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# God the Preserver of Man

## GOLDEN TEXT

Isaiah 41:10 (to 1<sup>st</sup>.); 49:16 (to ;)

Fear not, for I *am* with you;  
Be not dismayed, for I *am* your  
God. . . .  
See, I have inscribed you on the palms  
*of My hands*;

*The Golden Text is from the New  
King James Version<sup>®</sup>.*

## RESPONSIVE READING

Deuteronomy 33:12 *The*; Psalms 91:2, 4, 11;  
63:1–4, 7, 8 *thy*

12 . . . The beloved of the Lord shall  
dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall  
cover him all the day long, and he shall  
dwell between his shoulders.

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge  
and my fortress: my God; in him will  
I trust.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers,  
and under his wings shalt thou trust: his  
truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

11 For he shall give his angels charge  
over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

1 O God, thou art my God; early will  
I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my  
flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty  
land, where no water is;

2 To see thy power and thy glory, so as  
I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

3 Because thy lovingkindness is better  
than life, my lips shall praise thee.

4 Thus will I bless thee while I live:  
I will lift up my hands in thy name.

7 Because thou hast been my help,  
therefore in the shadow of thy wings will  
I rejoice.

8 . . . thy right hand upholdeth me.

## SECTION 1

### The Bible

1 | Psalms 11:1

1 In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye  
to my soul, Flee as a bird to your  
mountain?

2 | I Chronicles 22:18 (to 2<sup>nd</sup> ?), 19 (to ;)

18 Is not the Lord your God with you?  
and hath he not given you rest on every  
side?

19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God;

### 3 | [Psalms 42:8](#) *the*

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.

### 4 | [Psalms 139:1, 3, 5](#)

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

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

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

### 1 | [13:2](#)

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."

### 2 | [2:23 \(only, to ?\)](#), [26 Shall](#)

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

Shall we plead for more at the open fount, which is pouring forth more than we accept? The unspoken desire does bring us nearer the source of all existence and blessedness.

God's  
standard

### 3 | [258:1-6](#)

A mortal, corporeal, or finite conception of God cannot embrace the glories of limitless, incorporeal Life and Love. Hence the unsatisfied human craving for something better, higher, holier, than is afforded by a material belief in a physical God and man.

### 4 | [576:31-4](#)

This human sense of Deity yields to the divine sense, even as the material sense of personality yields to the incorporeal sense of God and man as the infinite Principle and infinite idea, — as one Father with His universal family, held in the gospel of Love.

### 5 | [261:27](#)

Fixing your gaze on the realities supernal, you will rise to the spiritual consciousness of being, even as the bird which has burst from the egg and preens its wings for a skyward flight.

## SECTION 2

### The Bible

#### 5 | [Psalms 25:1](#)

1 Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

6 | **Psalms 138:3, 7, 8 (to 1<sup>st</sup> :)**

3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me. 8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me:

7 | **Genesis 21:9, 10, 12–20 (to ;)**

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. 10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. 13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed. 14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer–sheba. 15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. 16 And she went, and sat her down over against him

a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. 18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. 19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. 20 And God was with the lad;

**Science and Health**6 | **303:28–30**

Spiritual man is the image or idea of God, an idea which cannot be lost nor separated from its divine Principle.

Man's  
entity  
spiritual

7 | **597:16**

**WILDERNESS.** Loneliness; doubt; darkness. Spontaneity of thought and idea; the vestibule in which a material sense of things disappears, and spiritual sense unfolds the great facts of existence.

8 | **57:24**

The wintry blasts of earth may uproot the flowers of affection, and scatter them to the winds; but this

Help and  
discipline

severance of fleshly ties serves to unite thought more closely to God, for Love supports the struggling heart until it ceases to sigh over the world and begins to unfold its wings for heaven.

9 | [465:17-1 Principle](#)

Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being, and His reflection is man and the universe.

10 | [304:9-19](#)

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. The perfect man — governed by God, his perfect Principle — is sinless and eternal.

Harmony is produced by its Principle, is controlled by it and abides with it. Divine Principle is the Life of man. Man's happiness is not, therefore, at the disposal of physical sense.

