

5Wednesday Meetings
February 12, 2020
“ . . .and On Thy Care Depend”

THE BIBLE

HYMNS: 267, 208, 175

Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust. Psalms 16:1

And Moses said unto God behold, they will not believe me nor hearken unto my voice. And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground, and he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent and Moses fled from before it. And the Lord said unto Moses, put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand. And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thy hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom and when he took it out, behold his hand was leprous as snow. And he said put thine into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again and plucked it out of his bosom and behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. Exodus 3: 11, 4: 1-4, 6-7

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee, he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deuteronomy 31: 6

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? Bring him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Matthew 17: 14-20

And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee, for thou, Lord, has not forsaken them that seek thee. Psalms 10: 10

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart of 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: 7-12

The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33: 27

And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band. And entering into a ship, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia.

And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land:

And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

Acts 27: 1-2, 41-44

The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Psalms 9: 9

And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness for they kindled a fire and received us every one, because of the present rain and because of the cold. And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god. Acts 28: 1-6

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall be any means hurt you. Luke 10: 19

O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever. Psalms 30: 12

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

When an accident happens, you think or exclaim, "I am hurt!" Your thought is more powerful than your words, more powerful than the accident itself, to make the injury real.

Now reverse the process. Declare that you are not hurt and understand the reason why, and you will find the ensuing good effects to be in exact proportion to your disbelief in physics, and your fidelity to divine metaphysics, confidence in God as All, which the Scriptures declare Him to be. 397: 12-22

In Science, you can have no power opposed to God, and the physical senses must give up their false testimony. Your influence for good depends upon the weight you throw into the right scale. Evil is not power. 192: 19-23, 24 only

Accidents are unknown to God, or immortal Mind, and we must leave the mortal basis of belief and unite with the one Mind, in order to change the notion of chance to the proper sense of God's unerring direction and thus bring out harmony. 424: 5-9

Truth not error, Love not hate, Spirit not matter, governs man. If students do not readily heal themselves, they should early call an experienced Christian Scientist to aid them. 420: 3-7

Until the advancing age admits the efficacy and supremacy of Mind, it is better for Christian Scientists to leave surgery and the adjustment of broken bones and dislocations to the fingers of a surgeon, while the mental healer confines himself chiefly to mental reconstruction and to the prevention of inflammation. Christian Science is always the most skillful surgeon, but surgery is the branch of its healing which will be last acknowledged.

However, it is but just to say that the author has already in her possession well-authenticated records of the cure, by herself and her students through mental surgery alone, of broken bones, dislocated joints, and spinal vertebrae. 401: 27

The history of Christianity furnishes sublime proofs of the supporting influence and protecting power bestowed on man by his heavenly Father, omnipotent Mind, who gives man faith and understanding whereby to defend himself, not only from temptation, but from bodily suffering. 387: 27

Stand porter at the door of thought. Admitting only such conclusions as you wish realized in bodily result, you will control yourself harmoniously. 392: 24-27

Exclude from mortal mind the offending errors; then the body cannot suffer from them. 392: 31-32

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. 393:18-21

Be firm in your understanding that the divine Mind governs, and that in Science man reflects God's government. 393: 16-18

Under divine Providence there can be no accidents, since there is no room for imperfection in perfection. 424: 10-11

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