



# Christian Science

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## GOLDEN TEXT

*Acts 7:33 the place*

... the place where thou standest is holy ground.

## RESPONSIVE READING

**Isaiah 6:3 Holy; 9:2 (to :), 6, 7 (to 1<sup>st</sup>.);**

**11:1, 2, 4 with (to :), 6, 9**

3 . . . Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

4 . . . with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth:

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

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.



1 | **Isaiah 40:28, 29**

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

2 | **Isaiah 51:3**

**B** For the Lord shall comfort **Zion**: he will comfort all her **waste** places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

3 | **Isaiah 54:13, 14**

And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

4 | **Isaiah 7:14**

**B** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

5 | **Matthew 2:1, 2, 10**

**B** Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came **wise men** from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

Bible Dive

Isaiah 51:3

The first mention of Zion is in the Old Testament, when King David and his army claimed the city of Jerusalem from a tribe called the Jebusites (II Samuel 5:7, 9). From then on, Jerusalem was often called either Zion or the "city of David."

Bible Dive

Isaiah 7:14

This prophecy was given over 700 years before Jesus was born!

1 | **139:8–9**

The Christian era was **ushered** in with signs and wonders.

2 | **95:23**

Led by a solitary star amid the darkness, the Magi of old **foretold** the Messiahship of Truth. Is the wise man of today believed, when he beholds the light which **heralds** Christ's eternal dawn and describes its **effulgence**?

3 | **vii:10**

The Wisemen were led to behold and to follow this daystar of divine Science, lighting the way to eternal harmony.

4 | **146:23**

Divine Science derives its **sanction** Christian Science as old as God from the Bible, and the divine origin of Science is demonstrated through the holy influence of Truth in healing sickness and sin. This healing power of Truth must have been far **anterior** to the period in which Jesus lived. It is as ancient as "the Ancient of days." It lives through all Life, and extends throughout all space.

5 | **107:1–3, 7**

In the year 1866, I discovered the Christian Science discovered Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and named my discovery Christian Science.

This **apodictical** Principle points Mission of Christian Science to the revelation of Immanuel, "God with us," — the sovereign ever-presence, delivering the children of men from every ill "that flesh is heir to." Through Christian Science, religion and medicine are inspired with a diviner nature and essence; fresh pinions are given to faith and understanding, and thoughts acquaint themselves intelligently with God.

6 | **109:24**

When a new spiritual idea is borne to earth, the prophetic Scripture of Isaiah is **renewedly** fulfilled: "Unto us a child is born, . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful."

Bible Dive

Matthew 2:1

The term "wise men" comes from the Hebrew word *magos*. It was a name given to those working in scientific fields, such as astronomy.



Matthew 2:1

## Word Studies

waste: destroyed; ruined  
 ushered: welcomed; escorted; led  
 foretold: prophesied; predicted  
 heralds: signals; announces; proclaims  
 effulgence: radiance; intense brightness; splendor  
 sanction: authorization; official approval; validity  
 anterior to: before; in front of  
 apodictical: clearly proven; self-evident  
 renewedly: again; once more



## The Bible

### 6 | Luke 1:26–28 *the angel*, 30–32 (to 1<sup>st</sup> :), 34, 35, 38 (to 1<sup>st</sup> .)

**B** *the angel Gabriel* was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the *house of David*; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, *Hail*, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name *Jesus*. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest:

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

And Mary said, Behold the *handmaid* of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

## Bible Dive

Luke 1:26

The angel Gabriel appears three times in the Bible: first to Daniel (Daniel 8:15–17; 9:21), then to Zacharias (Luke 1:19), and finally to Mary. The original Hebrew word *Gabriel* is often translated as “man of God” or “warrior of God.”



## Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

## Section 2

### 7 | 29:32–1

Jesus was the offspring of Mary's self-conscious *communion* with God.

### 8 | 29:14–26

Those instructed in Christian Science have reached the glorious perception that God is the only author of man. The Virgin-mother conceived this idea of God, and gave to her ideal the name of Jesus — that is, Joshua, or Saviour.

The illumination of Mary's spiritual sense put to silence material law and its order of *generation*, and brought forth her child by the revelation of Truth, demonstrating God as the Father of men. The Holy Ghost, or divine Spirit, overshadowed the pure sense of the Virgin-mother with the full recognition that being is Spirit.

