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The Bible

1. Deut. 33:29

- 29 Happy *art* thou, O Israel: who *is* like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who *is* the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

2. Ps 91:5

- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

3. Prov. 3:25, 26

- 25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.
- 26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

4. Isa 59:1 (to ;), 17 (to ;)

- 1 BEHOLD, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save;
- 17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head;

5. Jer 16:19 (to 4th ,)

- 19 O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction,

6. Gen. 15:1 2nd the (to shield)

- 1 the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield

7. 2 Chron 20:1, 2 (to ;), 3, 4 (to :), 5, 6, 9, 13-15

- 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;

- 3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
- 4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of the LORD:
- 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?
- 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.
- 13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.
- 14 ¶ Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;
- 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.

8. Ps. 18:2, 4 the floods, 6, 17, 20 (to ;), 29, 30, 33, 35, 39 (to :)

- 2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.
- 4 the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
- 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.
- 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.
- 20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness;
- 29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.
- 30 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.
- 33 He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me upon my high places.
- 35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.
- 39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle:

9. Neh. 1:1 (to .)

1 THE words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

10. Neh. 2:5 I said, 8 And the king

5 I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.

8 And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

11. Neh. 4:1 it, 7-9 it, 16, 18 (to 1st .)

1 it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

7 it came to pass, *that* when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, *and* that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

8 And conspired all of them together to come *and* to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

16 And it came to pass from that time forth, *that* the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers *were* behind all the house of Judah.

18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and *so* builded.

12. Neh. 6:15

15 ¶ So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day of the month* Elul, in fifty and two days.

13. Rom. 13:12

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

14. John 17:1

1 THESE words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

15. John 18:1-9

1 WHEN Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

- 2 And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.
- 3 Judas then, having received a band *of men* and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.
- 4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?
- 5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am *he*. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.
- 6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am *he*, they went backward, and fell to the ground.
- 7 Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.
- 8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I am *he*: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:
- 9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

16. Eph. 6:10-17

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

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1. SH 39:18

- 18 “*Now*,” cried the apostle, “is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation,” — meaning, not that now men must prepare for a future-world salvation, or safety, but that now is the time in which
- 21 to experience that salvation in spirit and in life. Now is

Present salvation

the time for so-called material pains and material pleasures to pass away, for both are unreal, because impossible in Science. To break this earthly spell, mortals must get the true idea and divine Principle of all that really exists and governs the universe harmoniously. This thought is apprehended slowly, and the interval before its attainment is attended with doubts and defeats as well as triumphs.

2. SH 96:12, 31-13

This material world is even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord and dismay; on the other side there will be Science and peace. The breaking up of material beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want and woe, sin, sickness, and death, which assume new phases until their nothingness appears. These disturbances will continue until the end of error, when all discord will be swallowed up in spiritual Truth.

Arena of contest

During this final conflict, wicked minds will endeavor to find means by which to accomplish more evil; but those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection.

In reality, the more closely error simulates truth and so-called matter resembles its essence, mortal mind, the more impotent error becomes as a belief. According to human belief, the lightning is fierce and the electric current swift, yet in Christian Science the flight of one and the blow of the other will become harmless. The more destructive matter becomes, the more its nothingness will appear, until matter reaches its mortal zenith in illusion and forever disappears.

Dangerous resemblances

3. SH 105:16-29

When our laws eventually take cognizance of mental crime and no longer apply legal rulings wholly to physical offences, these words of Judge Parmenter of Boston will become historic: "I see no reason why metaphysics is not as important to medicine as to mechanics or mathematics."

Important decision

Whoever uses his developed mental powers like an escaped felon to commit fresh atrocities as opportunity occurs is never safe. God will arrest him. Divine justice will manacle him. His sins will be millstones about his neck, weighing him down to the

Evil let loose

27 depths of ignominy and death. The aggravation of error foretells its doom, and confirms the ancient axiom: “Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad.”

4. SH 225:5-16

You may know when first Truth leads by the fewness and faithfulness of its followers. Thus it is that the march of time bears onward freedom’s banner. The powers of this world will fight, 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. There is always some tumult, but there is a rallying to truth’s standard.

