



JANUARY 24–30, 2022

Love

GOLDEN TEXT

Psalms 36:7

How precious *is* Your lovingkindness,
O God!
Therefore the children of men put
their trust under the shadow of Your
wings.

*The Golden Text is from the New
King James Version®.*

RESPONSIVE READING

**Psalms 145:8 (to ;), 20 (to :); 40:10, 13, 16;
69:13 as, 16, 30, 32**

8 The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion;

20 **The Lord preserveth all them that love him:**

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

13 **Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.**

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

13 . . . **as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.**

16 Hear me, O Lord; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

30 **I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.**

32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | **I John 4:16 (to ;)**

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love;

2 | **Psalms 111:1–4**

1 Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. 3 His work is honourable and glorious:

and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

3 | [Psalms 33:5, 6, 9](#)

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

4 | [Isaiah 44:6 I am, 24 I am](#)

6 I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

24 I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

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

1 | [2:23 \(only, to ?\)](#)

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

2 | [331:11 \(only\), 16–22](#)

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

Everything in God's universe expresses Him.

God is individual, The universal cause
incorporeal. He is divine
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.

3 | [519:3–11](#)

Deity was satisfied with Perfection of creation
His work. How could He be otherwise, since the spiritual creation was the outgrowth, the emanation, of His infinite self-containment and immortal wisdom?

Genesis ii. 1. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Thus the ideas of God in universal being are complete and forever expressed, for Science reveals infinity and the fatherhood and motherhood of Love.

4 | [256:13](#)

The everlasting I AM is No divine corporeality
not bounded nor compressed
within the narrow limits of physical humanity, nor can He be understood aright through mortal concepts. The precise form of God must be of small importance in comparison with the sublime question, What is infinite Mind or divine Love?

5 | 502:29–3

There is but one creator and one creation. This creation consists of the unfolding of spiritual ideas and their identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind and forever reflected.

6 | 520:3–5 *The (to !)*

The depth, breadth, height, might, majesty, and glory of infinite Love fill all space. That is enough!

SECTION 2**The Bible****5 | Psalms 42:5, 8 *the***

⁵ Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

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.

6 | Psalms 78:19 *Can*

¹⁹ Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

7 | Isaiah 40:11

¹¹ He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and

shall gently lead those that are with young.

8 | I Kings 17:1, 8–16

¹ And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

⁸ And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, ⁹ Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. ¹¹ And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. ¹² And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. ¹³ And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. ¹⁴ For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail,

until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. ¹⁵ And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. ¹⁶ And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

Science and Health

7 | [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.

8 | [13:20–24](#)

If we pray to God as a corporeal person, this will prevent us from relinquishing the human doubts and fears which attend such a belief, and so we cannot grasp the wonders wrought by infinite, incorporeal Love, to whom all things are possible.

Corporeal
ignorance

9 | [330:19–20](#)

God is what the Scriptures declare Him to be, — Life, Truth, Love.

10 | [576:26–4](#)

The term Lord, as used in our version of the Old Testament, is often synonymous with Jehovah, and expresses the Jewish concept, not yet elevated to deific apprehension through

Divine sense
of Deity

spiritual transfiguration. Yet the word gradually approaches a higher meaning. 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.

SECTION 3

The Bible

9 | [Psalms 51:1 \(to :\), 10, 12](#)

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness:

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

10 | [Mark 1:14 Jesus, 15 \(to :\), 40–42](#)

¹⁴ Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand:

⁴⁰ And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. ⁴¹ And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. ⁴² And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the lep-

rosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

11 | [Luke 12:32](#)

³² Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Science and Health

11 | [140:25–27](#)

The Christian Science God is universal, eternal, divine Love, which changeth not and causeth no evil, disease, nor death.

12 | [476:28–5](#)

When speaking of God's children, not the children of men, Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you;" that is, Truth and Love reign in the real man, showing that man in God's image is unfallen and eternal. Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy.

The kingdom
within

13 | [332:19](#)

Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God — the Holy Ghost, or

Holy Ghost
or Comforter

Comforter, revealing the divine Principle, Love, and leading into all truth.

14 | [328:20–31](#)

Understanding spiritual law and knowing that there is no material law, Jesus said: "These signs shall follow them that believe, . . . they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." It were well had Christendom believed and obeyed this sacred saying.

Jesus' promise is perpetual. Had it been given only to his immediate disciples, the Scriptural passage would read *you*, not *they*. The purpose of his great life-work extends through time and includes universal humanity.

15 | [411:10, 27–32](#)

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.

Always begin your treatment by allaying the fear of patients. Silently reassure them as to their exemption from disease and danger. Watch the result of this simple rule of Christian Science, and you will find that it alleviates the symptoms of every disease.

Unspoken
pleading

16 | [144:27](#)

When the Science of being is universally understood, every man will be his

own physician, and Truth will be the universal panacea.

