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First love

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The Bible

1. Rev. 2:2, 4 I

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

4 I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

2. I John 4:19, 20

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

3. Song 6:3 (to :)

3 I *am* my beloved's, and my beloved *is* mine:

4. Deut. 6:4, 5

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

5. Deut. 7:9

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

6. Deut. 11:1 thou

1 thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.

7. Deut. 13:3 2nd the, 4

3 the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

8. Mark 12:28-31 one

28 one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

- 29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:
- 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.
- 31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

9. Matt 6:31-34 take (to 1st .)

- 31 take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.

10. Dan 9:2-11 (to ;), 17, 18, 20-23 (to :)

- 2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.
- 3 ¶ And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:
- 4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;
- 5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:
- 6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
- 7 O Lord, righteousness *belongeth* unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are* near, and *that are* far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.
- 8 O Lord, to us *belongeth* confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.
- 9 To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;
- 10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

- Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they
11 might not obey thy voice;
- 17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his
supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is
desolate, for the Lord's sake.
- 18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our
desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not
present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy
great mercies.
- 20 ¶ And whiles I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the
sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD
my God for the holy mountain of my God;
- 21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had
seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me
about the time of the evening oblation.
- 22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now
come forth to give thee skill and understanding.
- 23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I
am come to shew *thee*; for thou *art* greatly beloved:

11. Rom. 5:8 God

- 8 God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.

12. I Thess. 4:9 as

- 9 as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye
yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

13. I Cor. 2:9 as

- 9 as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into
the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love
him.

14. I Cor. 8:3 if

- 3 if any man love God, the same is known of him.

• 15. I Co.r 13:1-7, 13

New Living Translation

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. 3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it;[a] but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. 13 Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

15. Ps. 70:4

4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

16. I John 4:7-11, 16

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

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

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.

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

1. SH 496:5-8

You will learn

6 that in Christian Science the first duty is to obey God, to have one Mind, and to love another as yourself.

2. SH 9:17-18

Dost thou “love the Lord thy God with all thy

18 heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind”?

3. SH 205:22-27

When we realize that there is one Mind, the divine law of loving our neighbor as ourselves is unfolded;

24 whereas a belief in many ruling minds hinders man’s normal drift towards the one Mind, one God, and leads human thought into opposite channels
27 where selfishness reigns.

Redemption
from selfishness

4. SH 467:3-4 The (to 2nd .)

3 The first demand of this Science is, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” This *me* is Spirit.

5. SH 444:4-6

“All

things work together for good to them that love God,” is

6 the dictum of Scripture.

6. SH 145:32

Our Master’s first article of faith propounded

146:1 to his students was healing, and he proved his faith by
his works. The ancient Christians were healers. Why
3 has this element of Christianity been lost?
Because our systems of religion are governed
more or less by our systems of medicine. The first idol-
6 atry was faith in matter. The schools have rendered
faith in drugs the fashion, rather than faith in Deity. By
trusting matter to destroy its own discord, health and
9 harmony have been sacrificed. Such systems are barren
of the vitality of spiritual power, by which material sense
is made the servant of Science and religion becomes
12 Christlike.

How healing was
lost

7. SH 116:5-10

Science so reverses the evidence
6 before the corporeal human senses, as to make
this Scriptural testimony true in our hearts,
“The last shall be first, and the first last,” so that God
9 and His idea may be to us what divinity really is and
must of necessity be, — all-inclusive.

Spiritual
universe

8. SH 342:26-28

Who would be the first to disown the Christli-
27 ness of good works, when our Master says, “By their
fruits ye shall know them”?

9. SH 427:26-29

Called to the bed of death, what material remedy has
27 man when all such remedies have failed? Spirit is his
last resort, but it should have been his first
and only resort.

