

Thanksgiving

GOLDEN TEXT | Colossians 3:15 *let*

. . . LET THE PEACE OF GOD RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, TO THE WHICH ALSO YE ARE CALLED IN ONE BODY; AND BE YE THANKFUL.

RESPONSIVE READING | Jeremiah 31:3, 7 (to :), 8, 12

Psalms 69:16, 30, 32, 34; 100:1, 4

- 3 The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.
- 7 **For thus saith the Lord; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations:**
- 8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.
- 12 **Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.**
- 16 Hear me, O Lord; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.
- 30 **I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.**
- 32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

- 34 **Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.**
- 1 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
- 4 **Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.**

Section 1 The Bible

1 | Psalms 50:14

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

2 | Psalms 111:1–4 *I will*

1 I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. 2 The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. 3 His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever. 4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

3 | Psalms 138:2, 4, 5

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of thy mouth. 5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord.

4 | Psalms 119:10 (to :), 14, 17, 18

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee:
 14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.
 17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. 18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

5 | Luke 12:34 *where*

34 where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

*Section 1
 Science and Health*

1 | 9:17-21 (to 2nd .)

Dost thou “love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind”?
 18 This command includes much, even the surrender of all merely material sensation, affection, and worship. This is the El Dorado of Christianity.

Practical religion

2 | 15:25-30

Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden from the world, but known to God. Self-forgetfulness, purity, and affection are constant prayers.
 27 Practice not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings.

Trustworthy beneficence

3 | 140:7-13

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. Religion will then be of the heart and not of the head.

God invisible to the senses

4 | 262:24

24 Starting from a higher standpoint, one rises spontaneously, even as light emits light without effort; for “where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

*Section 2
 The Bible*

6 | Psalms 95:1, 2

1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

7 | Isaiah 57:15

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

8 | Isaiah 58:6, 7 (to ;), 8, 10, 11

6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?
7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him;

8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward.

10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: 11 And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

*Section 2
Science and Health*

5 | 365:31

The poor suffering heart needs its rightful nutriment, such as peace,
1 patience in tribulation, and a priceless sense of the dear Father's loving-kindness.

6 | 8:22-24

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

7 | 518:15-21

15 The rich in spirit help the poor in Assistance in
one grand brotherhood, all having the same brotherhood
Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth
18 his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in
another's good. Love giveth to the least spiritual idea
might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through
21 all as the blossom shines through the bud.

8 | 78:28

Spirit blesses man, but man cannot "tell whence it cometh." By it the sick are healed, the sorrowing are
30 comforted, and the sinning are reformed. These are the effects of one universal God, the invisible good dwelling in eternal Science.

9 | 234:4

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, Crumbs of
feeding the hungry and giving living waters to comfort
the thirsty.

*Section 3
The Bible*

9 | Jeremiah 32:15 thus (to ;), 38 they, 41

15 thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel;
38 they shall be my people, and I will be their God:

41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

10 | I Kings 8:57 (to 1st :), 61

57 The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers:

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

11 | Psalms 147:3, 5, 7

3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

7 Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

12 | 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.

13 | John 8:12

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

14 | John 15:10, 11

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

15 | Luke 17:12-19

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: 13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. 14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. 17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? 18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. 19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Section 3 Science and Health

10 | 138:17-22

Jesus established in the Christian era the precedent for all Christianity, theology, and healing. Christians are under as direct orders now, as they were then, to be Christlike, to possess the Christ-spirit, to follow the Christ-example, and to heal the sick as well as the sinning.

New era
in Jesus

11 | x:22-27

The divine Principle of healing is proved in the personal experience of any sincere seeker of Truth. Its purpose is good, and its practice is safer and more potent than that of any other sanitary method. The unbiased Christian thought is soonest touched by Truth, and convinced of it.

12 | 94:20

Ingratitude
and denial

Of the ten

21 lepers whom Jesus healed, but one returned to give God thanks, — that is, to acknowledge the divine Principle which had healed him.

13 | 3:22

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.

14 | 366:30-31

30 If we would open their prison doors for the sick, we must first learn to bind up the broken-hearted.

15 | 4:3-9

3 What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds. To keep the com-
6 mandments of our Master and follow his

Efficacious
petitions

example, is our proper debt to him and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has done.

16 | 181:29 (only)

“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

*Section 4
The Bible*

16 | Isaiah 61:11 as

11 as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

17 | Psalms 104:1, 13

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
13 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

18 | Psalms 119:2

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

19 | Psalms 118:24, 29 (to :)

24 This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
29 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:

20 | John 12:44

44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

21 | John 15:12, 14-16

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. 16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

22 | II Corinthians 9:8-11, 15

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: 9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. 10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) 11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

*Section 4
Science and Health*

17 | 270:31-5

The life of Christ Jesus was not miraculous, but it was indigenous to his spirituality, — the good soil wherein the
1 seed of Truth springs up and bears much fruit. Christ’s
Christianity is the chain of scientific being reappearing
3 in all ages, maintaining its obvious correspondence with
the Scriptures and uniting all periods in the design of
God.

18 | 496:9-14

9 We all must learn that Life is God. Ask yourself:
Am I living the life that approaches the supreme good?
Am I demonstrating the healing power of Condition
of progress
12 Truth and Love? If so, then the way will
grow brighter “unto the perfect day.” Your fruits
will prove what the understanding of God brings to man.

19 | 451:14

Man walks in the
15 direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure
is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affec-
tions are spiritual, they come from above, not from be-
18 neath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

