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Love

GOLDEN TEXT

Malachi 1:2 (to .)

"I have always loved you," says the LORD.

The Golden Text is from the Holy Bible, New Living Translation.

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 63:7, 8, 9 and, 16 2nd thou, 19 (to :); 49:13–16 (to ;)

7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

8 **For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour.**

9 . . . and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

16 . . . **thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.**

19 We are thine:

13 **Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.**

14 But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

15 **Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.**

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands;

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | Jeremiah 31:3

3 The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

2 | Isaiah 43:4 (to :), 6 bring, 7

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee:

6 bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

3 | Isaiah 66:13 (to ;)

13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you;

4 | Psalms 145:9, 10

9 The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. 10 All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

5 | **I John 3:1 (to :)**

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:

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

1 | **6:17–18**

“God is Love.” More than this we cannot ask, higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go.

2 | **516:12–13, 21**

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

Love imparts
beauty

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

3 | **332:4–5**

Father-Mother is the name for Deity, which indicates His tender relationship to His spiritual creation.

4 | **517:10 In, 18–19, 30–31**

In divine Science, we have not as much authority for considering God masculine, as we have for considering Him feminine, for Love imparts the clearest idea of Deity.

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

Divine Love blesses its own ideas, and causes them to multiply, — to manifest His power.

5 | **518:19–21**

Love giveth to the least spiritual idea might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through all as the blossom shines through the bud.

6 | **280:4–6**

From Love and from the light and harmony which are the abode of Spirit, only reflections of good can come.

The things
of God are
beautiful

SECTION 2

The Bible

6 | **Psalms 143:1, 4 my heart, 6–8**

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

4 my heart within me is desolate.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. 7 Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. 8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

7 | **Job 23:3, 5**

3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!

5 I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

8 | **Psalms 34:18, 22 none**

18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

22 none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

9 | **I John 4:8 *God is, 12, 13***

8 God is love.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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

*Science and Health*7 | **13:2, 20–24**

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."

If we pray to God as Corporeal
ignorance 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.

8 | **322:26–31**

The sharp experiences of Uses of
suffering belief in the supposititious life of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless woes, turn us like tired children to the arms of divine Love. Then we begin to learn Life in divine Science. Without this process of weaning, "Canst thou by searching find out God?"

9 | **140:7–8, 25–27**

Not materially but God invisible
to the senses spiritually we know Him as divine Mind, as Life, Truth, and Love.

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

10 | **14:6**

To be "present with the Lord" is to have, not mere emotional ecstasy or faith, but the actual demonstration and understanding of Life as revealed in Christian Science. To be "with the Lord" is to be in obedience to the law of God, to be absolutely governed by divine Love, — by Spirit, not by matter.

11 | **481:8–9**

Through spiritual sense only, man comprehends and loves Deity.

12 | **272:4–5**

This sense is assimilated only as we are honest, unselfish, loving, and meek.

SECTION 3

The Bible

10 | **II Corinthians 1:3, 4**

3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

11 | **Matthew 14:14**

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

12 | **Matthew 20:30–34**

30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. 31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.

32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? 33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. 34 So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

13 | [Matthew 7:7, 8](#)

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Science and Health

13 | [38:24–26](#)

Jesus mapped out the path for others. He unveiled the Christ, the spiritual idea of divine Love.

14 | [494:10, 30–2](#)

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need. It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

Our Master cast out devils (evils) and healed the sick. It should be said of his followers also, that they cast fear and all evil out of themselves and others and heal the sick. God will heal the sick through man, whenever man is governed by God.

15 | [420:24](#)

Tell the sick that they can meet disease fearlessly, if they only realize that divine Love gives them all power over every physical action and condition.

Proper stimulus

16 | [416:30](#)

Turn their thoughts away from their bodies to higher objects. Teach them that their being is sustained by Spirit, not by matter, and that they find health, peace, and harmony in God, divine Love.

17 | [375:17](#)

The genuine Christian Scientist is adding to his patient's mental and moral power, and is increasing his patient's spirituality while restoring him physically through divine Love.

