



# God the Preserver of Man

**Golden Text**  
Psalms 36:7

**How precious is your unfailing love,  
O God!  
All humanity finds shelter  
in the shadow of your wings.**

## Responsive Reading

Deuteronomy 33:12 *The*, 27 (to :); Psalms 40:1–3 (to :), 8, 11 *let*; 61:3, 4

<sup>12</sup> . . . The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

<sup>27</sup> **The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms:**

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. <sup>2</sup> **He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.** <sup>3</sup> And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:

<sup>8</sup> **I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.**

<sup>11</sup> . . . let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

<sup>3</sup> **For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.** <sup>4</sup> I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

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1 | Psalms 145:9, 20 (to :)

9 The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.  
20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him:

2 | Deuteronomy 32:9-12

9 For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. 10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. 11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: 12 So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

3 | Romans 8:14, 16

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.  
16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

4 | Isaiah 43:1 now, 2, 10 (to 2<sup>nd</sup> :)

1 now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. 2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he:

5 | Exodus 19:4 I bare

4 I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

1 | vii:1-2

1 To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings.

2 | 336:25-26, 28

God, the divine Principle of man, and man in God's likeness are inseparable, harmonious, and eternal.

30 and man are not the same, but in the order of divine Science, God and man coexist and are eternal. God is the parent Mind, and man is God's spiritual offspring.

3 | 303:25-30

27 God, without the image and likeness of Himself, would be a nonentity, or Mind unexpressed. He would be without a witness or proof of His own nature. Spiritual man is the image or idea of God, an idea which cannot be lost nor separated from its divine Principle.

4 | 566:1-9

1 As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides of human fear, — as they were led through the wilderness, walking wearily through the great desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised joy, — so shall the spiritual idea guide all right desires in their passage from sense to Soul, from a material sense of existence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for them who love God.

5 | 512:8-9

9 Spirit is symbolized by strength, presence, and power, and also by holy thoughts, winged with Love.

6 | 283:1

1 As mortals begin to understand Spirit, they give up the belief that there is any true existence apart from God.



## FLUTTERING IS SOMETHING YOU

might normally think of smaller birds doing, rather than eagles, but the Hebrew word used here, *rachaph*, also means "to brood" or "to attentively watch and hover over something." Since eagles are such large birds, this type of care would be powerful as well as tender.



**WORD HIGHLIGHTS**  
**sustaining:** upholding; maintaining; supporting  
**nonentity:** thing without existence  
**ebbing:** flowing back; declining



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Deuteronomy 32:11, 12



10 But I have witnesses, O Israel, says the Lord! You are my witnesses and my servants, chosen to know and to believe me and to understand that I alone am God. . . .

Isaiah 43:10—Living Bible



6 | Psalms 63:1, 3, 7 thou

1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

7 thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

7 | Psalms 146:5, 9 (to :)

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

9 The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow:

8 | I Kings 18:46 (to :)

46 And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah;

9 | I Kings 17:8–16

8 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. 12 And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. 14 For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. 16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

10 | Ruth 2:12

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.

7 | 530:5–6

In divine Science, man is sustained by God, the divine Principle of being.

8 | 494:10–11

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need.

9 | 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."

10 | 518:13–21

God gives the lesser idea of Himself for a link to the greater, and in return, the higher always protects the lower. The rich in spirit help the poor in one grand brotherhood, all having the same Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another's good. Love giveth to the least spiritual idea might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through all as the blossom shines through the bud.

11 | 62:22

The divine Mind, which forms the bud and blossom, will care for the human body, even as it clothes the lily; but let no mortal interfere with God's government by thrusting in the laws of erring, human concepts.

12 | 96:15–18, 27

The breaking up of material beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want and woe, sin, sickness, and death, which assume new phases until their nothingness appears.

As material knowledge diminishes and spiritual understanding increases, real objects will be apprehended mentally instead of materially.

13 | 390:4–9

We cannot deny that Life is self-sustained, and we should never deny the everlasting harmony of Soul, simply because, to the mortal senses, there is seeming discord. It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony.



## ZAREPHATH WAS A CITY NORTH

of Israel on the Mediterranean coast. Its people were not Israelites, and they worshipped other gods, so Elijah's going there for help would have been very unusual. Jesus referenced this story in Luke 4:24–26. To see Zarephath's and Zidon's locations, check out the map in Section 5.



**meal:** flour  
**cruse:** jar; jug  
**dress:** (biblical) make; prepare  
**bestowals:** gifts

11 | Psalms 140:1, 2

1 Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man; 2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war.

12 | Psalms 55:6 I said, 9–11 I have, 16



6 I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.  
9 I have seen violence and strife in the city. 10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.  
11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.  
16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.

13 | II Samuel 22:2 The, 3



2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; 3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

14 | Proverbs 1:17

17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

15 | Proverbs 21:31 safety

31 safety is of the Lord.

14 | 232:7

Security for the claims of harmonious and eternal being is found only in divine Science.

