *wind* (*pneuma*) is used also for *spirit*, as in the passage in John's Gospel, the third chapter, where we read: “The wind [*pneuma*] bloweth where it listeth. . . . So is every one that is born of the Spirit [*pneuma*].”

28 | 485:14–17

Emerge gently from matter into Spirit. Think not to thwart the spiritual ultimate of all things, but come naturally into Spirit through better health and morals and as the result of spiritual growth.

Scientific
translations

29 | 487:27

The understanding that Life is God, Spirit, lengthens our days by strengthening our trust in the deathless reality of Life, its almightiness and immortality.

SECTION 7**The Bible****23 | Isaiah 61:1, 3**

¹ The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

³ To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Science and Health**30 | 506:18**

Spirit, God, gathers unformed thoughts into their proper channels, and unfolds these

Unfolding
of thoughts

thoughts, even as He opens the petals of a holy purpose in order that the purpose may appear.

31 | 98:4-7, 31-2

The prophet of to-day beholds in the mental horizon the signs of these times, the reappearance of the Christianity which heals the sick and destroys error, and no other sign shall be given.

Spiritual fore-
shadowings

The way through which immortality and life are learned is not ecclesiastical but Christian, not human but divine, not physical but metaphysical, not material but scientifically spiritual.

32 | 37:27

Hear these imperative commands: “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect!” “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature!” *“Heal the sick!”*

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