Truth’s ordeal

The history of our country, like all history, illustrates the might of Mind, and shows human power to be proportionate to its embodiment of right thinking.

Immortal sentences

5. SH 461:16-21

If you believe that you are sick, should you say, “I am sick”? No, but you should tell your belief sometimes, if this be requisite to protect others. If you commit a crime, should you acknowledge to yourself that you are a criminal? Yes. Your responses should differ because of the different effects they produce.

6. SH 417:20-21, 29

To the Christian Science healer, sickness is a dream from which the patient needs to be awakened. Show them how mortal mind seems to induce disease by certain fears and false conclusions, and how divine Mind can cure by opposite thoughts. Give your patients an underlying understanding to support them and to shield them from the baneful effects of their own conclusions. Show them that the conquest over sickness, as well as over sin, depends on mentally destroying all belief in material pleasure or pain.

7. SH 234:31-3

Evil thoughts and aims reach no farther and do no more harm than one’s belief permits. Evil thoughts, lusts, and malicious purposes cannot go forth, like wandering pollen, from one human mind to another, finding unsuspected lodgment, if virtue and truth build a strong defence.

8. SH 492:17-21 (to 1st .)

Discussing his campaign, General Grant said: “I propose to fight it out on

21 this line, if it takes all summer.” Science says: All is
Mind and Mind’s idea. You must fight it out on this
line.

9. SH 216:7

Error bites the heel of truth, but cannot kill
truth. Truth bruises the head of error — destroys error.
9 Spirituality lays open siege to materialism. On which
side are we fighting?

10. SH 288:3

3 The suppositional warfare between truth and error is
only the mental conflict between the evidence of the spir-
itual senses and the testimony of the material
6 senses, and this warfare between the Spirit and
flesh will settle all questions through faith in and the un-
derstanding of divine Love.

The great
conflict

11. SH 595:3 Sword (only)

3 **SWORD.** The idea of Truth; justice.

12. SH 538:4 (only)

3 Truth is a two-edged sword, guarding and guiding.

13. SH 571:10-19

Who is telling mankind
of the foe in ambush? Is the informer one who sees the
12 foe? If so, listen and be wise. Escape from evil, and
designate those as unfaithful stewards who have seen the
danger and yet have given no warning.

15 At all times and under all circumstances, overcome
evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply
the wisdom and the occasion for a victory
18 over evil. Clad in the panoply of Love,
human hatred cannot reach you.

The armor of
divinity

14. SH 371:11-14, 18

As frightened children look everywhere
12 for the imaginary ghost, so sick humanity sees danger in
every direction, and looks for relief in all ways except the
right one. Darkness induces fear. The way in divine
Science is the only way out of this condition.

15. SH 483:16-19

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.

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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a soul like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

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'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

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Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

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The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

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Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land:
I am Thine, and Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven! Bread of heaven!
Feed me now and evermore.
Feed me now and evermore.

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Open is the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
And the fiery cloudy pillar
Leads me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer! Strong Deliverer!
Still Thou art my strength and shield.
Still Thou art my strength and shield.

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Joyfully we're singing of our dear God's grace,
Living every day within Love's warm embrace.
Eagerly we long to witness everywhere;
All throughout the world, God's saving love to share.

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Refrain

Singing of our dear God's grace,
Living in Love's warm embrace,
Longing, now and everywhere,
All God's saving love to share.

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Who can separate us from the love of God?
Truth is here to shield us with its staff and rod.
What is there to harm us when this help is sure?
We are more than conquerors; we rest secure.

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Refrain

Singing of our dear God's grace,
Living in Love's warm embrace,
Longing, now and everywhere,
All God's saving love to share.

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Everything that happens to us day by day,
Christ will be the beacon that will light our way.
Through distress and peril, God is faithful still,
Why should we be fearful if we trust God's will?

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Refrain

Singing of our dear God's grace,
Living in Love's warm embrace,
Longing, now and everywhere,
All God's saving love to share.

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God remains our refuge in the trials we face,
Shielding and sustaining us with loving grace.
Working through the labors of our hearts and hands,
Truth will lead us onward in triumphant bands!

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Refrain

Singing of our dear God's grace,
Living in Love's warm embrace,
Longing, now and everywhere,
All God's saving love to share.