

Thanksgiving

GOLDEN TEXT | I Chronicles 29:13 *our, 14 all*

. . . OUR GOD, WE THANK THEE, AND PRAISE THY GLORIOUS NAME.
. . . ALL THINGS COME OF THEE, AND OF THINE OWN HAVE WE GIVEN THEE.

RESPONSIVE READING | Malachi 3:10–12

II Corinthians 9:6–11 *this*

- 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.
- 11 **And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.**
- 12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.
- 6 . . . **this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.**
- 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.
- 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.

Section 1

The Bible

1 | Deuteronomy 15:6 (to :), 11 *Thou*

6 For the Lord thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee:

11 Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

2 | Deuteronomy 30:9 (to 1st :)

9 And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good:

3 | Ruth 2:1, 2 (to 1st .), 5, 6, 8, 10–12

1 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace.

5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this? 6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger? 11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. 12 The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

4 | Philippians 4:4, 6, 19 my

4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

19 my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Section 1
Science and Health

1 | 79:31-32

Giving does not impoverish us in the service of our Maker, neither does withholding enrich us.

Divine strength

2 | 58:7

Unselfish ambition, noble life-motives, and purity, — these constituents of thought, mingling, constitute individually and collectively true happiness, strength, and permanence.

3 | 436:11-12

Giving a cup of cold water in Christ's name, is a Christian service.

4 | 13:2

Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals. It is the open fount which cries, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."

5 | 516:12

Love, redolent with unselfishness, bathes all in beauty and light. The grass beneath our feet silently exclaims, "The meek shall inherit the earth." The modest arbutus sends her sweet breath to heaven. The great rock gives shadow and shelter. The

Love imparts beauty

18 sunlight glints from the church-dome, glances into the
 prison-cell, glides into the sick-chamber, brightens the
 flower, beautifies the landscape, blesses the earth. Man,
 made in His likeness, possesses and reflects God's domin-
 21 ion over all the earth. Man and woman as coexistent
 and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality,
 the infinite Father-Mother God.

6 | 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
comfort
 feeding the hungry and giving living waters to
 the thirsty.

*Section 2
The Bible*

5 | Romans 12:9 (to 1st .), 20 if (to ;)

9 Let love be without dissimulation.
 20 if thine enemy hunger, feed him;

6 | I Samuel 25:14–17 one (to :), 18, 23, 24 (to :), 28, 32, 33, 35

14 one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife,
 saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilder-
 ness to salute our master; and he railed on them. 15 But the
 men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither
 missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with
 them, when we were in the fields: 16 They were a wall unto
 us both by night and day, all the while we were with them

keeping the sheep. 17 Now therefore know and consider
 what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our
 master, and against all his household:

18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves,
 and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and
 five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of
 raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on
 asses.

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted
 off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed
 herself to the ground, 24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon
 me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be:

28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for
 the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house; because
 my lord fighteth the battles of the Lord, and evil hath not
 been found in thee all thy days.

32 And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the Lord God of
 Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: 33 And blessed
 be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this
 day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself
 with mine own hand.

35 So David received of her hand that which she had
 brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine
 house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted
 thy person.

7 | Psalms 118:1

1 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his
 mercy endureth for ever.

8 | Colossians 3:17

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

*Section 2
Science and Health*

7 | 454:18–22

18 Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way. Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action. Love is priestess at the altar of Truth.

8 | 570:14–18, 23

15 Millions of unprejudiced minds — simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert — are waiting and watching for rest and drink. Give them a cup of cold water in Christ’s name, and never fear the consequences.

Receptive hearts

24 Those ready for the blessing you impart will give thanks. The waters will be pacified, and Christ will command the wave.

9 | 3:22–24

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.

10 | 568:24–30

24 For victory over a single sin, we give thanks and magnify the Lord of Hosts. What shall we say of the mighty conquest over all sin? A louder song, sweeter than has ever before reached high heaven, now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ; for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her primal and everlasting strain.

Pæan of jubilee

*Section 3
The Bible*

9 | Luke 7:37–40 (to 1st .), 44, 46, 47 (to :)

37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, 38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. 40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee.

44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much:

10 | Psalms 26:6, 7

6 I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord: 7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

11 | Psalms 23:5 *thou anointest*

5 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

*Section 3
Science and Health*

11 | 8:14–18, 28–30, 32–1

15 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.”

30 We should examine ourselves and learn what is the affection and purpose of the heart, for in this way only can we learn what we honestly are.

Do we not

1 rather give thanks that we are “not as other men”?

12 | 9:5–11

The test of all prayer lies in the answer to these questions: Do we love our neighbor better because of this asking? Do we pursue the old selfishness, satisfied with having prayed for something better, though we give no evidence of the sincerity of our requests by living consistently with our prayer? Summit of aspiration

13 | 366:30–16

30 If we would open their prison doors for the sick, we must first learn to bind up the broken-hearted. If we would heal by the Spirit, we must not hide the talent of spiritual healing under the napkin of its form, nor bury the *morale* of Christian Science in the grave-clothes of its letter. The tender word and Christian encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience with his fears and the removal of them, are better than hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame with divine Love. Genuine healing

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

14 | 578:14 [LOVE]

[LOVE] anointeth my head with oil; my cup
15 runneth over.

*Section 4
The Bible*

12 | II Corinthians 2:14 thanks

14 thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

13 | John 11:1, 17, 41 And, 42 (to :), 43, 44

1 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

41 And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always:

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

14 | Colossians 2:6, 7

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

15 | II Corinthians 9:15

15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

*Section 4
Science and Health*

15 | 2:23 (only, to ?), 26–28 Shall

God is Love. Can we ask Him to be more?

Shall

God's
standard

27 we plead for more at the open fount, which is pouring forth more than we accept?

16 | 134:26–28

27 Jesus said: "I knew that Thou hearest me always;" and he raised Lazarus from the dead, stilled the tempest, healed the sick, walked on the water.

17 | 329:10–12 (to 1st .)

12 Be thankful that Jesus, who was the true demonstrator of Science, did these things, and left his example for us.

18 | 494:10–15

12 Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need. It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

15 The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love.

