

Love

GOLDEN TEXT | Psalms 91:1, 11

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. . . .
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;

RESPONSIVE READING | Psalms 148:1–4, 9, 11–13

I John 3:1 (to 2nd !), 18, 21–23; 4:7, 8, 19

- 1 Praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.
- 2 **Praise him, all his angels;**
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 **Praise him, you highest heavens**
and you waters above the skies.
- 9 you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
- 11 **kings of the earth and all nations,**
you princes and all rulers on earth,
- 12 young men and women,
old men and children.
- 13 **Let them praise the name of the LORD,**
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

- 1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we
should be called children of God! And that is what we are!
- 18 **Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but**
with actions and in truth.
- 21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have
confidence before God
- 22 **and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep**
his commands and do what pleases him.
- 23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son,
Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.
- 7 **Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes**
from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God
and knows God.
- 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God
is love.
- 19 **We love because he first loved us.**

Section 1
The Bible

1 | Isaiah 63:7–9

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

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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 In all their affliction he was afflicted, 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.

2 | Psalms 107:31, 35, 43

31 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.
43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

3 | I John 4:16

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

4 | Psalms 23:6

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*Section 1
Science and Health*

1 | 330:19–20

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

2 | 275:6, 14

6 The starting-point of divine Science is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other might nor Mind, — that God is Love, and therefore He is divine Principle.

15 All substance, intelligence, wisdom, being, immortality, cause, and effect belong to God. These are His attributes, the eternal manifestations of the infinite divine Principle, Love. No wisdom is wise but His
18 wisdom; no truth is true, no love is lovely, no life is Life but the divine; no good is, but the good God bestows.

3 | 298:28–30

30 Angels are pure thoughts from God, winged with Truth and Love, no matter what their individualism may be.

Thought-
angels

4 | 581:4

6 ANGELS. God’s thoughts passing to man; spiritual intuitions, pure and perfect; the inspiration of goodness, purity, and immortality, counteracting all evil, sensuality, and mortality.

5 | 578:16

18 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.

Section 2
The Bible

5 | 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.

6 | Isaiah 41:17

17 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

7 | Genesis 21:9, 10, 12–20 (to ;)

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. 10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. 13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed. 14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. 15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. 16 And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it

were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. 18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. 19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. 20 And God was with the lad;

8 | Deuteronomy 33:12 *The*

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.

Section 2
Science and Health

6 | 256:7

Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and Mother of the universe, including man.

7 | 494:10–11

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

8 | 12:31

In divine
Science, where prayers are mental, *all* may avail them-
selves of God as “a very present help in trouble.”

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.”

9 | 174:9–14

9 The footsteps of thought, rising above material stand-
 points, are slow, and portend a long night to the traveller;
 but the angels of His presence — the spiritual Rise of
thought
 12 intuitions that tell us when “the night is far
 spent, the day is at hand” — are our guardians in the
 gloom.

10 | 57:24

24 The wintry Help and
discipline
 blasts of earth may uproot the flowers of affec-
 tion, and scatter them to the winds; but this severance
 27 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
 30 heaven.

Section 3
The Bible

9 | I Timothy 1:14

14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant
 with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

10 | Luke 15:1–10

1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners
 for to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured,
 saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.
 3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying, 4 What man
 of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them,
 doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and
 go after that which is lost, until he find it? 5 And when he
 hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And
 when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and
 neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have
 found my sheep which was lost. 7 I say unto you, that like-
 wise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth,
 more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need
 no repentance. 8 Either what woman having ten pieces of
 silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and
 sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? 9 And
 when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her
 neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have
 found the piece which I had lost. 10 Likewise, I say unto
 you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over
 one sinner that repenteth.

11 | Psalms 26:2, 3, 11 *redeem*

2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and
 my heart. 3 For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes:
 and I have walked in thy truth.
 11 redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

Section 3
Science and Health

11 | 6:3 (only), 17–18

3 Divine Love corrects and governs man.

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

12 | 19:6

6 Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus’ teachings, and this truer sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of Spirit, — the law of divine Love.

