

Wednesday Noon and Evening Meetings
December 26, 2018
"Listening"

The Bible

Hymns: 175, 305, 237

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Hear and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

Proverbs 4

And Moses spake unto all Israel, saying Take heed, and hearken, O Israel; this day thou art become the people of the Lord thy God. Deuteronomy 27

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments, Blessed shalt thou be in the city and blessed shalt thou be in the field. The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods. The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: Deut. 28

Observe to do according to all that is written, for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 8

And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us. Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell.

And when they came to Jordon, they cut down wood. But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place, and he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim. Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand and took it. II Kings 6

Now Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass that after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at this understanding and answers,. And when they saw him, they were amazed; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them. How is it, that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? Luke 2

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass, For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. James 1

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

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. Page 323

Spirit diversifies, classifies, and individualizes all thoughts. Page 513

God's thoughts are perfect and eternal, are substance and Life. Material and temporal thoughts are human, involving error, and since God, Spirit, is the only cause, they lack a divine cause. The temporal and material are not then creations of Spirit. They are but counterfeits of the spiritual and eternal. Mind cannot suffer. Page 286

Do you not hear from all mankind of the imperfect model? The world is holding it before your gaze continually. The result is that you are liable to follow those lower patterns, limit your lifework and adopt into your experience the angular outline and deformity of matter models.

To remedy this, we must first turn our gaze in the right direction, and then walk that way. We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives. Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, health, holiness, love---the kingdom of heaven---reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear. Page 248

Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way. Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action. Page 454

God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis. Page 258

The Soul-inspired patriarchs heard the voice of Truth, and talked with God as consciously as man talks with man.

Jacob was *alone*, wrestling with error,---struggling with a mortal sense of life, substance, and intelligence as existent in matter with its false pleasures and pains,---when an angel, a message from Truth and Love, appeared to him and smote the sinew, or strength, of his error, till he saw its unreality; and Truth, being thereby understood, gave him spiritual strength in the Peniel of divine Science. Then said the spiritual evangel: "Let me go, for the day breaketh;" that is, the light of Truth and Love dawns upon thee. But the patriarch, perceiving his error and his need of help, did not loosen his hold upon this glorious light until his nature was transformed. When Jacob was asked, "What is thy name?" he straightway answered; and then his name was changed to Israel, for "as a prince" had he prevailed and had "power with God and with men." Then Jacob questioned his deliverer, "Tell me, I pray thee, *thy* name;" but this appellation was withheld, for the messenger was not a corporeal being, but a nameless, incorporeal impartation of divine Love to man, which, to use the word of the Psalmist, *restored* his soul,---gave him the spiritual sense of being and rebuked his material sense. Pages 308 & 309

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When will Jesus' professed followers learn to emulate him in *all* his ways and to imitate his mighty works? Christians claim to be his followers, but do they follow him in the way that he commanded? Hear these imperative commands: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect!" "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature!" "*Heal the Sick!*"

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When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our path.

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The time for thinkers has come. Page vii