18 | [486:23–26](#)

Sight, hearing, all the spiritual senses of man, are eternal. They cannot be lost. Their reality and immortality are in Spirit and understanding, not in matter, — hence their permanence.

Permanent sensibility

19 | [248:3 \(only\)](#)

Love never loses sight of loveliness.

SECTION 4

The Bible

14 | [I John 4:20 he that](#)

20 he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

15 | [Luke 6:36](#)

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

16 | [Luke 8:40](#)

40 And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.

17 | [Luke 10:25–37](#)

25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy

neighbour as thyself. 28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. 29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? 30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Science and Health

20 | [454:17–18](#)

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

Love the incentive

21 | [366:12–19, 30–31](#)

The physician who lacks sympathy for his fellow-being is deficient in human affection, and we have the apostolic warrant for asking: "He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" Not having this spiritual affection, the physician lacks faith in the divine Mind and has not that recognition of infinite Love which alone confers the healing power.

The true physician

If we would open their prison doors for the sick, we must first learn to bind up the broken-hearted.

22 | [365:31](#)

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.

23 | [9:5](#)

The test of all prayer lies in the answer to these questions:

Summit of aspiration

Do we love our neighbor better because of this asking? Do we pursue the old selfishness, satisfied with having prayed for something better, though we give no evidence of the sincerity of our requests by living consistently with our prayer? If selfishness has given place to kindness, we shall regard our neighbor unselfishly, and bless them that curse us; but we shall never meet this great duty simply by asking that it may be done. There is a cross to be taken up before we can enjoy the fruition of our hope and faith.

24 | **242:15 In, 30–32**

In patient obedience to a patient God, let us labor to dissolve with the universal solvent of Love the adamant of error, — self-will, self-justification, and self-love, — which wars against spirituality and is the law of sin and death.

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.

25 | **518:15–19**

The rich in spirit help the poor in one grand brotherhood, all having the same Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another's good.

Assistance in brotherhood

SECTION 5

The Bible

18 | **Psalms 102:1, 7**

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.

7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

19 | **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.

20 | **Psalms 68:4 (to :), 5, 6 (to 1st :)**

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name:

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

6 God setteth the solitary in families:

21 | **Galatians 3:26**

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

22 | **Romans 8:35 (to 1st ?), 38 neither, 39**

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

38 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.

*Science and Health*26 | **266:6–10**

Would existence without personal friends be to you a blank? Then the time will come when you will be solitary, left without sympathy; but this seeming vacuum is already filled with divine Love.

Uses of adversity

27 | **57:18–30**

Happiness is spiritual, born of Truth and Love. It is unselfish; therefore it cannot exist alone, but requires all mankind to share it.

Affection's demands

Human affection is not poured forth vainly, even though it meet no return. Love enriches the nature, enlarging, purifying, and elevating it. The wintry blasts of earth may uproot the flowers of affection, and scatter them to the winds; but this 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.

Help and discipline

28 | [303:28–9](#)

Spiritual man is the image or idea of God, an idea which cannot be lost nor separated from its divine Principle. When the evidence before the material senses yielded to spiritual sense, the apostle declared that nothing could alienate him from God, from the sweet sense and presence of Life and Truth.

Man's
entity
spiritual

It is ignorance and false belief, based on a material sense of things, which hide spiritual beauty and goodness. Understanding this, Paul said: "Neither death, nor life, . . . nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God."

Man
inseparable
from Love

29 | [58:7](#)

Unselfish ambition, noble life-motives, and purity, — these constituents of thought, mingling, constitute individually and collectively true happiness, strength, and permanence.

SECTION 6

The Bible

23 | [Isaiah 54:10](#)

10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

24 | [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.

25 | [Song of Solomon 2:4](#)

4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

*Science and Health*30 | [340:12](#)

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

31 | [598:23–24](#)

One moment of divine consciousness, or the spiritual understanding of Life and Love, is a foretaste of eternity.

32 | [578:16](#)

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.

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