

Life

GOLDEN TEXT | Psalms 118:17 *my*

. . . my life is safe,
and I will live to tell
what the LORD has done.

RESPONSIVE READING | Psalms 66:8, 9

Revelation 1:1; 22:1–3 (to 1st :), 5 (to :), 17

- 8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:
- 9 **Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.**
- 1 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:
- 1 **And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.**
- 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- 3 **And there shall be no more curse:**
- 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light:

- 17 **And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

*Section 1
The Bible*

1 | Psalms 55:6 *Oh*, 8

- 6 Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.
8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

2 | Psalms 42:2 (to :), 8 *the*

- 2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:
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.

3 | I Kings 19:1–5, 8, 9, 11 *Go*, 12

- 1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.
2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time.

The Golden Text is from the Contemporary English Version.

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 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. 5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

8 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. 9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

11 Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

4 | Psalms 46:10 (to :)

10 Be still, and know that I am God:

*Section 1
Science and Health*

1 | 496:9 (only)

9 We all must learn that Life is God.

2 | 310:11

Day may decline and shadows fall, but darkness flees
12 when the earth has again turned upon its axis. The sun
is not affected by the revolution of the earth. The central
intelligence
So Science reveals Soul as God, untouched
15 by sin and death, — as the central Life and intelligence
around which circle harmoniously all things in the sys-
tems of Mind.

3 | 322:26–30

The sharp experiences of belief in the supposititious life
27 of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless
woes, turn us like tired children to the arms Uses of
suffering
of divine Love. Then we begin to learn Life
30 in divine Science.

4 | 323:28–30

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen
as felt. It is the “still, small voice” of Truth Childlike
receptivity
30 uttering itself.

5 | 108:19

When apparently near the confines of mortal existence,
standing already within the shadow of the death-valley,
21 I learned these truths in divine Science: that Light shining
in darkness
all real being is in God, the divine Mind, and
that Life, Truth, and Love are all-powerful and ever-
24 present; that the opposite of Truth, — called error, sin,
sickness, disease, death, — is the false testimony of false
material sense, of mind in matter; that this false sense

27 evolves, in belief, a subjective state of mortal mind which this same so-called mind names *matter*, thereby shutting out the true sense of Spirit.

6 | 264:15

15 When we realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of matter, this understanding will expand into self-completeness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other consciousness.

*Section 2
The Bible*

5 | Genesis 1:29

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

6 | II Kings 3:11 *Here is*

11 Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

7 | II Kings 4:38–41

38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets. 39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine,

and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not. 40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof. 41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

8 | Psalms 56:4

4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

*Section 2
Science and Health*

7 | 289:32

Because Life is God, Life must be eternal, self-existent. Life is the everlasting I AM, the Being who was and is and shall be, whom nothing can erase.

8 | 389:13

Our dietetic theories first admit that food sustains the life of man, and then discuss the certainty that food can kill man. This false reasoning is rebuked in Scripture by the metaphors about the fount and stream, the tree and its fruit, and the kingdom divided against itself. If God has, as prevalent theories maintain, instituted laws that food shall support human life, He cannot annul these regulations by an opposite law that food shall be inimical to existence.

Scripture rebukes

9 | 388:12–18, 22–24, 31–5

12 Admit the common hypothesis that food is the nutri-
 ment of life, and there follows the necessity for another
 admission in the opposite direction, — that Sustenance
 15 food has power to destroy Life, God, through spiritual
 a deficiency or an excess, a quality or a quantity. This
 is a specimen of the ambiguous nature of all material
 18 health-theories.

The fact is, food does not affect the absolute Life of
 man, and this becomes self-evident, when we learn that
 24 God is our Life.

If mortals think that food disturbs the harmonious
 functions of mind and body, either the food or this thought
 1 must be dispensed with, for the penalty is coupled with
 the belief. Which shall it be? If this decision be left
 3 to Christian Science, it will be given in behalf Diet and
 of the control of Mind over this belief and every digestion
 erroneous belief, or material condition.

10 | 384:6

6 Corporeal
penalties
 God never
 punishes man for doing right, for honest labor, or for
 deeds of kindness, though they expose him to fatigue,
 9 cold, heat, contagion. If man seems to incur the penalty
 through matter, this is but a belief of mortal mind, not
 an enactment of wisdom, and man has only to enter his
 12 protest against this belief in order to annul it. Through

this action of thought and its results upon the body, the
 student will prove to himself, by small beginnings, the
 15 grand verities of Christian Science.

Section 3
The Bible

9 | Isaiah 59:19 *When*

19 When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of
 of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

10 | Psalms 41:5, 8, 12 *as*, 13 (to 1st .)

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die,
 and his name perish?

8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and
 now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

12 as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and
 settest me before thy face for ever. 13 Blessed be the Lord
 God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting.

11 | Malachi 3:10–12 *prove*

10 prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if
 I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you
 out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to re-
 ceive it. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
 and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither
 shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field,
 saith the Lord of hosts. 12 And all nations shall call you
 blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord
 of hosts.

