

Wednesday Noon and Evening Meetings
October 24, 2018
"GRATITUDE"

The Bible

Hymns: 146, 210, 374

Blessed be the Lord, God who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever. Psalms 72

O give thanks unto the Lord, Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; Psalms 107

There went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

And when she could now longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the rivers brink.

And his sister stood a far off, to wit what would be done to him.

And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go.

And the maid went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses. Exodus 2

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preaching unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him, said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted. Acts 20

It is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 Cor. 2

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Proverbs 3

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, and be ye thankful. Colossians 3

Saying, Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. Revelation 7

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

God is Love. Can we ask Him to be more? God is intelligence. Can we inform the infinite Mind of anything He does not already comprehend? Shall we plead for more at the open fount, which is pouring forth more than we accept? Page 2

Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more. Gratitude is much more than verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech. Page 3

He knows all things and rewards according to motives, not according to speech. Page 15

In order to pray aright, we must enter into the closet and shut the door. We must close the lips and silence the material senses. In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings we must deny sin and plead God's allness. We must resolve to take up the cross, and go forth with honest hearts to work and watch for wisdom, Truth, and Love. We must "pray without ceasing." Such prayer is answered, in so far as we put our desires into practice. The Master's injunction is, that we pray in secret and let our lives attest our sincerity.

Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden from the world, but known to God. Practice not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings. Page 15

Outward worship is not of itself sufficient to express loyal and heartfelt gratitude, since Jesus said: "if ye love me, keep my commandments." Page 4

While we adore Jesus, and the heart overflows with gratitude for what he did for mortals,--treading alone his loving pathway up to the throne of glory, in speechless agony exploring the way for us,--yet Jesus spares us not one individual experience, if we follow his commands faithfully; and all have the cup of sorrowful effort to drink in proportion to their demonstration of his love, till all are redeemed through divine Love. Page 26

If we wish to follow Christ, Truth, it must be in the way of God's appointing. Jesus said, "he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also."

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained now. This point won, you have started as you should. You have begun at the numeration-table of Christian Science, and nothing but wrong intention can hinder your advancement. Working and praying with true motives, your Father will open the way. Page 326

Millions of unprejudiced minds—simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert—are waiting and watching for rest and drink. Give them a cup of cold water in Christ's name, and never fear the consequences. What if the old dragon should send forth a new flood to drown the Christ-idea? He can neither drown your voice with its roar, nor again sink the world into the deep waters of chaos and old night. In this age the earth will help the woman; the spiritual idea will be understood. Those ready for blessing you impart will give thanks. The waters will be pacified, and Christ will Command the wave. Page 570

At all times and under all circumstances, overcome evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil. Clad in the panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you. The cement of a higher humanity will unite all interests in the one divinity. Page 571

The time for thinkers has come. Contentment with the past and the cold conventionality of materialism are crumbling away. Ignorance of God is no longer the stepping stone to faith.

To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings. Page vii

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