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TOPIC: What can small things do?

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THE BIBLE (King James)

Isa. 60:22

22A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

Eccl. 9:14, 15, 16 (to :), 17, 18 (to :)

14There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it:

15Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

16Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength:

17The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.

18Wisdom is better than weapons of war:

I Sam. 17:2-11 (The New Living Bible)

1The Philistines now mustered their army for battle ... and...

2Saul countered by gathering his troops near the valley of Elah.

3So the Philistines and Israelites faced each other on opposite hills, with the valley between them.

4Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was a giant of a man, measuring over nine feet tall!

5He wore a bronze helmet and a coat of mail that weighed 125 pounds.

6He also wore bronze leggings, and he slung a bronze javelin over his back.

7The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed fifteen pounds. An armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a huge shield.

8Goliath stood and shouted across to the Israelites, "Do you need a whole army to settle this? Choose someone to fight for you, and I will represent the Philistines. We will settle this dispute in single combat!

9If your man is able to kill me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves!

10I defy the armies of Israel! Send me a man who will fight with me!"

11When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.

16For forty days, twice a day, morning and evening, the Philistine giant strutted in front of the Israelite army.

24As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright.

25"Have you seen the giant?" the men were asking. "He comes out each day to challenge Israel. And have you heard about the huge reward the king has offered to anyone who kills him? The king will give him one of his daughters for a wife, and his whole family will be exempted from paying taxes!"

26David talked to some others standing there to verify the report... "Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?"

28But when David's oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. "What are you doing around here anyway?" he demanded. "What about those few sheep you're supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and dishonesty. You just want to see the battle!"

29"What have I done now?" David replied. "I was only asking a question!"

31... (then) the king sent for him.

32"Don't worry about a thing," David told Saul. "I'll go fight this Philistine!"

33"Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There is no way you can go against this Philistine. You are only a boy, and he has been in the army since he was a boy!"

34But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock,
35I go after it with a club and take the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw ...
36I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God!
37The LORD who saved me from the claws of the lion and the bear will save me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the LORD be with you!"
40(David) picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them in his shepherd's bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd's staff and sling, he started across to fight Goliath.
41Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him,
42sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy.
43"Am I a dog," he roared at David, "that you come at me with a stick?" And he cursed David by the names of his gods.
44"Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!" Goliath yelled.
45David shouted in reply, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD Almighty -- the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.
46Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!
47And everyone will know that the LORD does not need weapons to rescue his people. It is his battle, not ours. The LORD will give you to us!"
48As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him.
49Reaching into his shepherd's bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it from his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face downward to the ground.
50So David triumphed over the Philistine giant with only a stone and sling
And since he had no sword,
51he ran over and pulled Goliath's sword from its sheath. David used it to kill the giant and cut off his head. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they turned and ran.
52Then the Israelites gave a great shout of triumph and rushed after the Philistines, chasing them
Zech. 4:10 (to 1st ,) King James
1... who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice,
Prov. 16:8
8Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.
Isa. 60:22
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SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES

By Mary Baker Eddy

SH 449:2-6

A little leaven causes the whole mass to ferment. A grain of Christian Science does wonders for mortals, so omnipotent is Truth, but more of Christian Science must be gained in order to continue in well doing.

SH 167:6-14

We apprehend Life in divine Science only as we live above corporeal sense and correct it. Our proportionate admission of the claims of good or of evil determines the harmony of our existence, — our health, our longevity, and our Christianity. We cannot serve two masters nor perceive divine Science with the material senses. Drugs and hygiene cannot successfully usurp the place and power of the divine source of all health and perfection.

SH 168:4-14

If the scales are evenly adjusted, the removal of a single weight from either scale gives preponderance to the opposite. Whatever influence you cast on the side of matter, you take away from Mind, which would otherwise outweigh all else. Your belief militates against your

health, when it ought to be enlisted on the side of health. When sick (according to belief) you rush after drugs, search out the material so-called laws of health, and depend upon them to heal you, though you have already brought yourself into the slough of disease through just this false belief.

SH 252:7-8

When false human beliefs learn even a little of their own falsity, they begin to disappear.

SH 21:9-14

If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striving to enter in. He constantly turns away from material sense, and looks towards the imperishable things of Spirit. If honest, he will be in earnest from the start, and gain a little each day in the right direction, till at last he finishes his course with joy.

SH 14:12-18

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. If suffering from a belief in sickness, you will find yourself suddenly well. Sorrow is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spiritual Life, Truth, and Love.

SH 166:16-167:3 To

To ignore God as of little use in sickness is a mistake. Instead of thrusting Him aside in times of bodily trouble, and waiting for the hour of strength in which to acknowledge Him, we should learn that He can do all things for us in sickness as in health. Failing to recover health through adherence to physiology and hygiene, the despairing invalid often drops them, and in his extremity and only as a last resort, turns to God. The invalid's faith in the divine Mind is less than in drugs, air, and exercise, or he would have resorted to Mind first. The balance of power is conceded to be with matter by most of the medical systems; but when Mind at last asserts its mastery over sin, disease, and death, then is man found to be harmonious and immortal. Should we implore a corporeal God to heal the sick out of His personal volition, or should we understand the infinite divine Principle which heals?

SH 391:9-13

Banish the belief that you can possibly entertain a single intruding pain which cannot be ruled out by the might of Mind, and in this way you can prevent the development of pain in the body. No law of God hinders this result.

SH 463:12-13

A spiritual idea has not a single element of error, and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive.

SH 117:29-9

Jesus bade his disciples beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees, which he de-

defined as human doctrines. His parable of the "leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened," impels the inference that the spiritual leaven signifies the Science of Christ and its spiritual interpretation, — an inference far above the merely ecclesiastical and formal applications of the illustration. Did not this parable point a moral with a prophecy, foretelling the second appearing in the flesh of the Christ, Truth, hidden in sacred secrecy from the visible world?

SH 118:10-16, 20-25

Agas pass, but this leaven of Truth is ever at work. It must destroy the entire mass of error, and so be eternally glorified in man's spiritual freedom. In their spiritual significance, Science, Theology, and Medicine are means of divine thought, which include spiritual laws emanating from the invisible and infinite power and grace. In all mortal forms of thought, dust is dignified as the natural status of men and things, and modes of material motion are honored with the name of laws. This continues until the leaven of Spirit changes the whole of mortal thought, as yeast changes the chemical properties of meal.

SH 361:25-28

A germ of infinite Truth, though least in the kingdom of heaven, is the higher hope on earth, but it will be rejected and reviled until God prepares the soil for the seed.

SH 329:5-13

A little leaven leavens the whole lump. A little understanding of Christian Science proves the truth of all that I say of it. Because you cannot walk on the water and raise the dead, you have no right to question the great might of divine Science in these directions. Be thankful that Jesus, who was the true demonstrator of Science, did these things, and left his example for us.