

## **Adversity Overcome!**

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### **The Bible**

**Ex 15:2,22-27**

2 The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

23 ¶ And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,

26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.

27 ¶ And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

**Ex 16:1-7,9,13-15,17,18,31**

1 And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 ¶ Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the Lord hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:

7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord; for that he heareth your murmurings against the Lord: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?

9 ¶ And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the Lord: for he hath heard your murmurings.

13 And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.

14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.

15 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat.

17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.

18 And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.

31 And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

### 1 Kings 17:1-24

1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

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

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

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.

17 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.  
18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?  
19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.  
20 And he cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?  
21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.  
22 And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.  
23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.  
24 ¶ And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth.

Ps 139:1-14,17,18,23,24

1 O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.  
2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.  
3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.  
4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.  
5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.  
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.  
7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?  
8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.  
9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;  
10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.  
11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.  
12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.  
13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.  
14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!  
18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:  
24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Luke 8:40-48

40 And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.  
41 ¶ And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house:

42 For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a-dying. But as he went the people thronged him.

43 ¶ And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,

44 Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd.

45 And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.

47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

#### Luke 11:5-10

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

#### Ps 98:1-3

1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

2 The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

### Science & Health, with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy

597:16 (to 1st .), 16 *Spontaneity*

#### WILDERNESS.

18 Spon-  
taneity of thought and idea; the vestibule in which a  
material sense of things disappears, and spiritual sense  
unfolds the great facts of existence.

133:8

In Egypt, it was Mind which saved the Israelites from  
9 belief in the plagues. In the wilderness, streams flowed  
from the rock, and manna fell from the sky. The Israelites  
looked upon the brazen serpent, and straightway believed  
12 that they were healed of the poisonous stings of vipers.  
In national prosperity, miracles attended the successes of  
the Hebrews; but when they departed from the true  
15 idea, their demoralization began. Even in captivity  
among foreign nations, the divine Principle wrought  
wonders for the people of God in the fiery furnace and  
18 in kings' palaces.

135:17

There is to-day danger of repeating  
18 the offence of the Jews by limiting the Holy One of Israel  
and asking: "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?"  
What cannot God do?

7:23

God is not influenced by man. The "di-  
24 vine ear" is not an auditory nerve. It is the all-hearing  
and all-knowing Mind, to whom each need of man is  
always known and by whom it will be supplied.

39:8

We must have trials and self-denials, as well as  
9 joys and victories, until all error is destroyed.

66:6

6 Trials teach mortals not to lean on a material staff, —  
a broken reed, which pierces the heart. We do not  
half remember this in the sunshine of joy  
9 and prosperity. Sorrow is salutary. Through  
great tribulation we enter the kingdom. Trials are  
proofs of God's care. Spiritual development germi-  
12 nates not from seed sown in the soil of material hopes,  
but when these decay, Love propagates anew the higher  
joys of Spirit, which have no taint of earth. Each suc-  
15 cessive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine  
goodness and love.

Salutary  
sorrow

477:6-7

6 Man is not a material habitation for Soul; he is himself  
spiritual.

206:19-31

21 Does God send sickness, giving the mother her child  
 for the brief space of a few years and then taking it away  
 by death? Is God creating anew what He  
 has already created? The Scriptures are defi-  
 nite on this point, declaring that His work was *finished*,  
 24 nothing is new to God, and that it was *good*.

Can there be any birth or death for man, the spiritual  
 image and likeness of God? Instead of God sending  
 27 sickness and death, He destroys them, and brings to light  
 immortality. Omnipotent and infinite Mind made all  
 and includes all. This Mind does not make mistakes  
 30 and subsequently correct them. God does not cause man  
 to sin, to be sick, or to die.

Birth and  
death unreal

323:13-16

In order to apprehend more, we must put into prac-  
 tice what we already know. We must recollect that  
 15 Truth is demonstrable when understood, and  
 that good is not understood until demonstrated.

Need and  
supply

206:15

15 In the scientific relation of God to man, we find that  
 whatever blesses one blesses all, as Jesus showed with  
 the loaves and the fishes, — Spirit, not matter, being the  
 18 source of supply.

322:26-12

The sharp experiences of belief in the supposititious life  
 27 of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless  
 woes, turn us like tired children to the arms  
 of divine Love. Then we begin to learn Life  
 30 in divine Science. Without this process of weaning,  
 "Canst thou by searching find out God?" It is easier  
 to desire Truth than to rid one's self of error. Mortals  
 1 may seek the understanding of Christian Science, but they  
 will not be able to glean from Christian Science the facts  
 3 of being without striving for them. This strife consists  
 in the endeavor to forsake error of every kind and to pos-  
 sess no other consciousness but good.

Uses of  
suffering

6 Through the wholesome chastisements of Love, we  
 are helped onward in the march towards righteousness,  
 peace, and purity, which are the landmarks  
 9 of Science. Beholding the infinite tasks of  
 truth, we pause, — wait on God. Then we push onward,  
 until boundless thought walks enraptured, and concep-  
 12 tion unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory.

A bright  
outlook

566:1

1 As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly  
through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides  
3 of human fear, — as they were led through the                   Spiritual  
wilderness, walking wearily through the great                   guidance  
desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised  
6 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  
9 them who love God. Stately Science pauses not, but  
moves before them, a pillar of cloud by day and of fire  
by night, leading to divine heights.

## Hymns

Hymn 46:0-3

### Hymn 46, 47

Josiah Conder\*

MANNA

Arr. from Louis M. Gottschalk

NOTTINGHAM

Attrib. to W. A. Mozart

Day by day the manna fell:  
O, to learn this lesson well.  
Still by constant mercy fed,  
Give me, Lord, my daily bread.

Day by day the promise reads,  
Daily strength for daily needs:  
Cast foreboding fears away;  
Take the manna of today.

Lord, my times are in Thy hand:  
All my sanguine hopes have planned,  
To Thy wisdom I resign,  
And would mold my will to Thine.

Hymn 440

Hymn 80:0-3

**Hymn 80**

James Montgomery\*

EISENACH

Johann H. Schein

God is our refuge and defense,  
In trouble our unfailing aid;  
Secure in His omnipotence,  
What foe can make our heart afraid?

There is a river pure and bright,  
Whose streams make glad the heavenly plains;  
Where, in eternity of light,  
The city of our God remains.

Built by the word of His command,  
With His unclouded presence blest,  
Firm as His throne the bulwarks stand;  
There is our home, our hope, our rest.