

The Goodness of God



The Bible

Gen. 1:1, 31 (to 1st .)

- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. ...

Ps. 34:8 (to :), 10 they

- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: ...
 10 ... they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Ps. 100:5 (to For), 5 his

- 5 For ...
 5 ... his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Ex. 31:1 (to 1st), 18

- 1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, ...
 18 ¶ And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Ex. 32:15 (to :), 19, 20 (to 3rd), 26

- 15 ¶ And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: ...
 19 ¶ And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.
 20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, ...
 26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

Ex. 33:1, 2 (to ;), 3 (to 1st :), 11 (to 1st .), 12 (to 1st .), 13, 14, 17-19 for (to ;)

- 1 And the Lord said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I

- sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it:
 2 And I will send an angel before thee; ...
 3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: ...
 11 And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.
 ...
 12 ¶ And Moses said unto the Lord, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this
 people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. ...
 13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy
 way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that
 this nation is thy people.
 14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.
 17 ... for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.
 18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.
 19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim
 the name of the Lord before thee; ...

Ex. 34:1, 4 (to ;), 6, 10 Behold (to 3rd :), 28 3rd And

- 1 And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first:
 and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which
 thou brakest.
 4 ¶ And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; ...
 6 And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God,
 merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,
 10 ... Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as
 have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people
 among which thou art shall see the work of the Lord: ...
 28 ... And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten
 commandments.

Jer. 31:14 my

- 14 ... my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord.

Ezek. 34:26 there

- 26 ... there shall be showers of blessing.



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

SH 66:14

- Each suc-
 15 cessive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine
 goodness and love.

SH 286:16

In the Saxon and twenty other tongues *good* is the term

for God. The Scriptures declare all that He
 18 made to be good, like Himself, — good in
 Principle and in idea. Therefore the spiritual
 universe is good, and reflects God as He is.

Goodness
 a portion
 of God

SH 2:8–11

God is not moved by the breath of praise to do more
 9 than He has already done, nor can the infinite do less
 than bestow all good, since He is unchang-
 ing wisdom and Love.

Deity
 unchangeable

SH 103:15–16

15 The maximum
 of good is the infinite God and His idea, the All-in-all.

SH 515:22

All that
 God imparts moves in accord with Him, reflecting good-
 24 ness and power.

SH 63:5–6

In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beauti-
 6 ful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry.

SH 280:4–6

From Love and from the light and harmony
 which are the abode of Spirit, only reflections
 6 of good can come.

The things
 of God are
 beautiful

SH 13:2–3

Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and
 3 bestowals.

SH 518:19

Love giveth to the least spiritual idea
 might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through
 21 all as the blossom shines through the bud. All the varied
 expressions of God reflect health, holiness, immortality —
 infinite Life, Truth, and Love.

SH 215:12

12 Whatever is governed by God, is never for an
 instant deprived of the light and might of intelligence
 and Life.

SH 507:3–6

3 Spirit duly
 feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line
 of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the father-
 6 hood and motherhood of God.

SH 442:26–28 Jesus

... Jesus
 27 said, “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good
 pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

SH 576:21–23

21 This kingdom of God “is within you,” — is within
 reach of man's consciousness here, and the spiritual
 idea reveals it.

SH 2:23 (only, to ?), 26–28 Shall

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

Shall
 27 we plead for more at the open fount, which is pour-
 ing forth more than we accept?

God's
 standard

SH 260:13

Science reveals the possibility of achieving all good,
 and sets mortals at work to discover what God has already
 15 done; but distrust of one's ability to gain the goodness
 desired and to bring out better and higher results, often
 hampers the trial of one's wings and ensures failure at the
 18 outset.

SH 241:24–27

24 We
 should strive to reach the Horeb height where God is re-
 vealed; and the corner-stone of all spiritual building is
 27 purity.

SH 213:11

Every step towards goodness is a departure from materi-
 12 ality, and is a tendency towards God, Spirit. Material
 theories partially paralyze this attraction towards infinite
 and eternal good by an opposite attraction towards the
 15 finite, temporary, and discordant.

SH 261:4

Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these
 6 into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts.

