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- The Bible

- Gen. 1:1, 31 (to 1st .); 2:1
 - 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good.
 - 1 THUS the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Neh. 9:5 Stand, 6 (to 2nd ;)

- 5 Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.
- ⁶ Thou, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all;

Deut. 26:15 (to 3rd ,)

15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel,

Isa. 5:7 1st the (to :)

7 the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant:

Ps. 80:1, 3 cause, 14, 15, 17-19

- ¹ GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth.
- 3 cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.
- Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;
- 15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch *that* thou madest strong for thyself.
- 17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself.
- 18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.
- ¹⁹ Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Ps. 128:5

5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

Zech. 8:3 (to :), 4-8 There

- ³ Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem:
- 4 There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.
- ⁵ And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.
- ⁶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.
- 7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;
- 8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

Isa. 33:20-22

- 20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle *that* shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.
- 21 But there the glorious LORD *will be* unto us a place of broad rivers *and* streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.
- 22 For the LORD *is* our judge, the LORD *is* our lawgiver, the LORD *is* our king; he will save us.

Ps. 40:4 (to 1st ,), 5-11

- 4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust,
- 5 Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered.
- 6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.
- 7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,
- 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.
- 9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.
- ¹⁰ I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
- 11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

Ps. 84:1-12

- 1 How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
- ³ Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.
- 4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.
- ⁵ Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways *of them*.
- 6 *Who* passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.
- 7 They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.
- 9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
- ¹⁰ For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

- Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy SH 547:23-32

The Scriptures are very sacred. Our aim must be to

- have them understood spiritually, for only by this understanding can truth be gained. The true theory of the universe, including man, is not in
- material history but in spiritual development.
 Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and
- 30 immortal.
 - It is this spiritual perception of Scripture, which lifts humanity out of disease and death and inspires faith.

SH 579:1-4 (to 1st .)

- 579:1 In Christian Science we learn that the substitution of the spiritual for the material definition of a Scrip-
- 3 tural word often elucidates the meaning of the inspired writer.

SH 587:5

GOD. The great I AM; the all-knowing, all-seeing,

True theory of the universe

all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; Principle;
 Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance;
 intelligence.

SH 591:5

MAN. The compound idea of infinite Spirit; the spirit-

6 ual image and likeness of God; the full representation of Mind.

SH 587:25-26 (to 1st ;)

HEAVEN. Harmony; the reign of Spirit; government by divine Principle;

SH 519:7-21

Genesis ii. 1. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

- 9 Thus the ideas of God in universal being are complete and forever expressed, for Science reveals infinity and the fatherhood and motherhood of Love. Hu-
- man capacity is slow to discern and to grasp God's creation and the divine power and presence which go with it, demonstrating its spiritual origin. Mortals
- 15 can never know the infinite, until they throw off the old man and reach the spiritual image and likeness. What can fathom infinity! How shall we declare Him, till,
- in the language of the apostle, "we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the ful-
- ness of Christ"?

SH 583:10

CHRIST. The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error.

SH 316:20

Christ presents the indestructible man, whom Spirit cre-

21 ates, constitutes, and governs. Christ illustrates that blending with God, his divine Principle, which gives man dominion over all the earth.

SH 475:28-1 (to 1st .)

Man is incapable of sin, sickness, and death. The real man cannot depart from holiness, nor

can God, by whom man is evolved, engenderthe capacity or freedom to sin. A mortal sinner is not

476:1 God's man.

Infinity measureless

Man unfallen

In divine Science, God and the real man are inseparable as divine Principle and idea.

SH 329:26-31 If

If

- 27 men understood their real spiritual source to be all blessedness, they would struggle for recourse to the spiritual and be at peace; but the deeper the error into which mor-
- 30 tal mind is plunged, the more intense the opposition to spirituality, till error yields to Truth.

SH 518:15

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

- 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
- all as the blossom shines through the bud. All the varied expressions of God reflect health, holiness, immortality infinite Life, Truth, and Love.

SH 122:1-7

- 122:1 The evidence of the physical senses often reverses the real Science of being, and so creates a reign of discord, —
- assigning seeming power to sin, sickness, and death; but the great facts of Life, rightly understood, defeat this triad of errors, contradict their false
- 6 witnesses, and reveal the kingdom of heaven, the actual reign of harmony on earth.

SH 202:17-23

- 15 The days
- of our pilgrimage will multiply instead of diminish, when God's kingdom comes on earth; for the true way leads to Life instead of to death, and earthly
- 21 experience discloses the finity of error and the infinite capacities of Truth, in which God gives man dominion over all the earth.

SH 254:31-32

Pilgrim on earth, thy home is heaven; stranger, thou art the guest of God.

- Hymns Hymn 125

Hymn 125

Opposing testimony JOHN MILTON Adapted

(125) **ST. PETER** Alexander R. Reinagle

How lovely are Thy dwellings, Lord, From noise and trouble free; How beautiful the sweet accord Of those who pray to Thee.

Lord God of Hosts, that reigns on high, They are the truly blest Who on Thee only will rely, In Thee alone will rest.

For God the Lord, both sun and shield, Gives grace and glory bright; No good from him shall be withheld Whose ways are just and right.

Hymn 278

Hymn 278, 279

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WALLOG

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LIME STREET

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Pilgrim on earth, home and heaven are within thee, Heir of the ages and child of the day. Cared for, watched over, beloved and protected, Walk thou with courage each step of the way.

Truthful and steadfast though trials betide thee, Ever one thing do thou ask of thy Lord, Grace to go forward, wherever He guide thee, Gladly obeying the call of His word.

Healed is thy hardness, His love hath dissolved it, Full is the promise, the blessing how kind; So shall His tenderness teach thee compassion, So all the merciful, mercy shall find.

Hymn 356

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To Thee, O God, we bring our adoration, To Love divine, in whom we live and move; For Thou hast shown to us our perfect selfhood In Thy loved Son, whom Jesus came to prove.

We are Thy children, Thou our Father-Mother, And we would ever follow Thy behest: Help us to understand Thy holy counsel, For in obedience lies our active rest.

We, now redeemed through Love, return to Zion, Singing to Thee our deeply grateful praise; For we are Christ's, and Christ is Thine, O Father: His joy remains in us through endless days.

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