No death nor
inaction

10. SH 658:17-28; 659:2-8, 10-15

It is with a heart full of love and gratitude to God,
and to our dear Leader, that I send this testimony to
the Field. I had never been a strong girl; had always
been subject to colds and chills, and suffered all my
life from a delicate throat. Seven years ago I had a
very severe attack of rheumatic fever and subsequently
two less severe ones. These left all sorts of evils be-
hind them, — debility, chronic constipation, and several
others, so that with these ills my life was often a
burden to me and I used to think I never should re-
ceive relief or health. I had also lost all love for
God and faith in Him. A dear friend, seeing my suffering,
659 presented the truth to me, and though at first I did not
believe that there could be healing for me, the Chris-

tian Scientists' God seemed to be the one I had been looking for all my life. I began to read Science and Health, and shall never forget my joy at finding that I could love and trust God. After studying the "little book" for about six weeks, I one day realized that I was a well woman, that I had taken no medicine for three weeks, and that my body was perfectly harmonious. The reading of Science and Health had healed me.

11. SH 265:23

Who that has felt the loss of human peace has not gained stronger desires for spiritual joy? The aspiration after heavenly good comes even before we discover what belongs to wisdom and Love. The loss of earthly hopes and pleasures brightens the ascending path of many a heart. The pains of sense quickly inform us that the pleasures of sense are mortal and that joy is spiritual.

Blessings from
pain

12. SH 365:31-2

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.

13. SH 142:16-17

Sensuality palsies the right hand, and causes the left to let go its grasp on the divine.

14. SH 167:11

We cannot serve two masters nor perceive divine Science with the material senses. Drugs and hygiene cannot successfully usurp the place and power of the divine source of all health and perfection. If God made man both good and evil, man must remain thus. What can improve God's work? Again, an error in the premise must appear in the conclusion. To have one God and avail yourself of the power of Spirit, you must love God supremely.

The two masters

15. SH 340:16-25 (to ;)

The First Commandment is my favorite text. It demonstrates Christian Science. It inculcates the trinity of God, Spirit, Mind; it signifies that man shall have no other spirit or mind but God, eternal good, and that all men shall have one Mind. The divine Principle of the First Commandment bases the Science of being, by

which man demonstrates health, holiness, and life eternal.
One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; con-
stitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the
Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;"

16. SH 192:4-6

We are Christian Scientists, only as we quit our reliance
upon that which is false and grasp the true. We are not
Christian Scientists until we leave all for Christ.

17. SH 225:5-6

You may know when first Truth leads by the few-
ness and faithfulness of its followers.

18. SH 326:8, 23

All nature teaches God's
love to man, but man cannot love God supremely and set
his whole affections on spiritual things, while loving the
material or trusting in it more than in the spiritual.

Saul of Tarsus beheld the way — the Christ, or Truth
— only when his uncertain sense of right yielded to a
spiritual sense, which is always right. Then
the man was changed. Thought assumed a
nobler outlook, and his life became more spiritual. He
learned the wrong that he had done in persecuting Chris-
tians, whose religion he had not understood, and in hu-
mility he took the new name of Paul. He beheld for the
first time the true idea of Love, and learned a lesson in
divine Science.

Conversion of
Saul

19. SH 312:14-17

People go into ecstasies over the sense of a corporeal
Jehovah, though with scarcely a spark of love in their
hearts; yet God *is* Love, and without Love,
God, immortality cannot appear.

Vain ecstasies

20. SH 55:16-21

My
weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall
recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as
himself, — when he shall realize God's omnipotence and
the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done
and is doing for mankind.

21. SH 340:13 all

all that really exists is in and of God, and manifests His
love.

Hymns

Hymn 173

CHRISTOPHER WORDSWORTH

Adapted

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HUDDERSFIELD

WALTER PARRATT

Love is kind and suffers long,
Love is meek and thinks no wrong,
Love than death itself more strong;
Therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,
Melting in the light of day;
Love will ever with us stay;
Therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight;
Hope shall be fulfilled in light;
Love will ever shine more bright;
Therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see
Joining hand in hand agree;
But the greatest of the three,
And the best, is love.

Hymn - New 433

A new commandment I give unto you

That you love one another

As I have loved you

That you love one another

As I have loved you.

By this the world will know

That you are my disciples,

If you have love one for another.

By this the world will know

That you are my disciples

If you have love one for another.

Hymn 340

Hymn 340

FREDERICK W. FABER*

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SLINGSBY

EDMUND S. CARTER

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.

For the love of God is broader
Than is seen by human mind,
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.