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- The Bible

1. Heb 11:8-11

- 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.
- 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:
- 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.
- 11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

2. Ex 3:9-12

- 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.
- 10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.
- 11 ¶ And Moses said unto God, Who *am* I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?
- 12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this *shall be* a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

3. Lev 26:1-4, 9

- 1 YE shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD your God.
- 2 ¶ Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.
- 3 ¶ If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;
- 4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.
- 9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

4. Rom 4:20

- 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

5. Ps 105:42-45 (to 1st .)

- 42 For he remembered his holy promise, *and* Abraham his servant.
- 43 And he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his chosen with gladness:
- 44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people;
- 45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws.

6. I Kings 8:56-60

- 56 Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.
- 57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us:
- 58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.
- 59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require:
- 60 That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD *is* God, *and that there is* none else.

7. II Chron 13:18

- 18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

8. Ps 77:1, 2 (to 1st :)

- 1 I CRIED unto God with my voice, *even* unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord:

9. II Chron 16:7, 9 (to :), 12, 13

- 7 ¶ And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.
- 9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly:
- 12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease *was* exceeding *great*: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.

13 ¶ And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

10. Eph 6:1-4, 10-16

1 CHILDREN, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;
3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.
13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

11. II Chron 20:5-9, 31 (to 1st .), 32

5 ¶ And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,
6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?
7 *Art* not thou our God, *who* didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?
8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,
9 If, *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name *is* in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.
31 ¶ And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: *he was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem.
32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD.

12. Matt 8:5-10, 13

- 5 ¶ And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,
- 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.
- 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.
- 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.
- 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.
- 10 When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
- 13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, *so* be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

13. Matt 17:14-21

- 14 ¶ And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a *certain* man, kneeling down to him, and saying,
- 15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.
- 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.
- 17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.
- 18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.
- 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?
- 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.
- 21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

14. Luke 10:17-19

- 17 ¶ And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.
- 18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.
- 19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

15. Gal 3:26-29

- 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
- 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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

1. SH 145:31

The theology of Christian Science includes healing the sick. Our Master's first article of faith propounded to his students was healing, and he proved his faith by his works. The ancient Christians were healers. Why has this element of Christianity been lost? Because our systems of religion are governed more or less by our systems of medicine. The first idolatry 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 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 Christlike.

How healing was lost

2. SH 23:12-31

Rabbinical lore said: "He that taketh one doctrine, firm in faith, has the Holy Ghost dwelling in him." This preaching receives a strong rebuke in the Scripture, "Faith without works is dead." Faith, if it be mere belief, is as a pendulum swinging between nothing and something, having no fixity. Faith, advanced to spiritual understanding, is the evidence gained from Spirit, which rebukes sin of every kind and establishes the claims of God.

In Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and English, *faith* and the words corresponding thereto have these two definitions, *trustfulness* and *trustworthiness*. One kind of faith trusts one's welfare to others. Another kind of faith understands divine Love and how to work out one's "own salvation, with fear and trembling." "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief!" expresses the helplessness of a blind faith; whereas the injunction, "Believe . . . and thou shalt be saved!" demands self-reliant trustworthiness, which includes spir-

Doctrines and faith

Self-reliance and confidence

itual understanding and confides all to God.

3. SH 166:15

15 The erring human mind is inharmonious in itself.

From it arises the inharmonious body. To ignore
God as of little use in sickness is a mistake.

18 Instead of thrusting Him aside in times of
bodily trouble, and waiting for the hour of
strength in which to acknowledge Him, we should learn
21 that He can do all things for us in sickness as in
health.

Health from
reliance on
spirituality

4. SH 202:24

24 Our beliefs about a Supreme Being contradict the
practice growing out of them. Error abounds where
Truth should “much more abound.” We
27 admit that God has almighty power, is “a
very present help in trouble;” and yet we rely on a drug
or hypnotism to heal disease, as if senseless matter or err-
30 ing mortal mind had more power than omnipotent Spirit.

Belief and
practice

5. SH 203:7-8

If God were understood instead of being merely be-
lieved, this understanding would establish health.

6. SH 167:20

The “flesh lusteth against the Spirit.” The flesh and
21 Spirit can no more unite in action, than good can coin-
cide with evil. It is not wise to take a halt-
ing and half-way position or to expect to work
24 equally with Spirit and matter, Truth and error. There
is but one way — namely, God and His idea — which
leads to spiritual being. The scientific government of the
27 body must be attained through the divine Mind. It is im-
possible to gain control over the body in any other way.
On this fundamental point, timid conservatism is abso-
30 lutely inadmissible. Only through radical reliance on
Truth can scientific healing power be realized.

Half-way
success

7. SH 168:4-10, 15

If the scales are evenly adjusted, the removal of a single
weight from either scale gives preponderance to the oppo-
6 site. Whatever influence you cast on the side
of matter, you take away from Mind, which
would otherwise outweigh all else. Your belief militates
9 against your health, when it ought to be enlisted on the
side of health.