SECTION 4

The Bible

12 | [Psalms 86:12, 15](#) *thou*

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

15 thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

13 | [1 Timothy 1:15](#) (to ;)

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;

14 | [Luke 7:37–44](#) (to ?), [47 Her](#) (to :), [50](#)

37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, 38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Si-

mon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. 41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. 42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? 43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. 44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman?

47 Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much:

50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Science and Health

17 | [13:2–3](#)

Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals.

18 | [362:1–7](#)

It is related in the seventh chapter of Luke's Gospel that Jesus was once the honored guest of a certain Pharisee, by name Simon, though he was quite unlike Simon the disciple. While they were at meat, an unusual incident occurred, as if to interrupt the scene of Oriental festivity. A "strange woman" came in.

A gospel narrative

19 | 363:1–10, 15–26, 31–3

She bore an alabaster jar containing costly and fragrant oil, — sandal oil perhaps, which is in such common use in the East. Breaking the sealed jar, she perfumed Jesus' feet with the oil, wiping them with her long hair, which hung loosely about her shoulders, as was customary with women of her grade.

Did Jesus spurn the woman? Did he repel her adoration? No! He regarded her compassionately. Nor was this all.

He described two debtors, one for a large sum and one for a smaller, who were released from their obligations by their common creditor. "Which of them will love him most?" was the Master's question to Simon the Pharisee; and Simon replied, "He to whom he forgave most." Jesus approved the answer, and so brought home the lesson to all, following it with that remarkable declaration to the woman, "Thy sins are forgiven."

Why did he thus summarize her debt to divine Love? Had she repented and reformed, and did his insight detect this unspoken moral uprising?

Certainly there was encouragement in the mere fact that she was showing her affection for a man of undoubted goodness and purity, who has since been rightfully regarded as the best man that ever trod this planet.

20 | 364:8–10, 22–28

Which was the higher tribute to such ineffable affection, the hospitality of the Pharisee or the contrition of the Magdalen?

If Christian Scientists are like Simon, then it must be said of them also that they love little.

On the other hand, do they show their regard for Truth, or Christ, by their genuine repentance, by their broken hearts, expressed by meekness and human affection, as did this woman?

Genuine
repentance

21 | 365:15, 31

If the Scientist reaches his patient through divine Love, the healing work will be accomplished at one visit, and the disease will vanish into its native nothingness like dew before the morning sunshine. If the Scientist has enough Christly affection to win his own pardon, and such commendation as the Magdalen gained from Jesus, then he is Christian enough to practise scientifically and deal with his patients compassionately; and the result will correspond with the spiritual intent.

Speedy
healing

The poor suffering heart needs its rightful nutriment, such as peace, patience in tribulation, and a priceless sense of the dear Father's loving-kindness.

22 | [454:17–18](#)

Love for God and man is the true incentive in both healing and teaching.

Love the incentive

17 | [Romans 10:13](#) *whosoever*

¹³ whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

SECTION 5

The Bible

15 | [Zephaniah 3:17](#)

¹⁷ The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

16 | [Acts 5:12 \(to ;\), 16–20](#)

¹² And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people;

¹⁶ There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. ¹⁷ Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, ¹⁸ And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. ¹⁹ But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, ²⁰ Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

*Science and Health*23 | [228:14–15, 25 \(only\)](#)

Mortals will some day assert their freedom in the name of Almighty God.

God-given dominion

There is no power apart from God.

24 | [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

25 | [530:5–6](#)

In divine Science, man is sustained by God, the divine Principle of being.

26 | [208:20](#)

Let us learn of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain forever unseen.

27 | [224:29–31 \(to 2nd .\)](#)

The power of God brings deliverance to the captive. No power can withstand divine Love.

Mental emancipation

28 | [225:21](#)

Love is the liberator.

thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

SECTION 6

The Bible

18 | [Psalms 40:8, 11](#) *let*

⁸ I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

¹¹ let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

19 | [Psalms 17:8](#)

⁸ Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

20 | [Psalms 145:9, 10](#)

⁹ The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. ¹⁰ All

Science and Health

29 | [266:18](#) *Universal*

Universal Love is the divine way in Christian Science.

30 | [340:12](#)

Divine Love is infinite. Therefore all that really exists is in and of God, and manifests His love.

31 | [518:21](#)

All the varied expressions of God reflect health, holiness, immortality — infinite Life, Truth, and Love.

32 | [113:5–6](#)

The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science, is Love.

© 2022 The Christian Science Publishing Society. Unless otherwise noted, references above are from the Bible (King James Version) and the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. The design of the Cross and Crown is a trademark owned by The Christian Science Board of Directors and is used by permission. *Christian Science Quarterly*™ is a trademark owned by The Christian Science Publishing Society.

The Golden Text is from the New King James Version®. Copyright © 1982 by Thomas Nelson. Used by permission. All rights reserved.