

The Bible

1. Judg. 6:11–16 *there*, 22, 23, 33, 34, 36–40; 7:1–22 Gideon (to :), 23; 8:13

- 11 ... there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide *it* from the Midianites.
- 12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour.
- 13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my LORD, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.
- 14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?
- 15 And he said unto him, Oh my LORD, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house.
- 16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.
- 22 And when Gideon perceived that he *was* an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.
- 23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace *be* unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.
- 33 ¶ Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.
- 34 But the spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him.
- 36 ¶ And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,
- 37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; *and* if the dew be on the fleece only, and *it be* dry upon all the earth *beside*, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.
- 38 And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.
- 39 And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.
- 40 And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.
- 1 ... Gideon, and all the people that *were* with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.
- 2 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.
- 3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two

thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

- 4 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people *are* yet *too* many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.
- 5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.
- 6 And the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.
- 7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place.
- 8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all *the rest of* Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.
- 9 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand.
- 10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host:
- 11 And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that *were* in the host.
- 12 And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.
- 13 And when Gideon was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.
- 14 And his fellow answered and said, This *is* nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: *for* into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.
- 15 ¶ And it was *so*, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.
- 16 And he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.
- 17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be *that*, as I do, so shall ye do.
- 18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, *The sword of the LORD*, and of Gideon.
- 19 ¶ So Gideon, and the hundred men that *were* with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that *were* in their hands.
- 20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.
- 21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

- 22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: ...
- 23 And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites.
- 13 ¶ And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun *was up*,



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

1. SH 139:4–9

From beginning to end, the Scriptures are full of accounts of the triumph of Spirit, Mind, over matter.

- 6 Moses proved the power of Mind by what men called miracles; so did Joshua, Elijah, and Elisha. The Christian era was ushered in with signs and
- 9 wonders.

Marvels and
reformations

2. SH 43:28–4

- The Science Jesus taught and lived must triumph over all material beliefs about life, substance, and intelligence, and the multitudinous errors growing from such beliefs.
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- Love must triumph over hate. Truth and Life must seal the victory over error and death, before the thorns can be laid aside for a crown, the benediction follow,
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- 3 “Well done, good and faithful servant,” and the supremacy of Spirit be demonstrated.

3. SH 231:30

- 30 Man, governed by his Maker, having no other Mind, — planted on the Evangelist's statement that “all things were made by Him [the Word of God]; and without Him was not anything made that was made,” — can triumph over sin, sickness, and death.
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4. SH 385:1–27

- 1 It is proverbial that Florence Nightingale and other philanthropists engaged in humane labors have been able to undergo without sinking fatigues and exposures which ordinary people could not endure. The explanation lies in the support which they derived from the divine law, rising above the human. The spiritual demand, quelling the material, supplies energy and endurance surpassing all other aids, and forestalls the penalty which our beliefs would attach to our best deeds. Let us remember that the eternal law of right,
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Benefit of
philanthropy

12 though it can never annul the law which makes sin its
own executioner, exempts man from all penalties but
those due for wrong-doing.

15 Constant toil, deprivations, exposures, and all untow-
ard conditions, *if without sin*, can be experienced with-
out suffering. Whatever it is your duty to do,

18 you can do without harm to yourself. If you
sprain the muscles or wound the flesh, your
remedy is at hand. Mind decides whether or not the
21 flesh shall be discolored, painful, swollen, and inflamed.

Honest toil
has no
penalty

You say that you have not slept well or have overeaten.
You are a law unto yourself. Saying this and believing
24 it, you will suffer in proportion to your belief
and fear. Your sufferings are not the penalty
for having broken a law of matter, for it is a law of mortal
27 mind which you have disobeyed.

Our sleep
and food

5. SH 427:26-12

Called to the bed of death, what material remedy has
27 man when all such remedies have failed? Spirit is his
last resort, but it should have been his first
and only resort. The dream of death must
30 be mastered by Mind here or hereafter. Thought
will waken from its own material declaration, "I am
dead," to catch this trumpet-word of Truth, "There
1 is no death, no inaction, diseased action, overaction, nor
reaction."

No death
nor inaction

3 Life is real, and death is the illusion. A demonstra-
tion of the facts of Soul in Jesus' way resolves the dark
visions of material sense into harmony and
6 immortality. Man's privilege at this supreme
moment is to prove the words of our Master: "If a man
keep my saying, he shall never see death." To divest
9 thought of false trusts and material evidences in order
that the spiritual facts of being may appear, — this is
the great attainment by means of which we shall sweep
12 away the false and give place to the true.

Vision
opening