

God the Preserver of Man

GOLDEN TEXT | Psalms 36:7

How precious is your unfailing love, O God!
 All humanity finds shelter
 in the shadow of your wings.

RESPONSIVE READING | Deuteronomy 33:12 *The*, 27 (to :)
 Psalms 40:1–3 (to :), 8, 11 *let*; 61:3, 4

- 12 . . . The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.
- 27 **The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms:**
- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
- 2 **He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.**
- 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:
- 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.

- 3 **For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.**
- 4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

*Section 1
 The Bible*

1 | Psalms 145:9, 20 (to :)

- 9 The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.
- 20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him:

2 | Deuteronomy 32:9–12

- 9 For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. 10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. 11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: 12 So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

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

3 | Romans 8:14, 16

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

4 | Isaiah 43:1 now, 2, 10 (to 2nd :)

1 now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. 2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

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:

5 | Exodus 19:4 I bare

4 I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

*Section 1
Science and Health*

1 | vii:1–2

1 To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings.

2 | 336:25–26, 28

God, the divine Principle of man, and man in God's likeness are inseparable, harmonious, and eternal.

30 and man are not the same, but in the order of divine Science, God and man coexist and are eternal. God is the parent Mind, and man is God's spiritual offspring.

3 | 303:25–30

27 God, without the image and likeness of Himself, would be a nonentity, or Mind unexpressed. He would be without a witness or proof of His own nature. Spiritual man is the image or idea of God, an idea which cannot be lost nor separated from its divine Principle.

4 | 566:1–9

1 As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides of human fear, — as they were led through the wilderness, walking wearily through the great desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised joy, — so shall the spiritual idea guide all right desires in their passage from sense to Soul, from a material sense of existence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for them who love God.

5 | 512:8–9

9 Spirit is symbolized by strength, presence, and power, and also by holy thoughts, winged with Love.

6 | 283:1

1 As mortals begin to understand Spirit,
they give up the belief that there is any true existence
3 apart from God.

Section 2
The Bible

6 | Psalms 63:1, 3, 7 thou

1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my
soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry
and thirsty land, where no water is;
3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips
shall praise thee.
7 thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of
thy wings will I rejoice.

7 | Psalms 146:5, 9 (to :)

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
whose hope is in the Lord his God:
9 The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the
fatherless and widow:

8 | I Kings 18:46 (to ;)

46 And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah;

9 | I Kings 17:8–16

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.

10 | Ruth 2:12

12 The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be
given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings
thou art come to trust.

Section 2
Science and Health

7 | 530:5–6

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

8 | 494:10–11

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every
human need.

9 | 13:2

Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and
3 bestowals. It is the open fount which cries, “Ho,
every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.”

10 | 518:13–21

God gives the lesser idea of Himself for a link to the
greater, and in return, the higher always protects the
15 lower. The rich in spirit help the poor in Assistance in
one grand brotherhood, all having the same brotherhood
Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth
18 his brother’s need and supplieth it, seeking his own in
another’s good. Love giveth to the least spiritual idea
might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through
21 all as the blossom shines through the bud.

11 | 62:22

The divine Mind, which forms the The Mind
bud and blossom, will care for the human creative

24 body, even as it clothes the lily; but let no mortal inter-
fere with God’s government by thrusting in the laws of
erring, human concepts.

12 | 96:15–18, 27

15 The breaking up of mate- Arena of
rial beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want contest
and woe, sin, sickness, and death, which assume new
18 phases until their nothingness appears.

27 As material knowl- Millennial
edge diminishes and spiritual understanding glory
increases, real objects will be apprehended mentally
30 instead of materially.

13 | 390:4–9

We cannot deny that Life is self-sustained, and we
should never deny the everlasting harmony of Soul, sim-
6 ply because, to the mortal senses, there is seem- Ultimate
ing discord. It is our ignorance of God, the harmony
divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and
9 the right understanding of Him restores harmony.

Section 3
The Bible

11 | Psalms 140:1, 2

1 Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man: preserve me
from the violent man; 2 Which imagine mischiefs in their
heart; continually are they gathered together for war.

12 | Psalms 55:6 I said, 9–11 I have, 16

6 I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

9 I have seen violence and strife in the city. 10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it. 11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.

13 | II Samuel 22:2 The, 3

2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

14 | Proverbs 1:17

17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

15 | Proverbs 21:31 safety

31 safety is of the Lord.

