

# July 8th: Wait on the Lord: be of good courage (Ps. 27:14)

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## The Bible

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### 1. Deut. 31:6

- 6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

### 2. I Sam. 17:33, 37–42, 44, 45, 47–50

- 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.
- 37 David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.
- 38 ¶ And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.
- 39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved *it*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them*. And David put them off him.
- 40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.
- 41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield *went* before him.
- 42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.
- 44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.
- 45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.
- 47 And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.
- 48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.
- 49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in the hand of David.

### 3. Josh. 1:9

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

### 4. Acts 9:10–20

10 ¶ And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.

11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

### 5. Isa. 41:6

6 They helped every one his neighbour; and *every one* said to his brother, Be of good courage.

### 6. Eph. 6:10–17

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of

the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

## 7. Ps. 27:14

14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

## Science & Health

### 1. SH 28:32

There is too much animal courage in society and not  
1 sufficient moral courage. Christians must take up arms  
against error at home and abroad. They must grapple  
3 with sin in themselves and in others, and  
continue this warfare until they have finished  
their course. If they keep the faith, they will have the  
6 crown of rejoicing.

Christian  
warfare

### 2. SH 339:7 Since

... Since God is All, there is no room for His  
unlikeness. God, Spirit, alone created all, and called it  
9 good. Therefore evil, being contrary to good,  
is unreal, and cannot be the product of God.  
A sinner can receive no encouragement from the fact that  
12 Science demonstrates the unreality of evil, for the sinner  
would make a reality of sin, — would make that real  
which is unreal, and thus heap up “wrath against the  
15 day of wrath.” He is joining in a conspiracy against  
himself, — against his own awakening to the awful un-  
reality by which he has been deceived. Only those, who  
18 repent of sin and forsake the unreal, can fully understand  
the unreality of evil.

Evil not pro-  
duced by God

### 3. SH 327:22

Fear of punishment never made man truly honest.  
Moral courage is requisite to meet the wrong and to  
24 proclaim the right. But how shall we re-  
form the man who has more animal than  
moral courage, and who has not the true idea of good?  
27 Through human consciousness, convince the mortal of  
his mistake in seeking material means for gaining hap-  
piness. Reason is the most active human faculty. Let

Moral  
courage

30 that inform the sentiments and awaken the man's dor-  
mant sense of moral obligation, and by degrees he will  
learn the nothingness of the pleasures of human sense  
1 and the grandeur and bliss of a spiritual sense, which  
silences the material or corporeal. Then he not only will  
3 be saved, but *is* saved.

#### 4. SH 404:19

This con-  
viction, that there is no real pleasure in sin,  
21 is one of the most important points in the theology of  
Christian Science. Arouse the sinner to this new and  
true view of sin, show him that sin confers no pleasure,  
24 and this knowledge strengthens his moral courage and  
increases his ability to master evil and to love good.

Temperance  
reform

#### 5. SH 57:4–10

Union of the masculine and feminine qualities consti-  
tutes completeness. The masculine mind reaches a  
6 higher tone through certain elements of the  
feminine, while the feminine mind gains cour-  
age and strength through masculine qualities. These  
9 different elements conjoin naturally with each other, and  
their true harmony is in spiritual oneness.

Mental  
elements

#### 6. SH 366:30

30 If we would open their prison doors for the sick, we  
must first learn to bind up the broken-hearted. If we  
would heal by the Spirit, we must not hide the talent  
1 of spiritual healing under the napkin of its form, nor  
bury the *morale* of Christian Science in the grave-clothes  
3 of its letter. The tender word and Christian  
encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience  
with his fears and the removal of them, are better than  
6 hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed  
speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so  
many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame  
9 with divine Love.

Genuine  
healing

#### 7. SH 417:3–16

3 Give sick people credit for sometimes knowing more  
than their doctors. Always support their trust in the  
power of Mind to sustain the body. Never

6 tell the sick that they have more courage  
than strength. Tell them rather, that their strength  
is in proportion to their courage. If you make the sick  
9 realize this great truism, there will be no reaction from  
over-exertion or from excited conditions. Maintain  
the facts of Christian Science, — that Spirit is God, and  
12 therefore cannot be sick; that what is termed matter  
cannot be sick; that all causation is Mind, acting  
through spiritual law. Then hold your ground with  
15 the unshaken understanding of Truth and Love, and  
you will win.

### 8. SH 423:15

15 The matter-physician deals with matter as both his foe  
and his remedy. He regards the ailment as weakened or  
strengthened according to the evidence which  
18 matter presents. The metaphysician, making  
Mind his basis of operation irrespective of matter and  
regarding the truth and harmony of being as superior to  
21 error and discord, has rendered himself strong, instead  
of weak, to cope with the case; and he proportionately  
strengthens his patient with the stimulus of courage and  
24 conscious power. Both Science and consciousness are  
now at work in the economy of being according to the law  
of Mind, which ultimately asserts its absolute supremacy.

### 9. SH 592:11

**MOSES.** A corporeal mortal; moral courage; a type  
12 of moral law and the demonstration thereof; the proof  
that, without the gospel, — the union of justice and affec-  
tion, — there is something spiritually lacking, since justice  
15 demands penalties under the law.

### 10. SH 97:22

It  
requires courage to utter truth; for the higher Truth  
24 lifts her voice, the louder will error scream, until its in-  
articulate sound is forever silenced in oblivion.

### 1. Hymn. 583:4

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage.  
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Whom shall I fear?

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**2. Hymn. 77:2**

Place on the Lord reliance;  
My heart, with courage wait;  
His truth be thine affiance,  
When faint and desolate:  
His might thy heart shall strengthen,  
His love thy joy increase;  
Thy day shall mercy lengthen:  
The Lord will give thee peace.

**3. Hymn. 139:3**

Come, walk with Love along the way,  
Let childlike trust be yours today;  
Uplift your thought, with courage go,  
Give of your heart's rich overflow,  
And peace shall crown your joy-filled day.  
Come, walk with Love along the way.