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The Bible

1. Ps. 18:39 1st thou
 - 39 thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

2. Philem. 1:2-4 1st to
 - 2 to *our* beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in thy house:
 - 3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

3. II Tim. 2:1, 3
 - 1 THOU therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
 - 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4. I Cor. 14:8 if
 - 8 if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

5. Jer. 50:22
 - 22 A sound of battle *is* in the land, and of great destruction.

6. II Chron. 20:1-3, 6, 7, 9, 12 (to ?), 15-18
 - 1 It came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *other* beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.
 - 2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they *be* in Hazazon-tamar, which *is* En-gedi.
 - 3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
 - 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?
 - 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.

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them?

15 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.

16 To-morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 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.

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

7. Ps 140:7

7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8. Job 15:20, 24

20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all *his* days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

9. Luke 19:1 Jesus

1 *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho.

10. Luke 22:31-34, 47-53 while

31 ¶ And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat:

32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

47 while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

- 49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?
- 50 ¶ And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.
- 51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.
- 52 Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?
- 53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

11. Eph 6:10-17 my brethren

- 10 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.
- 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

12. Ps 144:1

- 1 BLESSED *be* the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, *and* my fingers to fight:

13. Rev 12:7-10, 12 (to 1st .)

- 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
- 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
- 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.

14. Ps. 24:7, 8

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

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

1. SH 32:3-4

3 In ancient Rome a soldier was required to swear allegiance to his general.

2. SH 225:8-11

The powers of this world will fight,
9 and will command their sentinels not to let truth pass the guard until it subscribes to their systems; but Science, heeding not the pointed bayonet, marches on.

3. SH 566:29-3 (to 2nd .)

The Old Testament assigns to the angels, God's divine
30 messages, different offices. Michael's characteristic is spiritual strength. He leads the hosts of heaven against the power of sin, Satan, and
567:1 fights the holy wars. Gabriel has the more quiet task of imparting a sense of the ever-presence of ministering
3 Love. These angels deliver us from the depths.

Angelic offices

4. SH 269:29-31

The theories I combat are these: (1) that all is matter;
30 (2) that matter originates in Mind, and is as real as Mind, possessing intelligence and life.

Rejected theories

5. SH 22:11-27

“Work out your own salvation,” is the demand of
12 Life and Love, for to this end God worketh with you.
“Occupy till I come!” Wait for your reward, and “be not weary in well doing.” If
15 your endeavors are beset by fearful odds, and you receive no present reward, go not back to error, nor become a sluggard in the race.

Wait for reward

18 When the smoke of battle clears away, you will discern the good you have done, and receive according to your deserving. Love is not hasty to deliver us from
21 temptation, for Love means that we shall be tried and purified.

Final deliverance from error, whereby we rejoice in

24 immortality, boundless freedom, and sinless sense, is not
reached through paths of flowers nor by pinning
one's faith without works to another's vicarious
27 effort.

Deliverance not
vicarious

6. SH 256:16-23

The precise form of God must be of
small importance in comparison with the sublime ques-
18 tion, What is infinite Mind or divine Love?

Who is it that demands our obedience? He who, in
the language of Scripture, "doeth according to His will
21 in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the
earth; and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him,
What doest Thou?"

7. SH 308:14-23

The Soul-inspired patriarchs heard the voice of Truth,
15 and talked with God as consciously as man talks with man.

Jacob was *alone*, wrestling with error, — struggling
with a mortal sense of life, substance, and intelligence
18 as existent in matter with its false pleasures
and pains, — when an angel, a message from
Truth and Love, appeared to him and smote the sinew,
21 or strength, of his error, till he saw its unreality; and
Truth, being thereby understood, gave him spiritual
strength in this Peniel of divine Science.

Wrestling of
Jacob

8. SH 309:7-12

The result of Jacob's struggle thus appeared. He had
conquered material error with the understanding of Spirit
9 and of spiritual power. This changed the man.

He was no longer called Jacob, but Israel, —
a prince of God, or a soldier of God, who had fought
12 a good fight.

