



# Christian Science Quarterly Bible Lessons

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## Mind

### GOLDEN TEXT

**Matthew 6:8 Your**

... Your Father knows what you need even before you ask.

*The Golden Text is from the Contemporary English Version.*

### RESPONSIVE READING

**Isaiah 40:28–31; 41:10; 42:16; 65:21, 23, 24**

40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

29 **He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.**

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall,

31 **But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

42:16 "I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them."

65:21 "They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

23 **They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.**

24 It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear."

*The Responsive Reading is from the New King James Version®.*

### SECTION 1

#### The Bible

1 | **Psalms 115:12 (to 1<sup>st</sup> ;)**

12 The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us;

2 | **Psalms 139:1–3, 5, 17, 18**

1 O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

3 | **Isaiah 51:1 (to :), 16 I have**

1 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord:

16 I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

4 | **Matthew 6:6 when**

6 when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

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

1 | **1:10**

Thoughts unspoken are not unknown to the divine Mind. Desire is prayer; and no loss can occur from trusting God with our desires, that they may be moulded and exalted before they take form in words and in deeds.

2 | **7:23 The**

The "divine ear" is not an auditory nerve. It is the all-hearing and all-knowing Mind, to whom each need of man is always known and by whom it will be supplied.

3 | **519:1**

Nothing can be novel to Perfection  
of creation eternal Mind, the author of all things, who from all eternity knoweth His own ideas. Deity was satisfied with His work. How could He be otherwise, since the spiritual creation was the outgrowth, the emanation, of His infinite self-containment and immortal wisdom?

4 | **15:7**

The Father in secret is unseen to the physical senses, but He knows all things and rewards according to motives, not according to speech. To enter into the heart of prayer, the door of the erring senses must be closed. Lips must be mute and materialism silent, that man may have

audience with Spirit, the divine Principle, Love, which destroys all error.

#### 5 | [214:14](#)

When it is learned that the spiritual sense, and not the material, conveys the impressions of Mind to man, then being will be understood and found to be harmonious.

## SECTION 2

### The Bible

#### 5 | [Job 32:8 \*there\*](#)

8 there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

#### 6 | [II Kings 2:1, 6, 8–12 \(to 1<sup>st</sup> .\), 15 \(to 1<sup>st</sup> .\)](#)

1 And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. 9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto El-

isha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha.

#### 7 | [Psalms 17:6 \(to :\), 15 \*I will\*](#)

6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God:

15 I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

#### 8 | [Psalms 40:16](#)

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

## Science and Health

6 | [139:4–8](#)

From beginning to end, the Scriptures are full of accounts of the triumph of Spirit, Mind, over matter. Moses proved the power of Mind by what men called miracles; so did Joshua, Elijah, and Elisha.

Marvels and reformati  
ons

7 | [370:2–5](#)

To be immortal, we must forsake the mortal sense of things, turn from the lie of false belief to Truth, and gather the facts of being from the divine Mind.

8 | [3:4](#)

Who would stand before a blackboard, and pray the principle of mathematics to solve the problem? The rule is already established, and it is our task to work out the solution. Shall we ask the divine Principle of all goodness to do His own work? His work is done, and we have only to avail ourselves of God's rule in order to receive His blessing, which enables us to work out our own salvation.

The spiritual  
mathematics

9 | [84:14–23](#)

Acquaintance with the Science of being enables us to commune more largely with the divine Mind, to foresee and foretell events which concern the universal welfare, to be divinely inspired, — yea, to reach the range of fetterless Mind.

To understand that Mind is infinite, not bounded by corporeality, not dependent upon the ear and eye for sound or sight nor upon muscles and bones for locomotion, is a step towards the Mind-science by which we discern man's nature and existence.

The Mind  
unbounded

10 | [262:10](#)

We must reverse our feeble flutterings — our efforts to find life and truth in matter — and rise above the testimony of the material senses, above the mortal to the immortal idea of God. These clearer, higher views inspire the Godlike man to reach the absolute centre and circumference of his being.

## SECTION 3

### The Bible

9 | [Matthew 6:26 \(to .\), 28, 31, 32](#)

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them.

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do

the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

10 | [Matthew 14:14](#)

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

11 | [Luke 10:38-42 and](#)

38 and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

12 | [Matthew 11:28-30](#)

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**Science and Health**

11 | [212:22](#)

God alone makes and clothes the lilies of the field, and this He does by means of Mind, not matter.

12 | [257:24](#)

Who hath found finite life  
or love sufficient to meet the  
demands of human want and woe, — to  
still the desires, to satisfy the aspirations?  
Infinite Mind cannot be limited to a finite  
form, or Mind would lose its infinite char-  
acter as inexhaustible Love, eternal Life,  
omnipotent Truth.

Inexhaustible  
divine Love

13 | [519:25](#)

God rests in action.  
Imparting has not impoverished,  
can never impoverish, the divine Mind.  
No exhaustion follows the action of this  
Mind, according to the apprehension of  
divine Science. The highest and sweetest  
rest, even from a human standpoint, is in  
holy work.

Resting in  
holy work

14 | [170:15](#)

The best interpreter of man's needs  
said: "Take no thought for your life, what  
ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink."

