

2019-06-05 Trust in the Lord



The readings on the topic "Trust in the Lord", are from our Pastor: The Holy Bible and the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", by Mary Baker Eddy.



The Holy Bible

1. Prov. 3:5–8

¶ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. ¶ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

2. Isa. 52:2

Shake thyself from the dust; arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3. Prov. 29:25

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

4. Isa. 31:1, 3

Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because *they are* many; and in horsemen, because

they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! ...

Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

5. **Judg. 6:1, 6, 11, 12, 14, 16 Surely**

And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. ...

And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD. ...

... ¶ And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide *it* from the Midianites. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour. ...

And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee? ...

... Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

6. **Judg. 7:1–4 (to :), 5–7, 9, 12, 16, 19 (to :), 20, 21**

Then Jerubbaal, who *is* Gideon, and all the people that *were* with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people

that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand. And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people *are* yet *too* many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: ...

So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. And the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place. ...

... ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand. ...

And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude. ...

And he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers. ...

... ¶ So Gideon, and the hundred men that *were* with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: ...

And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon. And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

7. Judg. 8:28

¶ Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.

8. Nah. 1:7, 9

The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. ...

What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.

9. Ps. 37:5

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.

10. Zeph. 3:14, 15

¶ Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, *even* the LORD, *is* in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

11. Ps. 71:1

In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.



1. SH 340:15–20

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus xx. 3.) The First Commandment is my favorite text. It demonstrates Christian Science. It inculcates the tri-unity 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.

2. SH 124:3–5, 7

Physical science (so-called) is human knowledge, — a law of mortal mind, a blind belief, a Samson shorn of his strength. ... Having neither moral might, spiritual basis, nor holy Principle of its own, this belief mistakes effect for cause and seeks to find life and intelligence in matter, thus limiting Life and holding fast to discord and death. In a word, human belief is a blind conclusion from material reasoning. This is a mortal, finite sense of things, which immortal Spirit silences forever.

Physical
science a
blind belief

3. SH 84:28–30

All we correctly know of Spirit comes from God, divine Principle, and is learned through Christ and Christian Science.

4. SH 130:15–19

Christian Science, properly understood, would disabuse the human mind of material beliefs which war against spiritual facts; and these material beliefs must be denied and cast out to make place for truth.

Children
and adults

5. SH 183:23

Obedience to Truth gives man power and strength. Submission to error superinduces loss of power.

6. SH 130:26–2; 131:10

If thought is startled at the strong claim of Science for the supremacy of God, or Truth, and doubts the supremacy of good, ought we not, contrariwise
, to be astounded at the vigorous claims of evil and doubt them, and no longer think it natural to love sin and unnatural to forsake it, — no longer imagine evil to be ever-present and good absent? Truth should not seem so surprising and unnatural as error, and error should not seem so real as truth. ...

All evil
unnatural

... The central fact of the Bible is the superiority of spiritual over physical power.

7. SH 306:25

Undisturbed amid the jarring testimony of the material senses, Science, still enthroned, is unfolding to mortals the immutable, harmonious, divine Principle, — is unfolding Life and the universe, ever present and eternal.

8. SH 114:27–29

In divine Science, the universe, including man, is spiritual, harmonious, and eternal.

9. SH 330:11–12 God; 331:11–13 The

... God is infinite, the only Life, substance, Spirit, or Soul, the only intelligence of the universe, including man. ...

... The Scriptures imply that God is All-in-all. From this it follows

that nothing possesses reality nor existence except the divine Mind and His ideas.

10. SH 357:25–6

If what opposes God is real, there must be two powers, and God is not supreme and infinite. Can Deity be almighty, if another mighty and

self-creative cause exists and sways mankind? Has the Father “Life in Himself,” as the Scriptures say, and, if so, can Life, or God, dwell in evil and create it? Can matter drive Life, Spirit, hence, and so defeat omnipotence?

