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Sacrament

GOLDEN TEXT

I Chronicles 29:5 Now

... Now, who is willing to consecrate themselves to the LORD today?

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RESPONSIVE READING

John 5:20; 6:1 Jesus, 2, 28–35, 38

5:20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

6:1 . . . **Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.**

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

28 **Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?**

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

30 **They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?**

31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32 **Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.**

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 **Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.**

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

38 **For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.**

The Bible

1 | [Acts 10:38](#) *God*

³⁸ God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

2 | [Matthew 26:6–13](#)

⁶ Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat. ⁸ But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? ⁹ For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. ¹⁰ When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. ¹¹ For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. ¹² For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. ¹³ Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

3 | [II Corinthians 1:2, 21](#)

² Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

4 | [I Corinthians 1:30](#) *of*

³⁰ of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

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1 | [313:1–8](#) *The*

The term Christ Jesus, or Jesus the Christ (to give the full and proper translation of the Greek), may be rendered "Jesus the anointed," Jesus the God-crowned or the divinely royal man, as it is said of him in the first chapter of Hebrews: —

Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

2 | [592:25](#)

OIL. Consecration; charity; gentleness; prayer; heavenly inspiration.

3 | [4:5–16](#)

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."

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.

4 | [2:23](#) (*only, to .*)

God is Love.

5 | [3:12](#)

The Divine Being must be reflected by man, — else man is not the image and likeness of the patient, tender, and true, the One "altogether lovely;" but to understand God is the work of eternity, and demands absolute consecration of thought, energy, and desire.

The Bible

5 | [I Corinthians 11:23–25](#) / *have*

²³ I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: ²⁴ And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. ²⁵ After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

6 | [I Corinthians 10:31](#)

³¹ Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

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6 | [34:10–13](#)

If all who ever partook of the sacrament had really commemorated the sufferings of Jesus and drunk of his cup, they would have revolutionized the world. Millennial
glory

7 | [35:25](#)

Our Eucharist is spiritual communion with the one God. Our bread, "which cometh down from heaven," is Truth. Our cup is the cross. Our wine the inspiration of Love, the draught our Master drank and commended to his followers.

8 | [11:22–27, 31](#)

We know that a desire for holiness is requisite in order to gain holiness; but if we desire holiness above all else, we shall sacrifice everything for it. We must be willing to do this, that we may walk securely in the only practical road to holiness. Desire for
holiness

Such a desire has little need of audible expression. It is best expressed in thought and in life.

9 | [454:18–19](#)

Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way.

The Bible

7 | [Matthew 20:17–19](#)

17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, 18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, 19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

8 | [Matthew 27:35 \(to :\), 46](#)

35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots:

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

9 | [Psalms 22:1 \(to 1st ?\), 7 \(to :\), 16 the, 18, 19, 22](#)

1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn:

16 the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. 19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

10 | [Acts 3:26 God](#)

26 God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

11 | [Hebrews 10:19, 20, 23 \(to 1st ;\)](#)

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;

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10 | [43:11–12, 17–19, 22–23, 27](#)

Jesus' last proof was the highest, the most convincing, the most profitable to his students.

The final demonstration of the truth which Jesus taught, and for which he was crucified, opened a new era for the world.

Human law had condemned him, but he was demonstrating divine Science.

The divine must overcome the human at every point. The Science Jesus taught and lived must triumph over all material beliefs about life, substance, and intelligence, and the multitudinous errors growing from such beliefs.

11 | [45:6–10](#)

Our Master fully and finally demonstrated Victory over the grave divine Science in his victory over death and the grave. Jesus' deed was for the enlightenment of men and for the salvation of the whole world from sin, sickness, and death.

12 | [31:13–17](#)

He attached no importance to dead ceremonies. It is the living Christ, the practical Truth, Healing primary which makes Jesus "the resurrection and the life" to all who follow him in deed.

13 | [15:18–20](#)

We must resolve to take up the cross, and go forth with honest hearts to work and watch for wisdom, Truth, and Love.

The Bible

12 | [Mark 16:9, 10](#)

9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. 10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

13 | [John 21:1–6, 9, 12 \(to 1st .\), 15](#)

1 After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself. 2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. 3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a-fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. 4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. 5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. 6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine.

