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The Bible

1. Matt. 2:1 when, 2, 7, 8 (to ;)

- 1 when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
- 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
- 7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
- 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child;

2. Luke 2:52 Jesus

- 52 Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

3. Matt 4:23

- 23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

4. Matt 5:1, 2

- 1 AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

5. Matt 6:33 seek (to ;)

- 33 seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;

6. Matt. 7:7-11

- 7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
- 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

- 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
- 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

7. Luke 11:5-10

- 5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
- 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?
- 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.
- 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.
- 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

8. Matt 13:45 the kingdom, 46

- 45 the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:
- 46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

9. Luke 15:8-10

- 8 ¶ Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*?
- 9 And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.
- 10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

10. Luke 8:43, 44, 46-48

- 43 ¶ And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,
- 44 Came behind *him*, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stancheth.
- 46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is

gone out of me.

47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

11. I Cor. 13:4 (to ;), 5

4 Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind;

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

12. James 4:3, 7, 8 (to 1st .)

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

13. James 1:4-6 let (to 1st .)

4 let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.

14. Rom. 2:7 seek

7 seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

15. Heb. 11:5, 6

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

16. I Pet. 3:10 he, 11 let him seek

10 he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

11 let him seek peace, and ensue it.

17. I John 3:21, 22

- 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.
- 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

18. I John 5:15

- 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

19. Rev. 3:20, 22

- 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
- 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

20. Col. 3:1 seek

- 1 seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

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

1. SH vii:13-15 Truth

- Truth, independent
of doctrines and time-honored systems, knocks at the
15 portal of humanity.

2. SH 20:27-32

- St. Paul wrote, "Let us
lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so
easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that
30 is set before us;" that is, let us put aside material self
and sense, and seek the divine Principle and Science of
all healing.

3. SH 322:32-3

- Mortals
323:1 may seek the understanding of Christian Science, but they
will not be able to glean from Christian Science the facts
3 of being without striving for them.

4. SH x:22-23

The divine Principle of healing is proved in the
personal experience of any sincere seeker of Truth.

5. SH 238:19-21

- 21 Truth often remains

unsought, until we seek this remedy for human woe because we suffer severely from error.

6. SH 5:30-32

We should follow our divine Exemplar, and seek the destruction of all evil works, error and disease included.

7. SH 10:14, 26-28, 31-32

Seeking is not sufficient. It is striving that enables us to enter. Spiritual attainments open the door to a higher understanding of the divine Life. The Scriptures say: “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.” Do you ask wisdom to be merciful and not to punish sin? Then “ye ask amiss.”

8. SH 13:10-12

If our petitions are sincere, we labor for what we ask; and our Father, who seeth in secret, will reward us openly.

9. SH 34:13-17

If all who seek his commemoration through material symbols will take up the cross, heal the sick, cast out evils, and preach Christ, or Truth, to the poor, — the receptive thought, — they will bring in the millennium.

10. SH 142:7-10

We must seek the undivided garment, the whole Christ, as our first proof of Christianity, for Christ, Truth, alone can furnish us with absolute evidence.

11. SH 285:23

By interpreting God as a corporeal Saviour but not as the saving Principle, or divine Love, we shall continue to seek salvation through pardon and not through reform, and resort to matter instead of Spirit for the cure of the sick. As mortals reach, through knowledge of Christian Science, a higher sense, they will seek to learn, not from matter, but from the divine Principle, God, how to demonstrate the Christ, Truth, as the healing and saving power.

Salvation is
through reform

12. SH 286:1

To seek

Truth through belief in a human doctrine is not to understand the infinite. We must not seek the immutable and immortal through the finite, mutable, and mortal, and so depend upon belief instead of demonstration, for this is fatal to a knowledge of Science. The understanding of Truth gives full faith in Truth, and spiritual understanding is better than all burnt offerings.

13. SH 224:22-25

A higher and more practical Christianity, demonstrating justice and meeting the needs of mortals in sickness
24 and in health, stands at the door of this age, knocking for admission.

14. SH 254:10-12

When we wait
patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs
12 our path.

15. SH 509:29-4

Knowing the Science of creation, in which all is Mind
30 and its ideas, Jesus rebuked the material thought of his fellow-countrymen: “Ye can discern the face of the
510:1 sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?”
How much more should we seek to apprehend the spiritual ideas of God, than to dwell on the objects
3 of sense!

