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## Bible Lessons

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Mind

### GOLDEN TEXT

#### **Psalms 33:11**

The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

### RESPONSIVE READING

#### **Jeremiah 29:11 *surely*; Isaiah 55:8–12 *my*; Psalms 40:5 (to 1<sup>st</sup> .)**

Jer. 29:11 . . . surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Isa. 55:8 . . . **my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.**

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12 For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Ps. 40:5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

*The Golden Text and Responsive Reading are from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition.*

## SECTION 1

### The Bible

#### 1 | **Psalms 40:5, 11 *let*, 13**

<sup>5</sup> Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

<sup>11</sup> let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

<sup>13</sup> Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.

#### 2 | **Genesis 28:10–13 (to :), 15, 16**

<sup>10</sup> And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac:

<sup>15</sup> And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. <sup>16</sup> And Jacob awaked out of his

sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.

### 3 | **Jeremiah 29:11**

<sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

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

### 1 | **513:26–27**

God creates all forms of reality. His thoughts are spiritual realities.

### 2 | **229:7–8**

God made all that was made, and Mind signifies God, — infinity, not finity.

No union of opposites

### 3 | **256:32**

Infinite Mind is the creator, and creation is the infinite image or idea emanating from this Mind. If Mind is within and without all things, then all is Mind; and this definition is scientific.

### 4 | **2:24**

Can we inform the infinite Mind of anything He does not already comprehend? Do we expect to

God's standard

change perfection? 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.

### 5 | **298:22, 28–30**

Spiritual ideas lead up to their divine origin, God, and to the spiritual sense of being.

Angels are pure thoughts from God, winged with Truth and Love, no matter what their individualism may be.

Thought-  
angels

### 6 | **299:15**

By giving earnest heed to these spiritual guides they tarry with us, and we entertain “angels unawares.”

### 7 | **506:10–12**

Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites understanding to eternal harmony. The calm and exalted thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace.

## SECTION 2

### The Bible

#### 4 | **Psalms 139:1–6, 17, 18 (to :)**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. <sup>2</sup> Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. <sup>3</sup> Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. <sup>5</sup> Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

<sup>17</sup> How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand:

#### 5 | **Psalms 17:15**

<sup>15</sup> As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

### *Science and Health*

#### 8 | **507:24–25**

Infinite Mind creates and governs all, from the mental molecule to infinity.

**9 | 281:14–24**

The one Ego, the one Mind or Spirit called God, is infinite individuality, which supplies all form and comeliness and which reflects reality and divinity in individual spiritual man and things.

The mind supposed to exist in matter or beneath a skull bone is a myth, a misconceived sense and false conception as to man and Mind. When we put off the false sense for the true, and see that sin and mortality have neither Principle nor permanency, we shall learn that sin and mortality are without actual origin or rightful existence.

**10 | 259:26**

Immortal ideas, pure, perfect, and enduring, are transmitted by the divine Mind through divine Science, which corrects error with truth and demands spiritual thoughts, divine concepts, to the end that they may produce harmonious results.

**11 | 261:4**

Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts.

## SECTION 3

### The Bible

#### 6 | **Psalms 92:5**

<sup>5</sup> O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

#### 7 | **Psalms 94:17, 22**

<sup>17</sup> Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

<sup>22</sup> But the Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

#### 8 | **I Kings 18:46 (to ;)**

<sup>46</sup> And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah;

#### 9 | **I Kings 19:4–8**

<sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. <sup>5</sup> And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. <sup>6</sup> And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. <sup>7</sup> And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. <sup>8</sup> And he



arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

## ***Science and Health***

### **12 | 174:9–14**

The footsteps of thought, rising above material standpoints, are slow, and portend a long night to the traveller; but the angels of His presence — the spiritual intuitions that tell us when “the night is far spent, the day is at hand” — are our guardians in the gloom.

Rise of  
thought

### **13 | 387:5**

When we reach our limits of mental endurance, we conclude that intellectual labor has been carried sufficiently far; but when we realize that immortal Mind is ever active, and that spiritual energies can neither wear out nor can so-called material law trespass upon God-given powers and resources, we are able to rest in Truth, refreshed by the assurances of immortality, opposed to mortality.

Mind heals  
brain-disease

### **14 | 286:21–22**

God’s thoughts are perfect and eternal, are substance and Life.

**15 | 297:24**

Human thoughts have their degrees of comparison. Some thoughts are better than others. A belief in Truth is better than a belief in error, but no mortal testimony is founded on the divine rock. Mortal testimony can be shaken. Until belief becomes faith, and faith becomes spiritual understanding, human thought has little relation to the actual or divine.

**16 | 7:23**

God is not influenced by man. The “divine ear” is not an auditory nerve. It is the all-hearing and all-knowing Mind, to whom each need of man is always known and by whom it will be supplied.

**17 | 265:5–15**

Mortals must gravitate Godward, their affections and aims grow spiritual, — they must near the broader interpretations of being, and gain some proper sense of the infinite, — in order that sin and mortality may be put off.

This scientific sense of being, forsaking matter for Spirit, by no means suggests man’s absorption into Deity and the loss of his identity, but confers upon man enlarged individuality, a wider sphere of thought and action, a more expansive love, a higher and more permanent peace.