15 | 94:14

15 Tyranny, intolerance, and bloodshed, wherever found, arise from the belief that the infinite is formed after the pattern of mortal personality, passion, and impulse.

16 | 403:14–16

15 You command the situation if you understand that mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the truth of being.

17 | 287:24

24 The supposition that life, substance, and intelligence are *in* matter, or *of* it, is an error. Error unveiled  
27 **objective** supposition of Spirit's opposite. The five material senses testify to truth and error as united in a mind both good and evil. Their false evidence will finally  
30 yield to Truth, — to the recognition of Spirit and of the spiritual creation.

18 | 454:5

The understanding,  
6 even in a degree, of the divine All-power destroys fear, and plants the feet in the true path, Impotence of hate  
— the path which leads to the house built without hands  
9 "eternal in the heavens." Human hate has no legitimate **mandate** and no kingdom. Love is enthroned. That evil or matter has neither intelligence nor power,  
12 is the doctrine of absolute Christian Science, and this is the great truth which strips all disguise from error.



### DOVES ARE KNOWN FOR

their peacefulness, affection, and beauty, and especially in Bible times for their speed. The first mention of a dove in the Bible occurs when Noah was trying to find out if the flood was over (see Genesis 8:8–13).



### YOU PROBABLY RECOGNIZE

shields and towers as protective symbols. So why is a horn listed here too? Horns were used to alert people to the presence of an enemy and also to announce when a battle had been won. Because of this, they became symbols for strength and victory.

This type of horn, called a *shofar*, was a musical instrument used for Jewish religious purposes. It was made from an animal horn, like that of a ram or antelope.



**guile:** trickery; fraud  
**objective:** outward; external; observable  
**mandate:** authorization to act; official command or order

## NOTES

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16 | Malachi 3:1

1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the **covenant**, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

17 | Malachi 4:2 unto (to ;)



2 unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;

18 | Matthew 4:23

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.

19 | Matthew 9:18 there, 19, 23-25

18 there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. 19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.



23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, 24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. 25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.



2 . . . for you who obey me, my saving power will rise on you like the sun and bring healing like the sun's rays. . . .  
Malachi 4:2—Good News Translation



**IN BIBLE TIMES,** people who could afford it would hire "minstrels" (musicians) to play music when a family member had died. This announced the news to neighbors, who would then join the family in public mourning.

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19 | 31:14-17

15 It is the living Christ, the practical Truth, which makes Jesus "the resurrection and the life" to all who follow him in deed. Healing primary



20 | 494:15-19 Jesus

15 demonstrated the inability of **corporeality**, as well as the infinite ability of Spirit, thus helping erring human sense to flee from its own convictions and seek safety in divine Science. Reason and Science

21 | 369:16

Jesus never asked if disease were **acute** or **chronic**, and he never recommended attention to laws of health, never gave drugs, never prayed to know if God were willing that a man should live. He understood man, whose Life is God, to be immortal, and knew that man has not two lives, one to be destroyed and the other to be made indestructible. The Christ treatment

22 | 427:13-16, 21-23

Death is but another phase of the dream that existence can be material. Nothing can interfere with the harmony of being nor end the existence of man in Science. Mortality vanquished

21 The great difficulty lies in ignorance of what God is. God, Life, Truth, and Love make man undying.

23 | 428:30-6

30 The author has healed hopeless **organic** disease, and raised the dying to life and health through the understanding of God as the only Life. It is a sin to believe that **ought** can overpower omnipotent and eternal Life, and this Life must be brought to light by the understanding that there is no death, as well as by other graces of Spirit. We must begin, however, with the more simple demonstrations of control, and the sooner we begin the better. Careful guidance



Jesus spoke these words just before he raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:25).



**covenant:** alliance; pledge; promise (of God)  
**corporeality:** material or bodily existence  
**acute:** sharp and sudden  
**chronic:** long-standing  
**organic:** of or related to a bodily organ  
**ought:** anything



20 | Psalms 57:1

24 | 387:27

1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

21 | Acts 27:1, 2 (to :), 20–24, 41–44



1 And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a **centurion** of Augustus' **band**.  
2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia;

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away. 21 But after long **abstinence** Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. 22 And now I **exhort** you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, 24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Cæsar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. 42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. 43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: 44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

- 27 The history of Christianity furnishes **sublime** proofs of the supporting influence and protecting power bestowed on man by his heavenly Father, omnipotent
- 30 Mind, who gives man faith and understanding whereby to defend himself, not only from temptation, but from bodily suffering. Christian history

25 | 67:4–11

When the ocean is stirred by a storm, then the clouds **lower**, the wind shrieks through the tightened **shrouds**,

- 6 and the waves lift themselves into mountains. Weathering the storm  
We ask the helmsman: "Do you know your course? Can you steer safely amid the storm?" He  
9 answers bravely, but even the dauntless seaman is not sure of his safety; nautical science is not equal to the Science of Mind.