### 9 | 546:23–26

Christian Science is dawning upon a material age. The great spiritual facts of being, like rays of light, shine in the darkness, though the darkness, comprehending them not, may deny their reality.



### 10 | 191:8

As a material, theoretical life-basis is found to be a *misapprehension* of existence, the spiritual and divine Principle of man dawns upon human thought, and leads it to “where the young child was,” — even to the birth of a new-old idea, to the spiritual sense of being and of what Life includes. Thus the whole earth will be transformed by Truth on its pinions of light, chasing away the darkness of error.



## Bible Dive

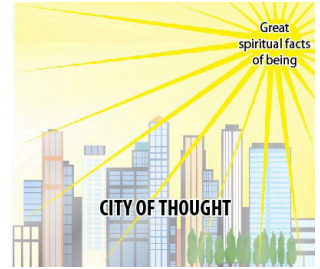
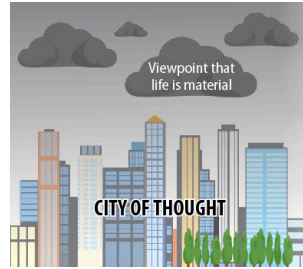
Luke 1:27

Prophecies given long before Jesus's birth described how the promised Messiah would be a descendant of David (see Isaiah 11:1–4 and Jeremiah 23:5). God had promised David that one of his offspring would fulfill a special role (II Samuel 7:12, 13). Many times in the Gospels, Jesus is called the "son of David."

## Bible Dive

Luke 1:28

"Hail" was a kind of greeting that meant "be well," "be glad," or even "rejoice."



## Word Studies

espoused: engaged; promised in marriage  
 handmaid: female servant that waits at hand  
 communion: quiet and thoughtful communication; friendship  
 generation: procreation; production  
 misapprehension: misunderstanding; wrong idea



## The Bible

### 7 | Isaiah 30:15 *thus (to :), 21*

thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In **returning** and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

### 8 | Matthew 1:18–21, 24, 25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then **Joseph** her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away **privily**. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had **bidden** him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.



## Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

## Section 3

### 11 | 174:9

The footsteps of thought, rising above material standpoints, are slow, and **portend** a long night to the traveller; but the angels of His presence — the spiritual intuitions that tell us when "the night is far spent, the day is at hand" — are our guardians in the gloom. Whoever opens the way in Christian Science is a pilgrim and stranger, marking out the path for generations yet unborn.

Rise of thought

### 12 | 299:11–15

Angels are God's representatives. These upward-soaring beings never lead towards self, sin, or materiality, but guide to the divine Principle of all good, whither every real individuality, image, or likeness of God, gathers.

### 13 | 332:9–11

Jesus was born of Mary. Christ is the true idea voicing good, the divine message from God to men speaking to the human consciousness.

### 14 | 224:22

A higher and more practical Christianity, demonstrating justice and meeting the needs of mortals in sickness and in health, stands at the door of this age, knocking for admission. Will you open or close the door upon this angel visitant, who cometh in the quiet of meekness, as he came of old to the **patriarch** at noonday?



15 | 14:6

To be “present with the Lord” is to have, not mere emotional ecstasy or faith, but the actual demonstration and understanding of Life as revealed in Christian Science. To be “with the Lord” is to be in obedience to the law of God, to be absolutely governed by divine Love, — by Spirit, not by matter.

16 | 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

Bible Dive

Matthew 1:20

It was certainly important for Joseph to obey this angel’s message! Joseph’s first thought was to “put [Mary] away privily” or, in other words, to divorce her privately (Deuteronomy 24:1).

Bible Dive

Matthew 1:21

The name Jesus comes from a Hebrew word (*yasha*) that means “salvation” or “saviour.”  
The name Joshua comes from the same word.

