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

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God's 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.

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

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Dear Shepherd, You are Love divine,
 You meet my every need.
 Where fields are green and waters still
 I rest, I drink, I feed.

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Your love restores my thirsty soul
 And leads me from the wild
 To walk in ways of Truth and Life
 As Your beloved child.

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And even when the shade of death

Suggests that we can part,
 No fear of evil enters here;
 Your strength and guidance, ever near,
 Bring comfort to my heart.

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 Your goodness spreads before my eyes;
 No enemy You know.
 Your oil is poured upon my head;
 My cup, it overflows.

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 Your grace and mercy every day
 Bring blessings from above.
 I'm living in the house of God
 The consciousness of Love.

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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.

The Bible

1. Matt. 5:6

- 6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

2. Ps 23:1

- 1 THE LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

3. 2 Kings 7:1 Elisha (to ;)

- 1 Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD;

4. 2 Kings 4:42-44 there

- 42 there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

- And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He
 43 said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD,
 They shall eat, and shall leave *thereof*.
- 44 So he set *it* before them, and they did eat, and left *thereof*, according to the
 word of the LORD.

5. Isa. 49:8 (to 3rd), 10 (to ;)

- 8 Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day
 of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee,
- 10 They shall not hunger nor thirst;

6. Dan 1:1, 3-6, 8-15, 19 (to ;), 20

- 1 IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came
 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.
- 3 ¶ And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he
 should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of
 the princes;
- 4 Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all
 wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such
 as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might
 teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.
- 5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of
 the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end
 thereof they might stand before the king.
- 6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah,
 Mishael, and Azariah:
- 8 ¶ But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with
 the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore
 he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.
- 9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince
 of the eunuchs.
- 10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king,
 who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your
 faces worse liking than the children which *are* of your sort? then shall ye
 make *me* endanger my head to the king.
- 11 Then said Daniel to Melzar whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over
 Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,
- 12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to
 eat, and water to drink.
- 13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the
 countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and
 as thou seest, deal with thy servants.
- 14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in
15 flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

19 And the king communed with them;

20 And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.

7. Ps 11:7

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

8. Ps 23:3 he leadeth

3 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

9. Ps. 107:1, 2, 5, 6

1 O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses.

10. John 6:26-35

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

- 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.
- 35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

11. Matt 15:22-28

- 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.
- 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.
- 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.
- 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs.
- 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.
- 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

12. Rev. 7:12 Blessing (to 1st .), 13 one, 14 These, 16 (to ;)

- 12 Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever.
- 13 one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?
- 14 These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more;

13. Luke 6:21 (to 1st .)

- 21 Blessed *are ye* that hunger now: for ye shall be filled.

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

1. SH 2:4-11 Are

- Are we benefited by praying? Yes,
the desire which goes forth hungering after righteous-
- 6 ness is blessed of our Father, and it does not return
unto us void.
- God is not moved by the breath of praise to do more
- 9 than He has already done, nor can the infinite do less
than bestow all good, since He is unchang-
ing wisdom and Love.

2. SH 12:31

Deity
unchangeable

In divine
Science, where prayers are mental, *all* may avail them-
13:1 selves of God as “a very present help in trouble.”
Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and
3 bestowals. It is the open fount which cries, “Ho,
every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.”

3. SH 17:4-5

Give us this day our daily bread;
Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;

4. SH 32:28-17

The Passover, which Jesus ate with his disciples in
the month Nisan on the night before his crucifixion,
30 was a mournful occasion, a sad supper taken
at the close of day, in the twilight of a
glorious career with shadows fast falling around; and
33:1 this supper closed forever Jesus’ ritualism or concessions
to matter.

Jesus’ sad repast

3 His followers, sorrowful and silent, anticipating the hour
of their Master’s betrayal, partook of the heavenly manna,
which of old had fed in the wilderness the
6 persecuted followers of Truth. Their bread
indeed came down from heaven. It was the great truth
of spiritual being, healing the sick and casting out error.
9 Their Master had explained it all before, and now this
bread was feeding and sustaining them. They had borne
this bread from house to house, *breaking* (explaining) it to
12 others, and now it comforted themselves.

Heavenly
supplies

For this truth of spiritual being, their Master was about
to suffer violence and drain to the dregs his cup of sorrow.
15 He must leave them. With the great glory of an everlast-
ing victory overshadowing him, he gave thanks and said,
“Drink ye all of it.”

5. SH 482:19

Jesus was the highest human
concept of the perfect man. He was inseparable from
21 Christ, the Messiah, — the divine idea of God outside
the flesh. This enabled Jesus to demonstrate his con-
trol over matter. Angels announced to the Wisemen of
24 old this dual appearing, and angels whisper it, through
faith, to the hungering heart in every age.

6. SH 248:8-11

Immortal Mind feeds the body with supernal

9 freshness and fairness, supplying it with beautiful images
of thought and destroying the woes of sense which each
day brings to a nearer tomb.

7. SH 442:19-25 When

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Christ changes a belief of sin or of sickness into

21 a better belief, then belief melts into spiritual understand-
ing, and sin, disease, and death disappear. Christ, Truth,
gives mortals temporary food and clothing until the ma-
24 terial, transformed with the ideal, disappears, and man
is clothed and fed spiritually.

8. SH 507:3-6

Spirit duly

feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line
of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the father-

6 hood and motherhood of God.

9. SH 558:1-16

558:1 St. John writes, in the tenth chapter of his book of
Revelation: —

3 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven,
clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and
his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of
6 fire: and he had in his hand a little book open: and he
set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the
earth.

9 This angel or message which comes from God, clothed
with a cloud, prefigures divine Science. To mortal sense
Science seems at first obscure, abstract, and
12 dark; but a bright promise crowns its brow.

The new Evangel

When understood, it is Truth's prism and praise. When
you look it fairly in the face, you can heal by its means,
15 and it has for you a light above the sun, for God "is the
light thereof."

10. SH 559:1-6, 16

559:1 This angel had in his hand "a little book," open for
all to read and understand. Did this same book contain
3 the revelation of divine Science, the "right
foot" or dominant power of which was upon
the sea, — upon elementary, latent error, the source of
6 all error's visible forms? Then will a voice from harmony
cry: "Go and take the little book. . . . Take it, and eat
18 it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in
thy mouth sweet as honey." Mortals, obey the heavenly

Truth's volume

evangel. Take divine Science. Read this book from
 21 beginning to end. Study it, ponder it. It will be indeed
 sweet at its first taste, when it heals you; but murmur not
 over Truth, if you find its digestion bitter. When you
 24 approach nearer and nearer to this divine Principle, when
 you eat the divine body of this Principle, — thus partak-
 ing of the nature, or primal elements, of Truth and Love,
 27 — do not be surprised nor discontented because you must
 share the hemlock cup and eat the bitter herbs; for the
 Israelites of old at the Paschal meal thus prefigured this
 30 perilous passage out of bondage into the El Dorado of faith
 and hope.

11. SH 242:26-29

Mere speculation or
 27 superstition appropriates no part of the divine vesture,
 while inspiration restores every part of the Christly gar-
 ment of righteousness.

12. SH 234:4-8

Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love — be
 it song, sermon, or Science — blesses the human family
 6 with crumbs of comfort from Christ's table,
 feeding the hungry and giving living waters to
 the thirsty.

Crumbs of
 comfort