26 | 424:5

Accidents are unknown to God, or immortal Mind,

- 6 and we must leave the mortal basis of belief and unite with the one Mind, in order to change the notion of chance to the proper sense Accidents unknown to God  
9 of God's unerring direction and thus bring out harmony.

27 | 174:9–14

- 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 Rise of thought  
12 intuitions that tell us when "the night is far spent, the day is at hand" — are our guardians in the gloom.

28 | 288:14

- The  
15 lightnings and thunderbolts of error may burst and flash till the cloud is cleared and the tumult dies away in the distance. Then the raindrops of divinity refresh the  
18 earth. As St. Paul says: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (of Spirit).



## WHY WAS PAUL A PRISONER?

Well, a few years before this shipwreck, Paul was almost killed by a mob of Jews who were angry about his teachings and work with Gentiles, or people who weren't Jewish (see Acts 21:27–36). A Roman officer rescued Paul, but then arrested him for causing such a commotion. Paul was eventually sent to Rome for trial because he claimed Roman citizenship, and the shipwreck occurred during the trip there. Many more of Paul's experiences as a Christian missionary are documented in the book of Acts.



**centurion:** Roman commanding officer of one hundred soldiers  
**band:** company of soldiers

**abstinence:** fasting

**exhort:** recommend a different course; advise

**sublime:** elevated; lofty; grand

**lower:** (rhymes with "flower") appear dark, gloomy, or threatening

**shrouds:** ropes supporting a ship's mast



22 | Psalms 91:1, 4 (to :)

29 | 444:10



1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust:

Refuge and strength

Step by

12 step will those who trust Him find that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."



30 | 323:9

A bright outlook

9 Beholding the infinite tasks of truth, we pause, — wait on God. Then we push onward, until boundless thought walks enraptured, and conception unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory.



In an article titled "Heart to Heart," Mary Baker Eddy quotes this passage and says

that the word feathers presents one of the "sweetest similes" in the Bible. You can find her statement in *Miscellaneous Writings 1883-1896*, p. 263:5.



This quotation is from Psalms 46:1.



**enraptured:** delighted beyond measure  
**unconfined:** free from restraint; having no limits

# NOTES



# A glimpse of God's preservation

**I HAD AN INSTANTANEOUS HEALING ONE WEEK-**end when I was living in France a couple of years ago. One Sunday morning I woke up bright and early to play in a match with the soccer team I had been a part of for several months. Although I was on friendly terms with the girls I was playing with, we were able only to smile and greet each other because we didn't speak the same language.

Until this time I had only practiced with the team. But the team members asked if I might join them for their last game, and I gladly accepted. I had a fun and hardworking first half, playing in a forward position. During halftime, while sitting with my teammates in a locker room, though, I suddenly felt extremely ill. My stomach and throat became uncomfortable, and I felt as if I might throw up.

## All I needed was a clear glimpse of Truth—to know that water, food, and muscles do not sustain me.

I was surrounded by people I couldn't communicate with in words. I wasn't able to call a friend or family member for support, nor did I have a Bible or *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy, the Christian Science textbook, to turn to. I was also afraid that if my teammates thought I was ill, I would be unable to pray for myself in the midst of so many strangers. I felt alone and stuck, and I wasn't sure what to do.

That's when I closed my eyes and asked God what I should be thinking about. My thought immediately turned to that week's Bible Lesson subject from the *Christian Science Quarterly*, "God the Preserver of Man." I really let those words sink in. I thought about them slowly and gently, remembering that God preserved my being, and that nothing else did. Water did not preserve me; food did not preserve me; muscles did not preserve me. Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer of Christian Science, writes, "God, Spirit, is indeed the preserver of man" (*Christian Science versus Pantheism*, p. 4).

I knew the story of Joseph from the Bible, which was in the Lesson that week. I thought about how Joseph must have felt when his half-brothers threw him in a pit, conspired to kill him, and later sold him into slavery. They must have believed that because Joseph had no food, money, or clothing, he was completely helpless. But even though Joseph was stripped of his colorful coat and had no water or food, "the Lord was with Joseph" (Genesis 39:2). Joseph must have caught some glimpse of this. He was saved from homicide and was brought to Egypt, where he later did wonderful things—including saving his brothers and many others from starvation during a famine.

The story of Joseph touched me profoundly. I realized that even in a locker room in another country, surrounded by those who thought and acted differently from me, I was not alone or helpless, but had God, my Father, preserving me. Like Joseph, all I needed was a clear glimpse of Truth—to know that water, food, and muscles do not sustain me. God does.

The illness immediately left me, in less than a moment. I felt a sense of lightness within me, and my body became completely functional. I was aware of God's presence and power right where I was. I told a teammate I was doing great, and bounded off with her to the field. The second half of the game went well, and I was not troubled at all by illness. I was completely healed!

I love this line by Mrs. Eddy in *Science and Health*: "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" (p. 14).

What a lovely promise! A single moment of spiritual clarity about God's preserving power surely does bring healing.

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