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God

GOLDEN TEXT

Isaiah 40:18

Who compares with God?
Is anything like him?

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

RESPONSIVE READING

Acts 17:22–28 Paul; I Corinthians 8:5, 6 (to ;)

22 . . . Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious;

23 **for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:**

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

25 **Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.**

26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the

earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

27 **so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;**

28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ ”

5 **For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords),**

6 yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him;

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James Version®.*

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | [John 1:1, 3](#)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

2 | [I John 4:13](#)

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

3 | **Isaiah 43:10**

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

4 | **Psalms 46:10 (to :)**

10 Be still, and know that I am God:

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

1 | **330:11**

God is infinite, the only Life, substance, Spirit, or Soul, the only intelligence of the universe, including man. Eye hath neither seen God nor His image and likeness. Neither God nor the perfect man can be discerned by the material senses. The individuality of Spirit, or the infinite, is unknown, and thus a knowledge of it is left either to human conjecture or to the revelation of divine Science.

The deific
supremacy

2 | **596:1–9**

UNKNOWN. That which spiritual sense alone comprehends, and which is unknown to the material senses.

Paganism and agnosticism may define Deity as “the great unknowable;” but Christian Science brings God much nearer to man, and makes Him better known as the All-in-all, forever near.

Paul saw in Athens an altar dedicated “to the unknown God.” Referring to it, he said to the Athenians: “Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you.”

3 | **140:4 (only), 7–12**

That God is a corporeal being, nobody can truly affirm.

Not materially but God invisible
to the senses
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.

4 | **481:3–4, 5**

God's being is infinity, freedom, harmony, and boundless bliss.

Like the archpriests of yore, man is free “to enter into the holiest,” — the realm of God.

SECTION 2

The Bible

5 | **Jeremiah 23:23, 24**

23 Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

6 | **II Samuel 5:12**

12 And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

7 | **II Samuel 24:2–4 the, 9 (to :), 10**

2 the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer–sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. 3 And Joab said unto the king, Now the Lord thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?

4 Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.

9 And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king:

10 And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the Lord, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O Lord, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

8 | **Psalms 77:13, 20**

13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

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

9 | **Psalms 78:41**

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

10 | **Hosea 1:10 the**

10 the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

11 | **Numbers 14:21 as**

21 as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

*Science and Health*5 | **336:23**

Allness is the measure of the infinite, and nothing less can express God.

6 | **517:18–19, 22**

God has countless ideas,
and they all have one Principle
and parentage.

Divine
personality

Even eternity can never reveal the whole of God, since there is no limit to infinitude or to its reflections.

7 | **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.

8 | **255:11–17**

Mortal man has made
a covenant with his eyes to

Finite views
of Deity

belittle Deity with human conceptions. In league with material sense, mortals take limited views of all things. That God is corporeal or material, no man should affirm.

The human form, or physical finiteness, cannot be made the basis of any true idea of the infinite Godhead.

9 | **331:18**

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. He fills all space, and it
is impossible to conceive of such omnipresence and
individuality except as infinite Spirit or Mind. Hence
all is Spirit and spiritual.

SECTION 3

The Bible

12 | **Daniel 3:1, 4–6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15–
18 if ye worship, 21, 24, 25, 26–28 Then Shadrach**

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

6 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. 9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.

12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? 16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. 17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. 25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

26 Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, came forth of the midst of the fire. 27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. 28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

13 | **II Corinthians 3:8, 17**

8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

*Science and Health*10 | **133:15**

Even in captivity among foreign nations, the divine Principle wrought wonders for the people of God in the fiery furnace and in kings' palaces.

11 | **135:6–8**

The miracle introduces no disorder, but unfolds the primal order, establishing the Science of God's unchangeable law.

12 | **381:15**

God is the lawmaker, but He is not the author of barbarous codes. In infinite Life and Love there is no sickness, sin, nor death, and the Scriptures declare that we live, move, and have our being in the infinite God.