Harmony  
natural

11 | [254:31](#)

Pilgrim on earth, thy home is heaven; stranger, thou art the guest of God.

## SECTION 3

### The Bible

8 | [Psalms 31:14 Thou, 15](#)

<sup>14</sup> Thou art my God. <sup>15</sup> My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

9 | [I Samuel 23:9 \(to ;\), 10-14](#)

<sup>9</sup> And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him;

<sup>10</sup> Then said David, O Lord God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. <sup>11</sup> Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O Lord God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the Lord said, He will come down. <sup>12</sup> Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the Lord said, They will deliver thee up. <sup>13</sup> Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth. <sup>14</sup> And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

**10 | Proverbs 18:10**

10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

**Science and Health****12 | 559:8-10**

The "still, small voice" of scientific thought reaches over continent and ocean to the globe's remotest bound.

**13 | 83:7-9**

Mortals must find refuge in Truth in order to escape the error of these latter days.

**14 | 84:11-18**

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.

Acquaintance with the Science of being enables us to commune more largely with the divine Mind, to foresee and foretell events which concern the universal welfare, to be divinely inspired, — yea, to reach the range of fetterless Mind.

**15 | 103:6-9**

The destruction of the claims of mortal mind through Science, by which man can

Liberation  
of mental  
powers

escape from sin and mortality, blesses the whole human family.

**16 | 66:6-7, 10-11**

Trials teach mortals not to lean on a material staff, — a broken reed, which pierces the heart.

Trials are proofs of God's care.

**17 | 266:13-15**

Friends will betray and enemies will slander, until the lesson is sufficient to exalt you; for "man's extremity is God's opportunity."

**18 | 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

**SECTION 4****The Bible****11 | Psalms 92:4**

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

12 | [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.

13 | [Luke 6:6–10, 12](#)

6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.  
7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him. 8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. 9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it? 10 And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

14 | [Luke 9:1, 2](#)

1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. 2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

**Science and Health**19 | [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

20 | [18:10](#)

Jesus acted boldly, against the accredited evidence of the senses, against Pharisaical creeds and practices, and he refuted all opponents with his healing power.

21 | [369:19](#)

He understood man, whose Life is God, to be immortal, and knew that man has not two lives, one to be destroyed and the other to be made indestructible.

22 | [38:10–18](#)

Jesus said: "These signs shall follow them that believe; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Who believes him? He was addressing his disciples, yet he did not say, "These signs shall follow *you*," but *them* — "them that believe" in all time to come. Here the word *hands* is used metaphorically, as in the text, "The right hand of the Lord is exalted." It expresses spiritual power; otherwise the healing could not have been done spiritually.

**23 | 285:27**

As mortals reach, through knowledge of Christian Science, a higher sense, they will seek to learn, not from matter, but from the divine Principle, God, how to demonstrate the Christ, Truth, as the healing and saving power.

Salvation  
is through  
reform

**24 | 496:15**

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.

**25 | 393:10 Take**

Take possession of your body, and govern its feeling and action. Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man.

**SECTION 5****The Bible****15 | Hebrews 13:8**

<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.

**16 | John 10:27, 28**

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: <sup>28</sup> And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

**17 | John 14:1, 27**

<sup>1</sup> Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**18 | John 17:1, 11 Holy, 15, 20, 21**

<sup>1</sup> These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

<sup>11</sup> Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

<sup>15</sup> I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

<sup>20</sup> Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; <sup>21</sup> That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

## Science and Health

26 | [227:23-24](#)

Jesus marked out the way.

Standard  
of liberty

27 | [54:1-4](#)

Through the magnitude of his human life, he demonstrated the divine Life. Out of the amplitude of his pure affection, he defined Love.

28 | [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.

## SECTION 6

### The Bible

19 | [Psalms 121:5-8](#)

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. <sup>8</sup> The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

20 | [Isaiah 55:12 ye](#)

<sup>12</sup> ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

### Science and Health

29 | [444:10](#)

Step by step will those who trust Him find that

Refuge and  
strength

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

## 30 | 516:9-13, 21

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 imparts  
beauty

Love, redolent with unselfishness, bathes  
all in beauty and light.

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

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