

Wednesday Meetings
January 9, 2019
"Your Perfect Image"

THE BIBLE

HYMNS: 40, 144, & 416

Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace. Psalms 37

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Make me to hear joy and gladness; Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me. Ps. 51

And Jesus' fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. Matthew 4

And forthwith, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them. Mark 1

And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and said unto him, I will. Be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. Mark 1

Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father and how sayest thou then shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me, or else believe me for the very works; sake. Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you. And I will pray the Father. And he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. John 14

We then as workers together with him beseech you that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. For he saith, behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.

In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses.

By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, By love unfeigned. By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord and I will receive you. II Corinthians 6

Then there came and touched me one like the appearance of a man and he strengthened me and said, O man greatly beloved, fear not, peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened and said Let my Lord speak, for thou hast strengthened me. Daniel 10

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

Question:--What is Man?

Answer:-- Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones and other material elements. The Scriptures inform us that man is made in the image and likeness of God. Matter is not that likeness. Page 475

The blood, heart, lungs, brain, etc., have nothing to do with Life God. Every function of the real man is governed by the divine Mind. Pg. 151

Man is spiritual and perfect; and because he is spiritual and perfect, he must be so understood in Christian Science. Page 475

Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness and this correct view of man healed the sick. Page 476

Man is idea, the image, of Love; he is not physique. He is the compound idea of God, including all right ideas; the generic term for all that reflects God's image and likeness; the conscious identity of being as found in Science, in which man is the reflection of God, or Mind, and therefore is eternal; that which has no separate mind from God; that which has not a single quality underived from Deity; that which possesses no life, intelligence, nor creative power of his own, but reflects spiritually all that belongs to his Maker. Page 475

The divine Mind that made man maintains His own image and likeness. Page 151

We weep because others weep, we yawn because they yawn, and we have smallpox because others have it; but mortal mind, not matter contains and carries the infection. Page 153

If a child is exposed to contagion or infection, the mother is frightened and says, "My child will be sick." The law of mortal mind and her own fears govern her child more than the child's mind governs itself, and they produce the very results which might have been prevented through the opposite understanding. Page 154

Stick to the truth of being in contradistinction to the error that life, substance, or intelligence can be in matter. Plead with an honest conviction of truth and a clear perception of the unchanging, unerring, and certain effect of divine Science. Page 418

It must be clear to you that sickness is no more the reality of being than is sin. This mortal dream of sickness, sin, and death should cease through Christian Science. Page 418

Whatever the belief is, if arguments are used to destroy it, the belief must be repudiated, and the negation must extend to the supposed disease and to whatever decides its type and symptoms. Truth is affirmative, and confers harmony. Page 418

We should relieve our minds from the depressing thought that we have transgressed a material law and must of necessity pay the penalty. Let us reassure ourselves with the law of Love. God never punishes man for doing right, for honest labor, or for deeds of kindness, though they expose him to fatigue, cold, heat, contagion.

If man seems to incur the penalty through matter, this is but a belief of mortal mind, not an enactment of wisdom, and man has only to enter his protest against this belief in order to annul it. Through this action of thought and its results upon the body, the student will prove to himself, by small beginnings, the grand verities of Christian Science. Page 384

It is proverbial that Florence Nightingale and other philanthropists engaged in humane labors have been able to undergo without sinking, fatigues and exposures which ordinary people could not endure. The explanation lies in the support which they derived from the divine law, rising above the human. The spiritual demand, quelling the material, supplies energy and endurance surpassing all other aids, and forestalls the penalty which our beliefs would attach to our best deeds. Page 385

Constant toil, deprivations, exposures, and all untoward conditions, *if without sin*, can be experienced without suffering. Whatever it is your duty to do, you can do without harm to yourself. Page 385

Take possession of your body, and govern its feeling and action. Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man.

Be firm in your understanding that the divine Mind governs, and that in Science man reflects God's government. Have no fear that matter can ache, swell, and be inflamed as the result of a law of any kind, when it is self-evident that matter can have no pain nor inflammation. Page 393

If you decide that climate or atmosphere is unhealthy, it will be so to you. Your decisions will master you, whichever direction they take. Reverse the case Stand porter at the door of thought. Admitting only such conclusions as you wish realized in bodily results, you will control yourself harmoniously. When the condition is present which you say induces disease, whether it be air, exercise, heredity, contagion, or accident, then perform your office as porter and shut out these unhealthy thoughts and fears. Exclude from mortal mind the offending errors; then the body cannot suffer from them. The issues of pain or pleasure must come through mind, and like a watchman forsaking his post, we admit the intruding belief, forgetting that through divine help we can forbid this entrance.

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The only course is to take antagonistic grounds against all that is opposed to the health, holiness, and harmony of man, God's image.

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