15 | [259:6 The](#)

The divine nature was best expressed  
in Christ Jesus, who threw upon mortals  
the truer reflection of God and lifted their

lives higher than their poor thought-models would allow, — thoughts which presented man as fallen, sick, sinning, and dying. The Christlike understanding of scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea, — perfect God and perfect man, — as the basis of thought and demonstration.

#### 16 | 3:12

The Divine Being must be reflected by man, — else man is not the image and likeness of the patient, tender, and true, the One "altogether lovely;" but to understand God is the work of eternity, and demands absolute consecration of thought, energy, and desire.

#### 17 | 254:10–12, 31

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

Pilgrim on earth, thy home is heaven; stranger, thou art the guest of God.

## SECTION 4

### The Bible

#### 13 | Isaiah 32:17

<sup>17</sup> And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

#### 14 | Romans 8:6

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

### Science and Health

#### 18 | 203:3

In the Science of Christianity, Mind — omnipotence — has all-power, assigns sure rewards to righteousness, and shows that matter can neither heal nor make sick, create nor destroy.

#### 19 | 149:28–29

Whatever guides thought spiritually benefits mind and body.

#### 20 | 506:10–12

Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites understanding to eternal harmony. The calm and exalted thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace.

## SECTION 5

### The Bible

#### 15 | Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

16 | [John 5:20 the \(to :\)](#)

20 the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth:

17 | [John 12:44](#)

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

18 | [Luke 11:14–17, 19, 20, 28 blessed](#)

14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered. 15 But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils. 16 And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. 17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth.

19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.

20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

28 blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

19 | [Mark 16:17, 18](#)

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new

tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

**Science and Health**21 | [422:2](#)

Wiser than his persecutors, Jesus said: "If I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out?"

22 | [52:19](#)

The "man of sorrows" best understood the nothingness of material life and intelligence and the mighty actuality of all-inclusive God, good. These were the two cardinal points of Mind-healing, or Christian Science, which armed him with Love. The highest earthly representative of God, speaking of human ability to reflect divine power, prophetically said to his disciples, speaking not for their day only but for all time: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also;" and "These signs shall follow them that believe."

Saviour's prediction

23 | [145:8–13](#)

The struggle for the recovery of invalids goes on, not between material methods, but between mortal minds and immortal Mind. The victory will be on the patient's side only as immortal Mind through

The struggle and victory

Christ, Truth, subdues the human belief in disease.

24 | [180:25–2](#)

When man is governed by God, the ever-present Mind who understands all things, man knows that with God all things are possible. The only way to this living Truth, which heals the sick, is found in the Science of divine Mind as taught and demonstrated by Christ Jesus.

To reduce inflammation, dissolve a tumor, or cure organic disease, I have found divine Truth more potent than all lower remedies. And why not, since Mind, God, is the source and condition of all existence?

25 | [382:24](#)

One whom I rescued from seeming spiritual oblivion, in which the senses had engulfed him, wrote to me: "I should have died, but for the glorious Principle you teach, — supporting the power of Mind over the body and showing me the nothingness of the so-called pleasures and pains of sense. The treatises I had read and the medicines I had taken only abandoned me to more hopeless suffering and despair. Adherence to hygiene was useless. Mortal mind needed to be set right. The ailment was not bodily, but mental, and I was cured when I learned my way in Christian Science."

26 | [14:12–16](#)

Become conscious for a single moment that Life and intelligence are purely spiritual, — neither in nor of matter, — and the body will then utter no complaints. If suffering from a belief in sickness, you will find yourself suddenly well.

Spiritualized consciousness

## SECTION 6

### The Bible

20 | [Job 36:4 he, 5](#)

*4 he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee. 5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.*

21 | [Matthew 10:7 The](#)

*7 The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

22 | [John 6:1–3 Jesus, 16–21](#)

*1 Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. 2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. 3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.*

*16 And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea, 17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. 18 And*

the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. <sup>19</sup> So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. <sup>20</sup> But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. <sup>21</sup> Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

#### 23 | Romans 15:6 *with*

6 with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 24 | Romans 11:36 (to 1<sup>st</sup> .)

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever.

### Science and Health

#### 27 | 273:24

Jesus walked on the waves, Spiritual law  
the only law fed the multitude, healed the sick, and raised the dead in direct opposition to material laws. His acts were the demonstration of Science, overcoming the false claims of material sense or law.

#### 28 | 156:29–32

In metaphysics, matter disappears from the remedy entirely, and Mind takes its rightful and supreme place. A stately advance

#### 29 | 263:7–10

When mortal man blends his thoughts of existence with the spiritual and works only as God works, he will no longer grope in the dark and cling to earth because he has not tasted heaven.

#### 30 | 266:25–26, 29

Perfect and infinite Mind enthroned is heaven.

Man is deathless, spiritual. He is above sin or frailty. He does not cross the barriers of time into the vast forever of Life, but he coexists with God and the universe.

#### 31 | 264:10

We must look where we would walk, and we must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being.

## SECTION 7

### The Bible

#### 25 | Genesis 17:1 *I am*

<sup>1</sup> I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

### Science and Health

#### 32 | 239:29–30

The perfect Mind sends forth perfection, for God is Mind.

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