13 | 512:8–9

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

14 | 299:15

15 By giving earnest heed to these spiritual guides they tarry with us, and we entertain “angels unawares.”

15 | 428:8–12

9 To divest thought of false trusts and material evidences in order that the spiritual facts of being may appear, — this is the great attainment by means of which we shall sweep away the false and give place to the true.

16 | 22:11–12

12 “Work out your own salvation,” is the demand of Life and Love, for to this end God worketh with you.

17 | 57:23–24

24 Love enriches the nature, enlarging, purifying, and elevating it.

Section 4
The Bible

12 | Psalms 103:2–4, 20, 22 (to :)

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

20 Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

22 Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion:

13 | Matthew 9:35, 36

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

14 | 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.

*Section 4
Science and Health*

18 | 135:26

Christianity as Jesus taught it was not
27 a creed, nor a system of ceremonies, nor a special gift from a ritualistic Jehovah; but it was the demonstration of divine Love casting out error and healing the sick,
30 not merely in the *name* of Christ, or Truth, but in demonstration of Truth, as must be the case in the cycles of divine light.

19 | 494:11–15

It is not well to imagine that Jesus demon-
12 strated 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.
15 The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love.

20 | 454:17–21

Love the
incentive

Love for God and man is the true
18 incentive in both healing and teaching. Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way. Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to
21 speech and action.

21 | 365:15–19, 31

15 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
18 nothingness like dew before the morning sun-
shine. Speedy
healing

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

22 | 259:6 *The*

6 The
divine nature was best expressed in Christ Jesus, who
threw upon mortals the truer reflection of God and lifted
9 their lives higher than their poor thought-models would allow, — thoughts which presented man as fallen, sick, sinning, and dying. The Christlike understanding of
12 scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea, — perfect God and perfect man, — as the basis of thought and demonstration.

23 | 496:15

15 Hold perpetually this thought, — that it is the spiritual idea, the Holy Ghost and Christ, which enables you to demonstrate, with scientific certainty, the rule of healing,
 18 based upon its divine Principle, Love, underlying, overlying, and encompassing all true being.

*Section 5
 The Bible*

15 | Psalms 25:6, 15

6 Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.
 15 Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16 | Acts 12:1 Herod, 3 (to 1st .), 4–11

1 Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.
 3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also.
 4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. 5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.
 6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.
 7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side,

and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. 8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. 9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. 10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. 11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

17 | Psalms 34:4, 7

4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
 7 The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

*Section 5
 Science and Health*

24 | 574:27–30

27 The very
 circumstance, which your suffering sense
 deems wrathful and afflictive, Love can make an angel
 30 entertained unawares.

25 | 567:3–6 Truth

3 Truth
and Love come nearer in the hour of woe, when strong
faith or spiritual strength wrestles and prevails through
6 the understanding of God.

26 | 224:29–31 (to 2nd .)

30 The
power of God brings deliverance to the cap- Mental
tive. No power can withstand divine Love. emancipation

27 | 192:23, 30

24 The good you do and embody gives you
the only power obtainable. Evil is not power. It is a
mockery of strength, which ere long betrays its weakness
and falls, never to rise.

30 Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed
love, receives directly the divine power.

28 | 225:8, 21

9 The powers of this world will fight, Truth's
and will command their sentinels not to let truth pass ordeal
the guard until it subscribes to their systems; but Science,
heeding not the pointed bayonet, marches on. There is
12 always some tumult, but there is a rallying to truth's
standard.

21 Love
is the liberator.

*Section 6
The Bible*

18 | I John 4:7, 12 If

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and
every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

12 If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his
love is perfected in us.

19 | Hebrews 13:1, 2

1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Be not forgetful to
entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained
angels unawares.

20 | II Corinthians 13:11–14 (to 1st .)

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good
comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of
love and peace shall be with you. 12 Greet one another
with an holy kiss. 13 All the saints salute you. 14 The
grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

*Section 6
Science and Health*

29 | 572:6–8

6 “Love one an- Native noth-
other” (I John, iii. 23), is the most simple and profound ingness of sin
counsel of the inspired writer.