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

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14 | [34:29–14](#)

What a contrast between our Lord's last supper and his last spiritual breakfast with his disciples in the bright morning hours at the joyful meeting on the shore of the Galilean Sea! His gloom had passed into glory, and his disciples' grief into repentance, — hearts chastened and pride rebuked. Convinced of the fruitlessness of their toil in the dark and wakened by their Master's voice, they changed their methods, turned away from material things, and cast their net on the right side. Discerning Christ, Truth, anew on the shore of time, they were enabled to rise somewhat from mortal sensuousness, or the burial of mind in matter, into newness of life as Spirit.

The last breakfast

This spiritual meeting with our Lord in the dawn of a new light is the morning meal which Christian Scientists commemorate. They bow before Christ, Truth, to receive more of his reappearing and silently to commune with the divine Principle, Love.

15 | [138:18–22](#)

Christians are under as direct orders now, as they were then, to be Christlike, to possess the Christ-spirit, to follow the Christ-example, and to heal the sick as well as the sinning.

New era in Jesus

16 | [261:32–7](#)

Good demands of man every hour, in which to work out the problem of being. Consecration to good does not lessen man's dependence on God, but heightens it. Neither does consecration diminish man's obligations to God, but shows the paramount necessity of meeting them. Christian Science takes naught from the perfection of God, but it ascribes to Him the entire glory.

Forgetfulness of self

The Bible

14 | II Chronicles 29:31 Now (to 1st.)

³¹ Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the Lord, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the Lord.

15 | Acts 3:1–8 Peter

¹ Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. ² And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; ³ Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. ⁴ And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. ⁵ And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. ⁶ Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. ⁷ And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸ And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

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17 | 8:22–24

If we turn away from the poor, we are not ready to receive the reward of Him who blesses the poor.

18 | 347:14–17

Christ, as the spiritual or true idea of God, comes now as of old, preaching the gospel to the poor, healing the sick, and casting out evils.

Essential
element of
Christianity

19 | 326:3–5, 14

If we wish to follow Christ, Truth, it must be in the way of God's appointing. Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also."

Not partially, but fully, the great healer of mortal mind is the healer of the body.

20 | 423:8, 29–32

The Christian Scientist, understanding scientifically that all is Mind, commences with mental causation, the truth of being, to destroy the error. This corrective is an alterative, reaching to every part of the human system. According to Scripture, it searches "the joints and marrow," and it restores the harmony of man.

Scientific
corrective

Bones have only the substance of thought which forms them. They are only phenomena of the mind of mortals.

Formation
from thought

21 | 396:14–16, 26–30

The refutation of the testimony of material sense is not a difficult task in view of the conceded falsity of this testimony.

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.

22 | 24:11–13

He to whom "the arm of the Lord" is revealed will believe our report, and rise into newness of life with regeneration.

The Bible

16 | Acts 8:27–31 behold, 35–39

27 behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, 28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

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23 | 428:15–19

We should consecrate existence, not “to the unknown God” whom we “ignorantly worship,” but to the eternal builder, the everlasting Father, to the Life which mortal sense cannot impair nor mortal belief destroy.

Intelligent
consecration

24 | 241:27

The baptism of Spirit, washing the body of all the impurities of flesh, signifies that the pure in heart see God and are approaching spiritual Life and its demonstration.

25 | 324:2–5

Gladness to leave the false landmarks and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps to precipitate the ultimate harmony. The purification of sense and self is a proof of progress.

26 | 57:23–24

Love enriches the nature, enlarging, purifying, and elevating it.

27 | 323:6

Through the wholesome chastisements of Love, we are helped onward in the march towards righteousness, peace, and purity, which are the landmarks of Science. Beholding the infinite tasks of truth, we pause, — wait on God. Then we push onward, until boundless thought walks enraptured, and conception unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory.

A bright
outlook

The Bible

17 | Ephesians 4:1–6 walk

¹ walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, ² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; ³ Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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28 | 202:3

The scientific unity which exists between God and man must be wrought out in life-practice, and God's will must be universally done.

29 | 242:30–32

The finger-posts of divine Science show the way our Master trod, and require of Christians the proof which he gave, instead of mere profession.

30 | 41:6

Like our Master, we must depart from material sense into the spiritual sense of being.

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