Spiritual ideas
apprehended

16. SH 362:1-7

362:1 It is related in the seventh chapter of Luke’s Gospel that Jesus was once the honored guest of a certain
3 Pharisee, by name Simon, though he was quite unlike Simon the disciple. While they were at meat, an unusual incident occurred, as if to interrupt the scene
6 of Oriental festivity. A “strange woman” came in.

A gospel
narrative

17. SH 363:1-23

She bore an alabaster jar
containing costly and fragrant oil, — sandal oil perhaps,
3 which is in such common use in the East. Breaking the sealed jar, she perfumed Jesus’ feet with the oil, wiping them with her long hair, which hung loosely
6 about her shoulders, as was customary with women of her grade.

23 Did Jesus spurn the woman? Did he repel her adora-

tion? No! He regarded her compassionately. Nor was this all. Knowing what those around him were saying in their hearts, especially his host, — that they were wondering why, being a prophet, the exalted guest did not at once detect the woman's immoral status and bid her depart, — knowing this, Jesus rebuked them with a short story or parable. He described two debtors, one for a large sum and one for a smaller, who were released from their obligations by their common creditor. "Which of them will love him most?" was the Master's question to Simon the Pharisee; and Simon replied, "He to whom he forgave most." Jesus approved the answer, and so brought home the lesson to all, following it with that remarkable declaration to the woman, "Thy sins are forgiven."

Parable of the creditor

18. SH 364:8-10, 16-19, 22-31

9 Which was the higher tribute to such ineffable affection, the hospitality of the Pharisee or the contrition of the Magdalen?

Penitence or hospitality

18 Here is suggested a solemn question, a question indicated by one of the needs of this age. Do Christian Scientists seek Truth as Simon sought the Saviour, through material conservatism and for personal homage? If Christian Scientists are like Simon, then it must be said of them also that they *love* little.

24 On the other hand, do they show their regard for Truth, or Christ, by their genuine repentance, by their broken hearts, expressed by meekness and human affection, as did this woman? If so, then it may be said of them, as Jesus said of the unwelcome visitor, that they indeed love much, because much is forgiven them.

Genuine repentance

19. SH 367:10-16

12 This is what is meant by seeking Truth, Christ, not "for the loaves and fishes," nor, like the Pharisee, with the arrogance of rank and display of scholarship, but like Mary Magdalene, from the summit of devout consecration, with the oil of gladness and the perfume of *gratitude*, with tears of repentance and with those hairs all numbered by the Father.

Gratitude and humility

20. SH 476:21-22

21 Learn this, O mortal, and earnestly seek the spiritual status of man, which is outside of all material selfhood.

21. SH x:11-13

The author has not compromised conscience to suit
 12 the general drift of thought, but has bluntly and honestly given the text of Truth.

22. SH xii:23-26

In the spirit of Christ's charity, — as one who "hopeth
 24 all things, endureth all things," and is joyful to bear consolation to the sorrowing and healing to the sick, — she commits these pages to honest seekers for Truth.

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God
 And His righteousness,
 And all these things shall be added
 unto you.
 Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you.
 Seek and ye shall find,
 Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
 Allelu, alleluia!

We do not live by bread alone,
 But by every word
 That proceeds from the mouth of God.
 Allelu, alleluia!

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14TH CENTURY CAROL

O may we be still and seek Him,
 Seek with consecration whole,
 Listening thus to hear the message,
 Far from sense and hid in Soul.

He hath promised we shall find Him,
 Love divine its promise keeps;
 God is watching with the watchful,
 God is Life that never sleeps.

If we pray to Him in secret,

Lift to Him the heart's desire,
 We shall find our earthly longings
 All made pure by Love's pure fire.

Then upon the precious metal
 God's own image will appear,
 Faithfully to Him reflected,
 One with Him forever near.

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Our God is Love, unchanging Love,
 And can we ask for more?
 Our prayer for Love's increase is vain;
 'Twas infinite before.
 Ask not the Lord with breath of praise
 For more than we accept;
 The open fount is free to all,
 God's promises are kept.

Our God is Mind, the perfect Mind,
 Intelligence divine;
 Shall mortal man ask Him to change
 His infinite design?
 The heart that yearns for righteousness,
 With longing unalloyed,
 In such desire sends up a prayer
 That ne'er returneth void.

O loving Father, well we know
 That words alone are vain,
 That those who seek Thy will to do,
 The true communion gain.
 Then may our deeds our pure desire
 For growth in grace express,

That we may know how Love divine
Forever waits to bless.

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