*Section 3
Science and Health*

14 | 232:7

Security for the claims of harmonious and eternal being is found only in divine Science.

15 | 94:14

Tyranny, intolerance, and bloodshed, wherever found, arise from the belief that the infinite is formed after the pattern of mortal personality, passion, and impulse.

16 | 403:14–16

You command the situation if you understand that mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the truth of being.

17 | 287:24

24 The supposition that life, substance, and intelligence are *in* matter, or *of* it, is an error. Error unveiled
Matter is neither a thing nor a person, but merely the objective supposition of Spirit’s opposite. The five material senses testify to truth and error as united in a mind both good and evil. Their false evidence will finally yield to Truth, — to the recognition of Spirit and of the spiritual creation.

18 | 454:5

The understanding, Impotence of hate
6 even in a degree, of the divine All-power destroys fear, and plants the feet in the true path, — the path which leads to the house built without hands
9 “eternal in the heavens.” Human hate has no legitimate mandate and no kingdom. Love is enthroned. That evil or matter has neither intelligence nor power,
12 is the doctrine of absolute Christian Science, and this is the great truth which strips all disguise from error.

Section 4
The Bible

16 | Malachi 3:1

1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

17 | Malachi 4:2 unto (to ;)

2 unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;

18 | Matthew 4:23

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

19 | Matthew 9:18 there, 19, 23–25

18 there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. 19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, 24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. 25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

Section 4
Science and Health

19 | 31:14–17

15 It is the living Christ, the practical Truth, which makes Jesus "the resurrection and the life" to all who follow him in deed. Healing primary

20 | 494:15–19 Jesus

15 Jesus demonstrated the inability of corporeality, as well as the infinite ability of Spirit, thus helping erring human sense to flee from its own convictions and seek safety in divine Science. Reason and Science

21 | 369:16

18 Jesus never asked if disease were acute or chronic, and he never recommended attention to laws of health, never gave drugs, never prayed to know if God were willing that a man should live. He understood man, whose Life is God, to be immortal, and knew that man has not two lives, one to be destroyed and the other to be made indestructible. The Christ treatment

22 | 427:13–16, 21–23

15 Death is but another phase of the dream that existence can be material. Nothing can interfere with the harmony of being nor end the existence of man in Science. Mortality vanquished

21 The great difficulty lies in ignorance of what God is. God, Life, Truth, and Love make man undying.

23 | 428:30–6

30 The author has healed hopeless organic disease, and raised the dying to life and health through the understanding of God as the only Life. It is a sin to believe
 1 that aught can overpower omnipotent and eternal Life, and this Life must be brought to light by the understand-
 3 ing that there is no death, as well as by other Careful
 graces of Spirit. We must begin, however, guidance
 with the more simple demonstrations of control, and
 6 the sooner we begin the better.

*Section 5
The Bible*

20 | Psalms 57:1

1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

21 | Acts 27:1, 2 (to ;), 20–24, 41–44

1 And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band. 2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia;

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away. 21 But after long

abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. 22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, 24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Cæsar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. 42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. 43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: 44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

*Section 5
Science and Health*

24 | 387:27

27 The history of Christianity furnishes sublime proofs of the supporting influence and protecting power bestowed on man by his heavenly Father, omnipotent
 30 Mind, who gives man faith and understanding Christian
 whereby to defend himself, not only from temptation, but history
 from bodily suffering.

25 | 67:4–11

When the ocean is stirred by a storm, then the clouds lower, the wind shrieks through the tightened shrouds, and the waves lift themselves into mountains. We ask the helmsman: “Do you know your course? Can you steer safely amid the storm?” He answers bravely, but even the dauntless seaman is not sure of his safety; nautical science is not equal to the Science of Mind.

Weathering
the storm

26 | 424:5

Accidents are unknown to God, or immortal Mind, and we must leave the mortal basis of belief and unite with the one Mind, in order to change the notion of chance to the proper sense of God’s unerring direction and thus bring out harmony.

Accidents
unknown
to God

27 | 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

28 | 288:14

The lightnings and thunderbolts of error may burst and flash till the cloud is cleared and the tumult dies away in the

18 distance. Then the raindrops of divinity refresh the earth. As St. Paul says: “There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God” (of Spirit).

*Section 6
The Bible*

22 | Psalms 91:1, 4 (to :)

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust:

*Section 6
Science and Health*

29 | 444:10

12 Step by step will those who trust Him find that “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Refuge and
strength

30 | 323:9

9 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