Israel the new
name

9. SH 407:6

6 Man's enslavement to the most relentless masters —
passion, selfishness, envy, hatred, and revenge — is con-
quered only by a mighty struggle. Every
9 hour of delay makes the struggle more severe.

If man is not victorious over the passions, they crush
out happiness, health, and manhood. Here Christian
12 Science is the sovereign panacea, giving strength to the
weakness of mortal mind, — strength from the immortal
and omnipotent Mind, — and lifting humanity above
15 itself into purer desires, even into spiritual power and
good-will to man.

Universal
panacea

10. SH 426:9-11

The
struggle for Truth makes one strong instead of weak,
resting instead of wearying one.

11. SH 37:13-15

Consciousness of right-doing brings its own reward; but
not amid the smoke of battle is merit seen and appreciated
15 by lookers-on.

12. SH 268:11-18

In this revolutionary period, like the shep-
12 herd-boy with his sling, woman goes forth to battle with
Goliath.

In this final struggle for supremacy, semi-metaphysi-
15 cal systems afford no substantial aid to scientific meta-
physics, for their arguments are based on
the false testimony of the material senses as
18 well as on the facts of Mind.

Confusion
confounded

13. SH 254:6-8

God requires perfection,
but not until the battle between Spirit and flesh is fought
and the victory won.

14. SH 292:1-4 (to 1st .)

292:1 When the last mortal fault is destroyed, then the final
trump will sound which will end the battle of Truth with
3 error and mortality; “but of that day and hour, knoweth
no man.”

15. SH 483:13-19

After the author’s sacred discovery, she affixed the
name “Science” to Christianity, the name “error” to
15 corporeal sense, and the name “substance” to
Mind. Science has called the world to battle
over this issue and its demonstration, which
18 heals the sick, destroys error, and reveals the universal
harmony.

Terms adopted
by the author

16. SH viii:12-16

The question, What is Truth, is answered by
demonstration, — by healing both disease and sin; and
this demonstration shows that Christian healing con-
15 fers the most health and makes the best men. On this
basis Christian Science will have a fair fight.

17. SH 268:9-11

Material-

istic hypotheses challenge metaphysics to meet in final
combat.

18. SH 216:9 On

9 On which
side are we fighting?

19. SH 492:17-19 (to .), 20-21 (to 1st .)

Discussing his cam-

18 paign, General Grant said: "I propose to fight it out on
this line, if it takes all summer."You must fight it out on this
21 line.

20. SH 417:14-16

Then hold your ground with

15 the unshaken understanding of Truth and Love, and
you will win.

Hymns: 312, 522, 518

312

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His eternal Son.
Stand then in His great might,
With all His strength endued,
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.

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From strength to strength go on;
O wrestle, fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day.
That, having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome through Christ alone,
And stand complete at last.

522

Lift up the door, the mighty gates,
Behold, the king of Glory waits!
Our King of kings is drawing near;
The Maker of the world is here.
Life and salvation, He will bring,
A cause for us to gladly sing!
We sing our praise to You,
Creator, wise and true.

.
A God of help, integrity,
Whose chariot's humility,

His kingly crown is holiness,
 His scepter, mercy, all is bless--
 To ev'ry woe an end He'll bring;
 A cause for us to gladly sing!
 We thank You, Spirit true,
 For mighty deeds from You.

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 Oh, bless the nation, bless the town,
 That holds this King in high renown.
 Oh, bless alike the heart and mind
 Whose love for God together bind.
 His righteousness will always bring
 A cause for us to gladly sing!
 Exalt our God above—
 Who comforts with pure love.

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518

Know, O child, your full salvation;
 Rise o'er sin and fear and care;
 Joy to find, in every station,
 Something still to do, or bear.

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 Think what spirit dwells within you;
 Think what Father's smiles are yours;
 Think what Jesus did to show you;
 Spirit's promise lifts, restores.

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 Hasten on from grace to glory,
 Armed with faith and winged with prayer;
 Heaven's eternal day before you
 God's own hand shall guide you there.

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 So fulfill your holy mission,
 Safely pass through pilgrim-days,
 Hope shall grow to glad fruition,
 Faith to sight and prayer to praise.