



THANKSGIVING 2021

Thanksgiving

GOLDEN TEXT

Psalms 107:8

You should praise the LORD
for his love
and for the wonderful things
he does for all of us.

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

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalms 106:48; 107:1, 9, 15, 20–22, 31, 35–38 (to ;),
43**

48 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord.

1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

15 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

21 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

31 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly;

43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **Psalms 147:7–9, 14, 15**

7 Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: **8** Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. **9** He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

14 He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat. **15** He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

2 | **Psalms 148:12, 13**

12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: **13** Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

3 | **Psalms 40:11**

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

4 | Psalms 92:1, 2, 4

¹ It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: ² To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

⁴ For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 | Isaiah 63:7, 16 2nd thou, 19 (to :)

⁷ I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

¹⁶ thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

¹⁹ We are thine:

***Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*
by Mary Baker Eddy****1 | 6:17–18**

“God is Love.” More than this we cannot ask, higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go.

2 | 516:12–19, 21

Love, redolent with unselfishness, bathes all in beauty and light. The grass beneath our feet silently exclaims, “The meek shall inherit the earth.” The modest arbutus sends her sweet breath to heaven. The great rock gives shadow and shelter. The sunlight glints from the church-dome, glances into the prison-cell, glides into the sick-chamber, brightens the flower, beautifies the landscape, blesses the earth.

Love imparts
beauty

Man and woman as coexistent and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality, the infinite Father-Mother God.

3 | 3:22

Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more. Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech.

4 | 354:20–23

If our words fail to express our deeds, God will redeem that weakness, and out of the mouth of babes He will perfect praise.

Scientific
consistency

5 | 15:25–30

Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden from the world, but known to

Trustworthy
beneficence

God. Self-forgetfulness, purity, and affection are constant prayers. Practice not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings.

SECTION 2

The Bible

6 | **Joel 2:21 *be, 24, 26* (to :)**

²¹ be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things.

²⁴ And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

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:

7 | **Psalms 77:13 *who, 20***

¹³ who is so great a God as our God?

²⁰ Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

8 | **Exodus 16:2–4 (to ;), 6, 7, 8 *your murmurings are, 11–15, 35* (to ;)**

² And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: ³ And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had

died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. 4 Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you;

6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the Lord hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: 7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord; for that he heareth your murmurings against the Lord: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?

8 your murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord.

11 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God. 13 And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host. 14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. 15 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat.

35 And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited;

9 | Psalms 136:1

¹ O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Science and Health**6 | 530:5–7**

In divine Science, man is sustained by God, the divine Principle of being. The earth, at God's command, brings forth food for man's use.

7 | 133:9–10

In the wilderness, streams flowed from the rock, and manna fell from the sky.

8 | 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.

9 | 62:22

The divine Mind, which forms the bud and blossom, will care for the human body, even as it clothes the lily; but let no mortal interfere with God's government by thrusting in the laws of erring, human concepts.

The Mind
creative

10 | 242:3–5

It is only a question of time when “they shall all know Me [God], from the least of them unto the greatest.”

Spiritual
baptism

11 | 140:7–12

Not materially but spiritually we know Him as divine Mind, as Life, Truth, and Love. We shall obey and adore in proportion as we apprehend the divine nature and love Him understandingly, warring no more over the corporeality, but rejoicing in the affluence of our God.

God invisible
to the senses

12 | 234:4

Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love — be it song, sermon, or Science — blesses the human family with crumbs of comfort from Christ's table, feeding the hungry and giving living waters to the thirsty.

Crumbs of
comfort

SECTION 3**The Bible****10 | Psalms 42:8 *the, 11 hope***

⁸ the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

¹¹ hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

11 | Luke 4:14

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.

12 | Luke 17:12–19

¹² And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: ¹³ And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. ¹⁴ And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? ¹⁸ There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. ¹⁹ And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

13 | Philippians 1:2, 3, 6, 9–11

² Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; ¹⁰ That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; ¹¹ Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Science and Health

13 | 2:23 (only, to ?)

God is Love. Can we ask Him to be more?

14 | 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.

15 | 342:21–26

Christian Science awakens the sinner, reclaims the infidel, and raises from the couch of pain the helpless invalid. It speaks to the dumb the words of Truth, and they answer with rejoicing. It causes the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, and the blind to see.

Argument of
good works

16 | 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.

17 | 94:20

Of the ten lepers whom Jesus healed, but one returned to give God thanks, — that is, to acknowledge the divine Principle which had healed him.

Ingratitude
and denial

18 | 4:3–16

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds. To keep the commandments of our Master and follow his example, is our proper debt to him and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has done. Outward worship is not of itself sufficient to express loyal and heartfelt gratitude, since he has said: “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

Efficacious
petitions

The habitual struggle to be always good is unceasing prayer. Its motives are made manifest in the blessings they bring, — blessings which, even if not acknowledged in audible words, attest our worthiness to be partakers of Love.

19 | 249:8–9

Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.”

Renewed
selfhood

SECTION 4

The Bible

14 | **Colossians 3:4, 12, 14, 15**

⁴ When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

¹² Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

¹⁴ And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

15 | **Ephesians 5:2, 18–20 *be filled***

² And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

¹⁸ be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; ²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

16 | Hebrews 13:15 therefore, 25

¹⁵ therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

²⁵ Grace be with you all. Amen.

Science and Health**20 | 570:14–18, 23–24**

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

Those ready for the blessing you impart will give thanks.

21 | 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.

22 | 325:10–15

In Colossians (iii. 4) Paul writes: “When Christ, who is our life, shall appear [be manifested], then shall ye also appear [be manifested] with him in glory.” When spiritual being is understood in all its

Indestructible
being

perfection, continuity, and might, then shall man be found in God's image.

23 | 264:24–31

Spiritual living and blessedness are the only evidences, by which we can recognize true existence and feel the unspeakable peace which comes from an all-absorbing spiritual love.

Spiritual
proofs of
existence

When we learn the way in Christian Science and recognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and understand God's creation, — all the glories of earth and heaven and man.

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