

## 2019-10-23 Divine government



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### The Holy Bible

#### 1. I Chron. 16:11–14, 23–28, 31

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually. Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones. He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. ...

Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the people are idols: but the Lord made the heavens. Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place. Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. ...

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth.

#### 2. II Chron. 20:5–7, 10–14 (to 1st ), 14 a, 15, 17, 22, 24

¶ And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, 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? 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? ...

And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not; Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. ¶ Then

upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, ... a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the spirit of the Lord in the midst of the congregation; And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. ...

Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to-morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you. ...

... ¶ And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. ...

And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

### **3. I Sam. 2:1 My, 2, 8–10**

... My heart rejoiceth in the Lord, mine horn is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. ...

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them. He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

### **4. Luke 4:1, 2 (to 1st .), 5–8, 14, 15, 32**

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. ...

And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. ...

... ¶ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. ...

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

**5. Rom. 13:1**

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

**6. Rev. 1:8**

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

**7. Rev. 7:12 Blessing**

... Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.



**Science and Health**

**1. SH 228:25–27**

There is no power apart from God. Omnipotence has all-power, and to acknowledge any other power is to dishonor God.

**2. SH 532:3 God**

God makes and governs all.

**3. SH 519:7–11**

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

Thus the ideas of God in universal being are complete and forever expressed, for Science reveals infinity and the fatherhood and motherhood of Love.

**4. SH 521:21–26, 29–11; 522:25–1**

Genesis ii. 6. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

The Science and truth of the divine creation have been presented in the verses already considered, and now the opposite error, a material view of creation, is to be set forth. ... The history of error or matter, if veritable, would set aside the omnipotence of Spirit; but it is the false history in contradistinction to the true.

The story  
of error

The Science of the first record proves the falsity of the second. If one is true, the other is false, for they are antagonistic. The first record assigns all might and government to God, and endows man out of God's perfection and power.

The two  
records

The second record chronicles man as mutable and mortal, — as having broken away from Deity and as revolving in an orbit of his own. Existence, separate from divinity, Science explains as impossible. ...

This latter part of the second chapter of Genesis, which portrays Spirit as supposedly cooperating with matter in constructing the universe, is based on some hypothesis of error, for the Scripture just preceding declares God's work to be finished. Does Life, Truth, and Love produce death, error, and hatred? Does the creator condemn His own creation? Does the unerring Principle of divine law change or repent? It cannot be so.

Hypothetical  
reversal

**5. SH 569:3**

Every mortal at some period, here or hereafter, must grapple with and overcome the mortal belief in a power opposed to God.

**6. SH 151:24**

The human mind is opposed to God and must be put off, as St. Paul declares. All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal. The straight and narrow way is to see and acknowledge this fact, yield to this power, and follow the leadings of truth.

**7. SH 469:12-5**

Question. — What is Mind?

Answer. — Mind is God. The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the *only* Mind, and that the supposititious opposite of infinite Mind — called *devil* or evil — is not Mind, is not Truth, but error, without intelligence or reality. There can be but one Mind, because there is but one God; and if mortals claimed no other Mind and accepted no other, sin would be unknown. We can have but one Mind, if that one is infinite. We bury the sense of infinitude, when we admit that, although God is infinite, evil has a place in this infinity, for evil can have no place, where all space is filled with God.

True sense of  
infinitude

We lose the high signification of omnipotence, when after admitting that God, or good, is omnipresent and has all-power, we still believe there is another power, named *evil*. This belief that there is more than one mind is as pernicious to divine theology as are ancient mythology and pagan idolatry. With one Father, even God, the whole family of man would be brethren; and with one Mind and that God, or good, the brotherhood of man would consist of Love and Truth, and have unity of Principle and spiritual power which constitute divine Science.

The sole  
governor

**8. SH 303:10-14**

Whatever reflects Mind, Life, Truth, and Love, is spiritually conceived and brought forth; but the statement that man is conceived and evolved both spiritually and materially, or by both God and man, contradicts this eternal truth.

**9. SH 109:32-9**

The three great verities of Spirit, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, — Spirit possessing all power, filling all space, constituting all Science, — contradict forever

the belief that matter can be actual. These eternal verities reveal primeval existence as the radiant reality of God's creation, in which all that He has made is pronounced by His wisdom good.

God's  
allness  
learned

Thus it was that I beheld, as never before, the awful unreality called evil.

**10. SH 473:4–5**

The Science of Mind disposes of all evil. Truth, God, is not the father of error.

**11. SH 207:8**

God is not the creator of an evil mind. Indeed, evil is not Mind. We must learn that evil is the awful deception and unreality of existence. Evil is not supreme; good is not helpless; nor are the so-called laws of matter primary, and the law of Spirit secondary. Without this lesson, we lose sight of the perfect Father, or the divine Principle of man.

Subordination  
of evil

**12. SH 240:10**

In the order of Science, in which the Principle is above what it reflects, all is one grand concord. Change this statement, suppose Mind to be governed by matter or Soul in body, and you lose the keynote of being, and there is continual discord. Mind is perpetual motion. Its symbol is the sphere. The rotations and revolutions of the universe of Mind go on eternally.

Perpetual  
motion

**13. SH 209:5–8, 11–14**

Mind, supreme over all its formations and governing them all, is the central sun of its own systems of ideas, the life and light of all its own vast creation; and man is tributary to divine Mind. ...

Allness of  
Truth

... Neither philosophy nor skepticism can hinder the march of the Science which reveals the supremacy of Mind. The immanent sense of Mind-power enhances the glory of Mind.

**14. SH 510:28–1**

Science reveals only one Mind, and this one shining by its own light and governing the universe, including man, in perfect harmony.

Spiritual  
subdivision

**15. SH 114:23–24, 27–29**

Christian Science explains all cause and effect as mental, not physical. ... In divine Science, the universe, including man, is spiritual, harmonious, and eternal.

**16. SH 249:6–10**

Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as able to destroy. Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine "powers that be." Such is the true Science of being.

Renewed  
selfhood



### 1. Hymn. 75

God comes, with succor speedy, / To those who suffer wrong; / To help the poor and needy, / And bid the weak be strong; / He comes to break oppression, / To set the captive free, / To take away transgression, / And rule in equity. /

His blessings come as showers / Upon the thirsty earth; / And joy and hope, like flowers, / Spring in His path to birth. / Before Him on the mountains / Shall Peace, the herald, go; / From hill to vale the fountains / Of righteousness shall flow. /

To Him shall prayer unceasing, / And daily vows, ascend; / His kingdom still increasing, / A kingdom without end. / The tide of time shall never / His covenant remove; / His name shall stand forever: / His changeless name of Love.

### 2. Hymn. 10

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.

### 3. Hymn. 499

I am the Lord, there is none else; / There is no God beside Me. / I girded thee, I girded thee, / Though thou hast not even known Me. / But know that from the rising sun / To the west there is none beside Me, / For I am the Lord, there is none else; / There is no God beside Me. /

I am the Truth, there is none else; / There is no Truth beside Me. / Infinite light, bountiful, bright, / Is ever present to guide thee. / Beloved and free, eternally, / Perfect peace and joy I provide thee, / For I am the Lord, there is none else; / There is no God beside Me. /

Innocent one, sinless and pure, / Nothing can ever divide thee. / Governed by Love, you are secure; / I am forever beside thee. / So rest and know wher-e'er you go, / Home

and heaven cannot be denied thee, / For I am the Lord, there is none else; / There is no  
God beside Me.

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