Word Studies

returning: turning or coming back (to God)  
privily: privately; secretly  
bidden: commanded; ordered  
portend: foreshadow; signal a future event  
patriarch: founding father of a family  
comprised: contained; included  
illimitable: limitless; boundless; infinite



9 | Zechariah 2:13 (to :)

Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord:

10 | Luke 2:8–20, 40

**B** And there were in the same country **shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night**. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were **sore** afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the **city of David** a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in **swaddling clothes**, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the **heavenly host** praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And **they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger**.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And the child grew, and **waxed** strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

Bible Dive

Luke 2:8

Shepherds led sheep to food and water each day and returned them to the fold every evening. This job wasn’t for the faint of heart—it required diligence and endurance! Sometimes searching for good pasture took the shepherd far from home, and he was always on guard against wild animals and thieves.



17 | 501:10–13

The **incarnation** of Truth, that **amplification** of wonder and glory which angels could only whisper and which God illustrated by light and harmony, is **consonant** with ever-present Love.

18 | 323:28–30, 32–2

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen as felt. It is the “still, small voice” of Truth uttering itself.

Childlike  
receptivity

Willingness to become as a little child and to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of the advanced idea.

19 | vii:2–10

The wakeful shepherd beholds the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the full radiance of a risen day. So shone the pale star to the prophet-shepherds; yet it **traversed** the night, and came where, in cradled **obscurity**, lay the Bethlehem babe, the human herald of Christ, Truth, who would make plain to benighted understanding the way of salvation through Christ Jesus, till across a night of error should dawn the morning beams and shine the guiding star of being.

20 | 98:31–2

The way through which immortality and life are learned is not **ecclesiastical** but Christian, not human but divine, not physical but metaphysical, not material but scientifically spiritual.

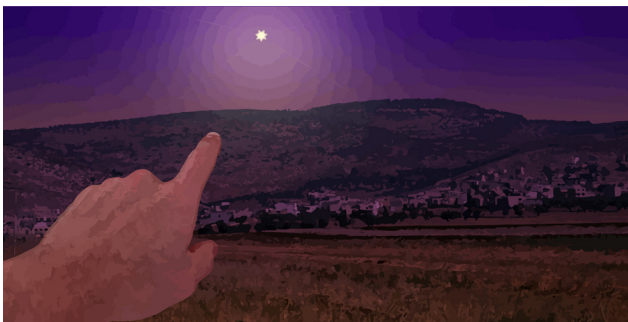
21 | 99:9–11

Truth has **furnished** the key to the kingdom, and with this key Christian Science has opened the door of the human understanding.

22 | 372:17–18

Christian Science and Christianity are one.

Veritable  
success



Bible Dive

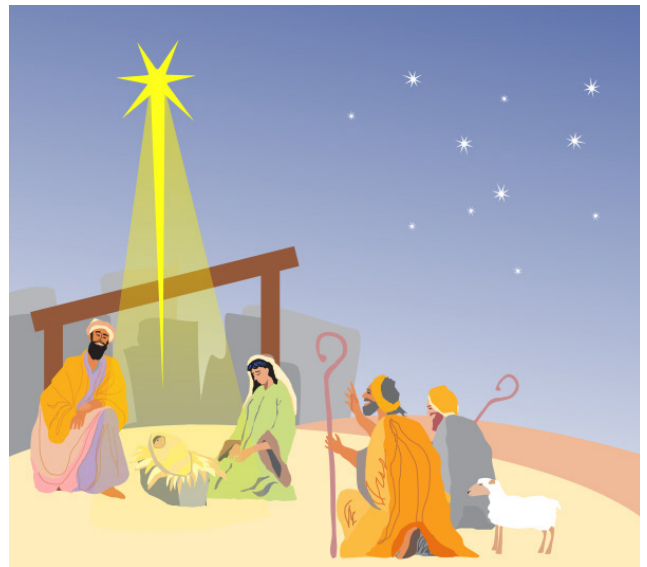
Luke 2:11

In the New Testament, “the city of David” refers to Bethlehem, where King David was born (I Samuel 17:12).

Bible Dive

Luke 2:12

Swaddling clothes are pieces of cloth used to wrap a baby.



Luke 2:16

Word Studies

sore: greatly

heavenly host: troops of angels

waxed: was made; became; grew

incarnation: embodiment; human form

amplification: enlargement; full or complete representation

consonant: in harmony or agreement; consistent

traversed: traveled across

obscurity: darkness; state of being unknown

ecclesiastical: relating to the organization or government of church

furnished: supplied; provided

11 | **Matthew 3:1–3, 13, 16, 17**

**B** In those days came **John the Baptist**, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet **Esaias**, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

12 | **Matthew 4:23**

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

13 | **Luke 5:12, 13**

And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and **besought** him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

**Bible Dive**

Matthew 3:1

John the Baptist and Jesus were relatives, and both were born following an angel visit to one of their parents. For John's story, read Luke 1:5–25.