Section 3
Science and Health

11 | 378:26–28

God

27 never endowed matter with power to disable Life or to chill harmony with a long and cold night of discord.

12 | 349:10

Two essential points of Christian Science are, that neither Life nor man dies, and that God is not the author of sickness.

13 | 380:28–7

Nothing is more disheartening than to believe that there is a power opposite to God, or good, and that God endows this opposing power with strength to be used against Himself, against Life, health, harmony.

Every law of matter or the body, supposed to govern man, is rendered null and void by the law of Life, God. Ignorant of our God-given rights, we submit to unjust decrees, and the bias of education enforces this slavery. Be no more willing to suffer the illusion that you are sick or that some disease is developing in the system, than you are to yield to a sinful temptation on the ground that sin has its necessities.

14 | 418:28

Speak the
Morality required

30 truth to every form of error. Tumors, ulcers, tubercles, inflammation, pain, deformed joints, are waking dream-shadows, dark images of mortal thought, which flee before the light of Truth.

15 | 426:16–19

When

18 it is learned that disease cannot destroy life, and that mortals are not saved from sin or sickness by death, this understanding will quicken into newness of life.

16 | 248:29

Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.

Section 4
The Bible

12 | Isaiah 12:3 with

3 with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

13 | Matthew 5:6

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

14 | John 4:7, 9, 10, 14–19 *whosoever*, 25 *I know*, 26, 28, 29

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

14 whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. 15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. 17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. 19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

25 I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

Section 4
Science and Health

17 | 26:10

The Christ was the Spirit which Jesus implied in his own statements: “I am the way, the truth, and the life;”
12 “I and my Father are one.” This Christ, Christ’s demonstration
or divinity of the man Jesus, was his divine
nature, the godliness which animated him. Divine Truth,
15 Life, and Love gave Jesus authority over sin, sickness, and death. His mission was to reveal the Science of celestial being, to prove what God is and what He does
18 for man.

18 | 471:31

This Science

1 teaches man that God is the only Life, and that this Life is Truth and Love; that God is to be understood, adored,
3 and demonstrated; that divine Truth casts out suppositional error and heals the sick.

19 | 325:32

A false sense of life, substance, and mind

1 hides the divine possibilities, and conceals scientific demonstration.

20 | 95:6–10

We approach

6 God, or Life, in proportion to our spirituality, our fidelity to Truth and Love; and in that ratio we know all
9 human need and are able to discern the thought of the sick and the sinning for the purpose of healing them.

21 | 570:14–18

Millions of unprejudiced minds — simple seekers for
 15 Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert — are wait-
 ing and watching for rest and drink. Give Receptive
 them a cup of cold water in Christ’s name, hearts
 18 and never fear the consequences.

*Section 5
The Bible*

15 | Romans 8:38 I am, 39

38 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.

16 | Acts 20:7–12

7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples
 came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them,
 ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech
 until midnight. 8 And there were many lights in the upper
 chamber, where they were gathered together. 9 And there
 sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being
 fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching,
 he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft,
 and was taken up dead. 10 And Paul went down, and fell
 on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves;

for his life is in him. 11 When he therefore was come up again,
 and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while,
 even till break of day, so he departed. 12 And they brought
 the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

*Section 5
Science and Health*

22 | 394:28–29

We should remember that Life is God, and that God
 is omnipotent.

23 | 243:26–27

Life has no partnership Annihilation
 27 with death. of error

24 | 402:8–12, 16

The time approaches when mortal mind will forsake
 9 its corporeal, structural, and material basis, when im-
 mortal Mind and its formations will be appre- Indestructible
 hended in Science, and material beliefs will life of man
 12 not interfere with spiritual facts.

You say that accidents, injuries, and
 disease kill man, but this is not true. The life of man is
 18 Mind. The material body manifests only what mortal
 mind believes, whether it be a broken bone, disease, or sin.

25 | 369:14

We never read that Luke or Paul made a reality of
 15 disease in order to discover some means of healing it.
 Jesus never asked if disease were acute or The Christ
 chronic, and he never recommended atten- treatment
 18 tion 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
 21 knew that man has not two lives, one to be destroyed and
 the other to be made indestructible.

26 | 430:7

When man
 gives up his belief in death, he will advance more rapidly
 9 towards God, Life, and Love. Belief in sickness and
 death, as certainly as belief in sin, tends to shut out the
 true sense of Life and health. When will mankind wake
 12 to this great fact in Science?

Section 6
The Bible

17 | Psalms 118:17

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of
 the Lord.

18 | Psalms 16:11

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence
 is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for
 evermore.

Section 6
Science and Health

27 | 76:22–26

The sinless joy, — the perfect harmony and immortality
 of Life, possessing unlimited divine beauty and goodness
 24 without a single bodily pleasure or pain, — Immaterial
 constitutes the only veritable, indestructible pleasure
 man, whose being is spiritual.

28 | 516:21

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