One
supremacy

Is the woodman's axe, which destroys a tree's so-called life, superior to omnipotence? Can a leaden bullet deprive a man of Life, — that is, of God, who is

man's Life? If God is at the mercy of matter, then matter is omnipotent. Such doctrines are “confusion worse confounded.”

Matter
impotent

11. SH 234:3

If we trust matter, we distrust Spirit.

12. SH 394:24–29

Are material means the only refuge from fatal chances? Is there no divine permission to conquer discord of every kind with harmony, with Truth and Love?

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

13. SH 201:7 (only)

We cannot build safely on false foundations.

14. SH 278:7; 279:13–21, 26

In Spirit there is no matter, even as in Truth there is no error, and in good no evil. It is a false supposition, the notion that there is real substance-matter, the opposite of Spirit. Spirit, God, is infinite, all. Spirit can have no opposite. ...

... Spirit and matter can neither coexist nor cooperate, and one can no more create the other than Truth can create error, or *vice versa*.

Spiritual
tangibility

In proportion as the belief disappears that life and intelligence are in or of matter, the immortal facts of being are seen, and their only idea or intelligence is in God. Spirit is reached only through the understanding and demonstration of eternal Life and Truth and Love.

... A logical and scientific conclusion is reached only through the knowledge that there are not two bases of being, matter and mind, but one alone, — Mind.

15. SH 329:22 Science

Science is a divine demand, not a human. Always right, its divine Principle never repents, but maintains the claim of Truth by quenching error. The pardon of divine mercy is the destruction of error. If 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 mortal mind is plunged, the more intense the opposition to spirituality, till error yields to Truth.

Error
destroyed,
not pardoned

16. SH 125:21–2 (to 2nd .)

The seasons will come and go with changes of time and tide, cold and heat, latitude and longitude. The agriculturist will find that these

changes cannot affect his crops. “As a vesture shalt Thou change them and they shall be changed.” The mariner will have dominion over the atmosphere and the great deep, over the fish of the sea and the fowls of the air. The astronomer will no longer look up to the stars, — he will look out from them upon the universe; and the florist will find his flower before its seed.

The time
and tide

Thus matter will finally be proved nothing more than a mortal belief, wholly inadequate to affect a man through its supposed organic action or supposed existence. Error will be no longer used in stating truth.

17. SH 468:9–11 There

... There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all.

18. SH 444:10

Step by step will those who trust Him find that “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Refuge and
strength



Hymns

1. Hymn. 402:1-3

How gentle God's commands, / How kind His precepts are; / Come,
cast your burdens on the Lord, / And trust His constant care. /

Beneath His watchful eye / His saints securely dwell; / That hand
which bears creation up / Shall guard His children well. /

His goodness stands approved, / Unchanged from day to day: / I
drop my burden at His feet, / And bear a song away.

2. Hymn. 200:1-3

O daughter of Zion, awake from thy sadness; / Awake, for thy foes
shall oppress thee no more; / And bright o'er thy hills dawns the
daystar of gladness; / Arise, for the night of thy sorrow is o'er. /

O many thy foes, but the arm that subdued them / And scattered
their legions was mightier far; / They fled like the chaff from the
scourge that / pursued them, / For vain were their steeds and their
chariots / of war. /

O daughter of Zion, the power that hath saved thee, / Extolled with
the harp and the timbrel should be; / Then shout, for the foe is
destroyed that enslaved thee; / Th' oppressor is vanquished, and
Zion is free.

3. Hymn. 189:1-2

Mine eyes look toward the mountains, / Help cometh from on high;
/ From God who never slumbers, / Whose care is ever nigh. / My
foot shall not be moved, / My keeper is the Lord, / He never shall
forsake me; / I trust me to His Word. /

God keepeth me from falling, / Fulfilleth all my need; / His love
doth e'er uphold me / In faithful word and deed. / He keepeth me
from evil, / My onward way doth trace, / My going and my coming /
He crowneth with His grace.