**Bible Dive**

Matthew 3:3

Jesus wasn't the only one to have prophecies spoken of him! John the Baptist's work is linked to a prophecy given by Isaiah (also known as Esaias) in Isaiah 40:3.

23 | **xi:9–21**

The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation. Now, as then, these mighty works are not supernatural, but supremely natural. They are the sign of Immanuel, or "God with us," — a divine influence ever present in human consciousness and repeating itself, coming now as was promised aforetime,

To preach deliverance to the captives [of sense],  
And recovering of sight to the blind,  
To set at liberty them that are bruised.

24 | **46:7**

The divine Spirit, which identified Jesus thus centuries ago, has spoken through the inspired Word and will speak through it in every age and **clime**. It is revealed to the receptive heart, and is again seen casting out evil and healing the sick.

Spiritual  
interpretation

25 | **494:11**

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.

26 | **150:4–8**

To-day the healing power of Truth is widely demonstrated as an **immanent**, eternal Science, instead of a **phenomenal exhibition**. Its appearing is the coming anew of the gospel of "on earth peace, good-will toward men."

The main  
purpose

27 | **496:15**

Hold **perpetually** this thought, — that it is the spiritual idea, the Holy Ghost and Christ, which enables you to demonstrate, with scientific certainty, the rule of healing, based upon its divine Principle, Love, underlying, overlying, and encompassing all true being.

**Word Studies**

**besought**: begged  
**clime**: region; climate  
**immanent**: essential; abiding; enduring  
**phenomenal**: strange; remarkable; unusual  
**exhibition**: public show; display  
**perpetually**: constantly; continually

14 | **Isaiah 6:3 Holy**

**B** Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

15 | **John 12:44**

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

16 | **John 14:16, 17 (to 1<sup>st</sup> );, 26 the**

**B** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth;

the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

17 | **II Corinthians 9:8, 15**

**B** 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:

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

## Bible Dive

Isaiah 6:3

That's a lot of holies! The phrase "holy, holy, holy" is found only one other place in the Bible (Revelation 4:8). Check out Hymn 117 for another take on this phrase.

## Bible Dive

John 14:16

In the New Testament, the word "Comforter" appears only in the book of John. The "Comforter" (*parakletos* in Greek) also means "advocate." During a time of trial, an advocate stays by someone's side to offer aid, counsel, and defense.

## Bible Dive

II Corinthians 9:8

"Grace" comes from the Greek word *charis*, which can mean lovingkindness, thankfulness, supply, and that which brings joy and gratitude.

28 | **497:5**

We acknowledge and adore one supreme and infinite God. We acknowledge His Son, one Christ; the Holy Ghost or divine Comforter; and man in God's image and likeness.

29 | **55:15–16, 22–29**

Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries, gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning.

The time for the reappearing of the divine healing is throughout all time; and whosoever layeth his earthly all on the altar of divine Science, drinketh of Christ's cup now, and is **endued** with the spirit and power of Christian healing.

In the words of St. John: "He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever." This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science.

30 | **98:15**

Beyond the frail **premises** of human beliefs, above the loosening grasp of **creeds**, the demonstration of Christian Mind-healing stands a revealed and practical Science. It is **imperious** throughout all ages as Christ's revelation of Truth, of Life, and of Love, which remains **inviolable** for every man to understand and to practise.

Revelation  
of Science

31 | **262:5–7**

Christian Science takes **naught** from the perfection of God, but it **ascribes** to Him the entire glory.

32 | **264:28**

When we learn the way in Christian Science and recognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and understand God's creation, — all the glories of earth and heaven and man.

## Word Studies

**endued:** provided; endowed; gifted  
**premises:** propositions; assumptions; hypotheses  
**creeds:** summaries or formulas of religious beliefs  
**imperious:** commanding; powerful; dominant  
**inviolable:** unpolluted; unhurt; unchanged  
**naught:** nothing  
**ascribes:** credits; attributes; assigns

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