SH 207:10–13

Evil is not
 supreme; good is not helpless; nor are the
 12 so-called laws of matter primary, and the law of Spirit secondary.

Subordination
of evil

SH 242:9

9 There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ
 in divine Science shows us this way. It is to know no
 other reality — to have no other conscious-
 12 ness of life — than good, God and His reflection,
 and to rise superior to the so-called pain and pleasure
 of the senses.

The one
only way

SH 519:12–16

Hu-
 12 man capacity is slow to discern and to grasp
 God's creation and the divine power and presence which
 go with it, demonstrating its spiritual origin. Mortals
 15 can never know the infinite, until they throw off the old
 man and reach the spiritual image and likeness.

Infinity
measureless

SH 130:26–2

If thought is startled at the strong claim of Science
 27 for the supremacy of God, or Truth, and doubts the supremacy
 of good, ought we not, contrariwise, to be astounded at the vigorous claims
 30 of evil and doubt them, and no longer think it natural to
 love sin and unnatural to forsake it, — no longer imagine
 evil to be ever-present and good absent? Truth should
 1 not seem so surprising and unnatural as error, and error
 should not seem so real as truth.

All evil
unnatural

SH 472:24 All

24 ... All reality is in God and His creation, harmonious and eternal. That which He creates is good,
 and He makes all that is made. Therefore
 27 the only reality of sin, sickness, or death is
 the awful fact that unrealities seem real to human, erring
 belief, until God strips off their disguise. They are not
 30 true, because they are not of God. We learn in Christian

Unrealities
that seem real

1 Science that all inharmony of mortal mind or body is illu-
 sion, possessing neither reality nor identity though seeming
 3 to be real and identical.

SH 109:32

The three great verities of Spirit, omnipotence, omni-
 1 presence, omniscience, — Spirit possessing all power,
 filling all space, constituting all Science, — contradict
 3 forever the belief that matter can be actual.
 These eternal verities reveal primeval exist-
 ence as the radiant reality of God's creation,
 6 in which all that He has made is pronounced by His wis-
 dom good.

God's
 allness
 learned

SH 72:21–23

21 God, good, being ever present, it follows in divine
 logic that evil, the suppositional opposite of good, is never
 present.

SH 201:9

9 Passions, selfishness,
 false appetites, hatred, fear, all sensuality, yield to spirit-
 uality, and the superabundance of being is on the side
 12 of God, good.

SH 407:24

24 Let the perfect model be
 present in your thoughts instead of its demoralized op-
 posite. This spiritualization of thought lets in the light,
 27 and brings the divine Mind, Life not death, into your
 consciousness.

Immortal
 memory

SH 332:9–11 Christ

9 Christ is the true idea
 voicing good, the divine message from God to men speak-
 ing to the human consciousness.

SH 210:11–16

Knowing that Soul and its attributes were forever
 12 manifested through man, the Master healed the sick,
 gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, feet to the
 lame, thus bringing to light the scientific action of the
 15 divine Mind on human minds and bodies and giving
 a better understanding of Soul and salvation.

SH 249:6-9

6 Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into
newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor
material power as able to destroy. Let us re-
9 joice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.”

Renewed
selfhood**SH 322:3-7**

3 When understanding changes the standpoints of life and
intelligence from a material to a spiritual basis, we shall
gain the reality of Life, the control of Soul over
6 sense, and we shall perceive Christianity, or
Truth, in its divine Principle.

Standpoints
changed**SH 307:26**

Man

27 was not created from a material basis, nor
bidden to obey material laws which Spirit never
made; his province is in spiritual statutes, in the higher
30 law of Mind.

Higher
statutes**SH 264:13-15**

As mortals gain more correct views of God and man,
multitudinous objects of creation, which before were
15 invisible, will become visible.

SH 584:4

The objects of time and sense disappear
in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind
6 measures time according to the good that is unfolded.
This unfolding is God's day, and “there shall be no night
there.”

SH 293:28

Christian Science

brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal har-
30 mony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness
of evil.



Hymns

#72 - Glory be to God on high

#593 - We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing

#330 - The King of Love my Shepherd is

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