

Monday Reading

July 20, 2020

“God Of Truth, Eternal Good* “

THE BIBLE

HYMNS: 161, 175, 85

I am the Lord, your Holy One, Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth. Isaiah 43: 15, 18, 19

Hearken to me ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord. My righteousness is near, my salvation is gone forth. Lift up your eyes to the heavens. Hearken unto me ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law. Awake, awake, put on thy strength. Isaiah 51: 1, 5, 6, 7, 9

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Prepare ye the way of the Lord make straight in the desert a highway for our God. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isaiah 40: 1, 3, 5, 8

And as Jesus passed by he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said, a man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been born blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

John 9: 1-11, 18, 32, 19-20, 24, 25

When Jesus was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath days? That they might accuse him.

And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days.

Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; Matt. 12: 9-15

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

Jesus' spiritual origin and understanding enabled him to demonstrate the facts of being,---to prove irrefutably how spiritual Truth destroys material error, heals sickness, and overcomes death. 315: 21-25

Wearing in part a human form (that is, as it seemed to mortal view), being conceived by a human mother, Jesus was the mediator between Spirit and the flesh, between Truth and error. Explaining and demonstrating the way of divine Science, he became the way of salvation to all who accepted his word. 315: 29-2

Christ, Truth, was demonstrated through Jesus to prove the power of Spirit over the flesh,---to show that Truth is made manifest by its effects upon the human mind and body, healing sickness and destroying sin. 316: 7

The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour in truth through flood-tides of Love. Christian perfection is won on no other basis.^{201:17}

Working out the rules of Science in practice, the author has restored health in cases of both acute and chronic disease in their severest forms. Secretions have been changed, the structure has been renewed, shortened limbs have been elongated, ankylosed joints have been made supple, and carious bones have been restored to healthy conditions. I have restored what is called the lost substance of lungs, and healthy organizations have been established where disease was organic. Christian Science heals organic disease as surely as it heals what is called functional, for it requires only a fuller understanding of the divine Principle of Christian Science to demonstrate the higher rule. ^{162:16}

With due respect for the faculty, I kindly quote from Dr. Benjamin Rush, the famous Philadelphia teacher of medical practice. He declared that “it is impossible to calculate the mischief which Hippocrates has done, by first marking Nature with his name, and afterward letting her loose upon sick people.”

Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse, Professor in Harvard University, declared himself “sick of learned quackery.”

Dr. James Johnson, Surgeon to William IV, King of England, said: “I declare my conscientious opinion, founded on long observation and reflection, that if there were not a single physician, surgeon, apothecary, man-midwife, chemist, druggist, or drug on the face of the earth, there would be less sickness and less mortality.”

Dr. Mason Good, a learned Professor in London, said "The effects of medicine on the human system are in the highest degree uncertain; except, indeed, that it has already destroyed more lives than war, pestilence, and famine, all combined." 162-163: 29-18

Christian Science brings to the body the sunlight of Truth, which invigorates and purifies. Christian Science acts as an alterative, neutralizing error with Truth. It changes the secretions, expels humors, dissolves, tumors, relaxes rigid muscles, restores carious bones to soundness. The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine .
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