

Thanksgiving

GOLDEN TEXT | Revelation 11:17 *We*

. . . WE GIVE THEE THANKS, O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, WHICH ART, AND WAST, AND ART TO COME; BECAUSE THOU HAST TAKEN TO THEE THY GREAT POWER, AND HAST REIGNED.

RESPONSIVE READING | Psalms 146:1, 2, 5–9 (to :), 10; 95:2
I Chronicles 29:11–13

- 1 Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.
- 2 **While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.**
- 5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:
- 6 **Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:**
- 7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners:
- 8 **The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:**
- 9 The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow:
- 10 **The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.**
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

- 11 **Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.**
- 12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.
- 13 **Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.**

*Section 1
The Bible*

1 | Psalms 69:30

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

2 | Psalms 47:7 *God*

7 God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

3 | Jeremiah 9:23, 24

23 Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: 24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

4 | Hebrews 8:10 *this*

10 this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

5 | Nehemiah 8:1 *all, 3, 6, 10, 12*

1 all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel.

3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.

6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

Section 1
Science and Health

1 | 242:3-5

3 It is only a question of time when “they shall all know Me [God], from the least of them unto the greatest.” Spiritual baptism

2 | 127:4

If God, the All-in-all, be the creator of the spiritual universe, including man, then everything entitled to a classification as truth, or Science, must be comprised in a knowledge or understanding of God, for there can be nothing beyond illimitable divinity. Science and Christianity

3 | 140:7-12

Not materially but spiritually we know Him as divine Mind, as Life, Truth, and Love. We shall obey and adore in proportion as we apprehend the divine nature and love Him understandingly, warring no more over the corporeality, but rejoicing in the affluence of our God. God invisible to the senses

4 | 3:22

24 Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more. Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech.

5 | 8:14–18, 22–24

If we feel the aspiration, humility, gratitude, and love which our words express, — this God accepts; and it is wise not to try to deceive ourselves or others, for “there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed.”

If we turn away from the poor, we are not ready to receive the reward of Him who blesses the poor.

6 | 518:15–19

The rich in spirit help the poor in one grand brotherhood, all having the same Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth his brother’s need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another’s good.

Assistance in
brotherhood

Section 2
The Bible

6 | Psalms 20:7

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

7 | Psalms 22:28 *the*

28 the kingdom is the Lord’s: and he is the governor among the nations.

8 | Psalms 67:3, 4

3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. 4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

9 | I Timothy 2:1–5, 8

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

10 | Psalms 21:1, 13

1 The king shall joy in thy strength, O Lord; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
13 Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

Section 2
Science and Health

7 | 106:9

9 Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and Love.

Proper self-government

8 | 11:27-31

27 Prayer cannot change the unalterable Truth, nor can prayer alone give us an understanding of Truth; but prayer, coupled with a fervent habitual desire to know and do the will of God, will bring us into all Truth.

9 | 12:10

12 It is neither Science nor Truth which acts through blind belief, nor is it the human understanding of the divine healing Principle as manifested in Jesus, whose humble prayers were deep and conscientious protests of Truth, — of man’s likeness to God and of man’s unity with Truth and Love.

10 | 62:27-30

27 The higher nature of man is not governed by the lower; if it were, the order of wisdom would be reversed. Our false views of life hide eternal harmony, and produce the ills of which we complain.

Superior law of Soul

11 | 270:23-24

24 Meekness and charity have divine authority.

12 | 565:13-18

15 The impersonation of the spiritual idea had a brief history in the earthly life of our Master; but “of his kingdom there shall be no end,” for Christ, God’s idea, will eventually rule all nations and peoples — imperatively, absolutely, finally — with divine Science.

13 | 249:8-9

9 Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.”

Renewed selfhood

Section 3
The Bible

11 | II Corinthians 9:15

15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

12 | Zechariah 2:13

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

13 | Psalms 145:9, 10, 12, 14, 21

9 The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. 10 All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

14 The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

14 | Luke 4:14, 15

14 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. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

15 | Luke 7:1, 11-16

1 Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

11 And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. 12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. 14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. 15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. 16 And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

Section 3
Science and Health

14 | 476:28-32

When speaking of God’s children, not the children of men, Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you;”

30 that is, Truth and Love reign in the real man, showing that man in God’s image is unfallen and eternal. The kingdom within

15 | 122:1-7

1 The evidence of the physical senses often reverses the real Science of being, and so creates a reign of discord, —
3 assigning seeming power to sin, sickness, and death; but the great facts of Life, rightly understood, defeat this triad of errors, contradict their false
6 witnesses, and reveal the kingdom of heaven, — the actual reign of harmony on earth. Opposing testimony

16 | 428:6-12

6 Man’s privilege at this supreme moment is to prove the words of our Master: “If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.” To divest
9 thought of false trusts and material evidences in order that the spiritual facts of being may appear, — this is the great attainment by means of which we shall sweep
12 away the false and give place to the true. Vision opening

17 | 395:6-10

6 Like the great Exemplar, the healer should speak to disease as one having authority over it, leaving Soul to master the false evidences of the corporeal senses and to assert its claims over mortality and disease. Divine authority

18 | 45:16

Glory be to God, and peace to the struggling hearts! Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of human hope and faith, and through the revelation and demonstration of life in God, hath elevated them to possible at-one-ment with the spiritual idea of man and his divine Principle, Love. The stone rolled away

*Section 4
The Bible*

16 | Psalms 115:15

15 Ye are blessed of the Lord which made heaven and earth.

17 | Isaiah 40:9 Behold, 12

9 Behold your God!
12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

18 | Job 12:7-10 ask

7 ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: 8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. 9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? 10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

19 | Isaiah 11:9

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

20 | Revelation 7:12 Blessing

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

*Section 4
Science and Health*

19 | 91:1

1 The Revelator tells us of "a new heaven and a new earth." Have you ever pictured this heaven and earth, inhabited by beings under the control of supreme wisdom?
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20 | 209:5-8

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

21 | 514:18-19, 28-30

18 Tenderness accompa-
 nies all the might imparted by Spirit.

All of God's creatures, Creatures of
God useful
 moving in the harmony of Science, are harm-
 30 less, useful, indestructible.

22 | 240:7-11

Suns and planets teach grand lessons.
 The stars make night beautiful, and the leaflet turns nat-
 9 urally towards the light.
 In the order of Science, in which the Principle is above
 what it reflects, all is one grand concord.

23 | 264:28

When we learn the way in Christian Science and rec-
 ognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and under-
 30 stand God's creation, — all the glories of earth and heaven
 and man.

24 | 521:5-6

6 All that is made is
 the work of God, and all is good.