Belief on the
wrong side

15 Because man-made systems insist that man becomes

sick and useless, suffers and dies, all in consonance with the laws of God, are we to believe it? Are
18 we to believe an authority which denies God's
spiritual command relating to perfection, — an authority
21 which Jesus proved to be false? He did the will of the
Father. He healed sickness in defiance of what is called
material law, but in accordance with God's law, the law
of Mind.

The divine
authority

8. SH 169:29-2

Whatever teaches man to have other laws and to
30 acknowledge other powers than the divine
Mind, is anti-Christian. The good that a
poisonous drug seems to do is evil, for it robs man of
170:1 reliance on God, omnipotent Mind, and according to be-
lief, poisons the human system.

Modes of matter

9. SH 170:4

The discord which calls for material
methods is the result of the exercise of faith in material
6 modes, — faith in matter instead of in Spirit.

10. SH 143:26-31

Mind is the grand creator, and there can be no power
27 except that which is derived from Mind. If Mind was
first chronologically, is first potentially, and
must be first eternally, then give to Mind the
30 glory, honor, dominion, and power everlastingly due its
holy name.

Impossible
coalescence

11. SH 144:3

3 If Mind is foremost and superior, let us rely upon Mind,
which needs no cooperation from lower powers, even if
these so-called powers are real.

6 Naught is the squire, when the king is nigh;
Withdraws the star, when dawns the sun's brave light.

12. SH 319:7

Having faith
in the divine Principle of health and spiritually under-
9 standing God, sustains man under all circumstances;
whereas the lower appeal to the general faith in material
means (commonly called nature) must yield to the all-
12 might of infinite Spirit.

13. SH 446:18 In

In the Science
of Mind-healing, it is imperative to be honest, for victory

rests on the side of immutable right. To understand
21 God strengthens hope, enthrones faith in Truth, and
verifies Jesus' word: "Lo, I am with you always, even
unto the end of the world."

14. SH 368:14-24

When we
15 come to have more faith in the truth of being than we have
in error, more faith in Spirit than in matter, more faith
in living than in dying, more faith in God than in man,
18 then no material suppositions can prevent us from healing
the sick and destroying error.

That Life is not contingent on bodily conditions is
21 proved, when we learn that life and man survive this
body. Neither evil, disease, nor death can be
spiritual, and the material belief in them dis-
24 appears in the ratio of one's spiritual growth.

Life independent
of matter

15. 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
6 Christian Scientists until we leave all for Christ.

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- Hymns

Hymn 77

Hymn 77, 78

JAMES MONTGOMERY

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MEININGEN GESANGBUCH, 1693

(78)

KING'S LYNN

ENGLISH TRADITIONAL MELODY

Music from the English Hymnal:

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God is my strong salvation;
What foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation,
My light, my help is near:
Though hosts encamp around me,
Firm in the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me,

With God at my right hand?
Place on the Lord reliance;
My heart, with courage wait;
His truth be thine affiance,
When faint and desolate:
His might thy heart shall strengthen,
His love thy joy increase;
Thy day shall mercy lengthen:
The Lord will give thee peace.

Hymn 513 - same lyrics as Hymn 160

Hymn 160–162, 447

SATISFIED

MARY BAKER EDDY

(160)

GLOAMING

JOHN STAINER

(161)

FORTITUDE

WALTER E. YOUNG

(162)

SATIS

PERCY WHITLOCK

It matters not what be thy lot,
So Love doth guide;
For storm or shine, pure peace is thine,
Whate'er betide.

And of these stones, or tyrants' thrones,
God able is
To raise up seed—in thought and deed—
To faithful His.

Aye, darkling sense, arise, go hence!
Our God is good.
False fears are foes—truth tatters those,
When understood.

Love looseth thee, and lifteth me,
Ayont hate's thrall:
There Life is light, and wisdom might,
And God is All.

The centuries break, the earth-bound wake,

God's glorified!
Who doth His will—His likeness still—
Is satisfied.

Hymn 10

Hymn 10, 411

FREDERIC W. ROOT

Based on hymn by Martin Luther

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EIN' FESTE BURG

MARTIN LUTHER

All power is given unto our Lord,
On Him we place reliance;
With truth from out His sacred word
We bid our foes defiance.
With Him we shall prevail,
Whatever may assail;
He is our shield and tower,
Almighty is His power;
His kingdom is forever.

Rejoice, ye people, praise His name,
His care doth e'er surround us.
His love to error's thralldom came,
And from its chains unbound us.
Our Lord is God alone,
No other power we own;
No other voice we heed,
No other help we need;
His kingdom is forever.

O then give thanks to God on high,
Who life to all is giving;
The hosts of death before Him fly,
In Him we all are living.
Then let us know no fear,
Our King is ever near;
Our stay and fortress strong,
Our strength, our hope, our song;
His kingdom is forever.