13 | **225:29–31**

Men and women of all climes and races are still in bondage to material sense, ignorant how to obtain their freedom.

14 | **226:14**

God has built a higher platform of human rights, and He has built it on diviner claims. These claims are not made through code or creed, but in demonstration of "on earth peace, good-will toward men." Human codes, scholastic theology, material medicine and hygiene, fetter faith and spiritual understanding. Divine Science rends asunder these fetters, and man's birthright of sole allegiance to his Maker asserts itself.

Cramping
systems

15 | **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

16 | **90:24–27**

The admission to one's self that man is God's own likeness sets man free to master the infinite idea. This conviction shuts the door on death, and opens it wide towards immortality.

Scientific
finalities

17 | **227:24–26**

Citizens of the world, accept the "glorious liberty of the children of God," and be free! This is your divine right.

Standard
of liberty

SECTION 4

The Bible

14 | **John 1:18**

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

15 | **Mark 3:7 Jesus, 8, 10, 11**

7 Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judæa, 8 And from Jerusalem, and from Idumæa, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

10 For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues. 11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him,

fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

Science and Health

18 | [473:7–15](#)

The God-principle is omnipresent and omnipotent. God is everywhere, and nothing apart from Him is present or has power. Christ is the ideal Truth, that comes to heal sickness and sin through Christian Science, and attributes all power to God. Jesus is the name of the man who, more than all other men, has presented Christ, the true idea of God, healing the sick and the sinning and destroying the power of death.

Christ the
ideal Truth

19 | [333:19–23](#)

Throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth.

The divine
Principle
and idea

20 | [37:22–25](#)

It is possible, — yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demonstration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness.

SECTION 5

The Bible

16 | [Romans 8:38, 39](#)

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

17 | [II Corinthians 6:16 ye](#)

16 ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

18 | [Jeremiah 30:11 I am \(to 1st :\), 17 \(to ;\)](#)

11 I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee:
17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord;

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21 | [276:1–4](#)

Having one God, one Mind, unfolds the power that heals the sick, and fulfils these sayings of Scripture, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," and "I have found a ransom."

Universal
brotherhood

22 | [221:1–4, 10–22](#)

I knew a person who when quite a child adopted the Graham system to cure dyspepsia. For many years, he ate only bread and vegetables, and drank nothing but water.

Starvation
and
dyspepsia

He passed many weary years in hunger and weakness, almost in starvation, and finally made up his mind to die, having exhausted the skill of the doctors, who kindly informed him that death was indeed his only alternative. At this point Christian Science saved him, and he is now in perfect health without a vestige of the old complaint.

He learned that suffering and disease were the self-imposed beliefs of mortals, and not the facts of being; that God never decreed disease, — never ordained a law that fasting should be a means of health. Hence semi-starvation is not acceptable to wisdom, and it is equally far from Science, in which being is sustained by God, Mind.

23 | [231:8](#)

If God heals not the sick, they are not healed, for no lesser power equals the infinite All-power; but God, Truth, Life, Love, does heal the sick through the prayer of the righteous.

24 | [1:1–4](#)

The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God, — a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love.

25 | [414:26–28](#)

Keep in mind the verity of being, — that man is the image and likeness of God, in whom all being is painless and permanent.

26 | [445:15–21](#)

You render the divine law of healing obscure and void, when you weigh the human in the scale with the divine, or limit in any direction of thought the omnipresence and omnipotence of God.

Christian Science silences human will, quiets fear with Truth and Love, and illustrates the unlabored motion of the divine energy in healing the sick.

SECTION 6

The Bible

19 | [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.

20 | [Hebrews 8:10](#)

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

21 | [Isaiah 25:9](#)

9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Science and Health*27 | [15:25–30](#)

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

Trustworthy
beneficence

28 | [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

29 | [471:18–19](#)

God is infinite, therefore ever present, and there
is no other power nor presence.

30 | [103:15–16](#)

The maximum of good is the infinite God and His
idea, the All-in-all.

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