## SECTION 4

### The Bible

#### 10 | **Matthew 4:17 Jesus**

<sup>17</sup> Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

#### 11 | **Matthew 12:22–26, 28, 29**

<sup>22</sup> Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. <sup>23</sup> And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? <sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. <sup>25</sup> And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: <sup>26</sup> And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

<sup>28</sup> But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. <sup>29</sup> Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

#### 12 | **II Corinthians 10:4, 5**

<sup>4</sup> (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)  
<sup>5</sup> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exal-

teth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

## ***Science and Health***

### **18 | 314:8**

Our Master gained the solution of being, demonstrating the existence of but one Mind without a second or equal.

### **19 | 315:6–7, 11–16**

He knew of but one Mind and laid no claim to any other.

The opposite and false views of the people hid from their sense Christ's sonship with God. They could not discern his spiritual existence. Their carnal minds were at enmity with it. Their thoughts were filled with mortal error, instead of with God's spiritual idea as presented by Christ Jesus.

The true  
sonship

### **20 | 399:27–22**

The one Mind, God, contains no mortal opinions. All that is real is included in this immortal Mind.

Our Master asked: "How can one enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man?" In other words: How can I heal the body, without beginning with so-called mortal mind, which directly controls the body? When disease is once destroyed in this so-called mind, the fear of disease is gone, and

Confirmation  
in a parable

therefore the disease is thoroughly cured. Mortal mind is “the strong man,” which must be held in subjection before its influence upon health and morals can be removed. This error conquered, we can despoil “the strong man” of his goods, — namely, of sin and disease.

Mortals obtain the harmony of health, only as they forsake discord, acknowledge the supremacy of divine Mind, and abandon their material beliefs. Eradicate the image of disease from the perturbed thought before it has taken tangible shape in conscious thought, *alias* the body, and you prevent the development of disease. This task becomes easy, if you understand that every disease is an error, and has no character nor type, except what mortal mind assigns to it. By lifting thought above error, or disease, and contending persistently for truth, you destroy error.

Eradicate  
error from  
thought

When we remove disease by addressing the disturbed mind, giving no heed to the body, we prove that thought alone creates the suffering.

## 21 | 14:12–16

Become conscious for a single moment that Life and intelligence are purely spiritual, — neither in nor of matter, — and the body will then utter no complaints. If suffering from a belief in sickness, you will find yourself suddenly well.

Spiritualized  
consciousness

**22 | 145:8–13**

The struggle for the recovery of invalids goes on, not between material methods, but between mortal minds and immortal Mind. The victory will be on the patient's side only as immortal Mind through Christ, Truth, subdues the human belief in disease.

The struggle  
and victory

**23 | 180:25**

When man is governed by God, the ever-present Mind who understands all things, man knows that with God all things are possible. The only way to this living Truth, which heals the sick, is found in the Science of divine Mind as taught and demonstrated by Christ Jesus.

**24 | 151:26–28**

All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal.

## SECTION 5

### The Bible

**13 | Revelation 1:1, 2**

<sup>1</sup> The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his

servant John: <sup>2</sup> Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

#### **14 | Revelation 10:1–3 (to :)**

<sup>1</sup> And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: <sup>2</sup> And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, <sup>3</sup> And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth:

#### **15 | Revelation 21:3–5 (to 1<sup>st</sup> .)**

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. <sup>4</sup> And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. <sup>5</sup> And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

#### **16 | Revelation 1:8**

<sup>8</sup> I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

## ***Science and Health***

### **25 | 558:9–10**

This angel or message which comes from God, clothed with a cloud, prefigures divine Science.

### **26 | 127:26**

Science is an emanation of divine Mind, and is alone able to interpret God aright. It has a spiritual, and not a material origin. It is a divine utterance, — the Comforter which leadeth into all truth.

### **27 | 114:10**

In Science, Mind is *one*, including noumenon and phenomena, God and His thoughts.

### **28 | 559:8–12**

The “still, small voice” of scientific thought reaches over continent and ocean to the globe’s remotest bound. The inaudible voice of Truth is, to the human mind, “as when a lion roareth.” It is heard in the desert and in dark places of fear.

### **29 | 573:3, 23–27**

The Revelator was on our plane of existence, while yet beholding what the eye cannot see, — that which is invisible to the uninspired thought. This testimony of Holy Writ sustains the fact in Science, that the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness which God bestows, are spiritual, while to another, the unillumined human mind, the



vision is material. This shows unmistakably that what the human mind terms matter and spirit indicates states and stages of consciousness.

This is Scriptural authority for concluding that such a recognition of being is, and has been, possible to men in this present state of existence, — that we can become conscious, here and now, of a cessation of death, sorrow, and pain.

### 30 | 299:7–11

My angels are exalted thoughts, appearing at the door of some sepulchre, in which human belief has buried its fondest earthly hopes. With white fingers they point upward to a new and glorified trust, to higher ideals of life and its joys.

Our angelic messengers

### 31 | 407:22 *In*

In Science, all being is eternal, spiritual, perfect, harmonious in every action. Let the perfect model be present in your thoughts instead of its demoralized opposite. This spiritualization of thought lets in the light, and brings the divine Mind, Life not death, into your consciousness.

### 32 | 275:20

Divine metaphysics, as revealed to spiritual understanding, shows clearly that all is Mind, and that Mind is God, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, — that is, all power, all presence, all Science. Hence all is in reality the manifestation of Mind.

The divine completeness

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