

Wednesday Noon Meetings

August 5, 2020

“My Shepherd Is Beside Me”*

The Bible

Hymns: 34, 237, 148

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord. Psalms 121: 1, 2

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress, so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God. Psalms 123: 1, 2

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. Psalms 19: 8

Come near to hear and hearken, ye people. Let the earth hear, and all that is therein, the world and all things that come forth of it. Isaiah 34: 1

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence. He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing, Isaiah 35: 4-6

Jesus came unto the sea of Galilee through the midst of the coast of Decapolis and they bring unto him one that was deaf and had an impediment in his speech and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude and put his fingers into his ears and touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven he sighed and saith unto him, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened and the string of his tongue was loosed and he spake plain. Mark 7: 31-34

And he charged them that they should tell no man, but the more he charged them, so much the more they published it and were beyond measure astonished saying, He hath done all things well. He maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak. Mark 7: 36-37

And it came to pass that as Jesus was come nigh unto Jericho a certain blind man sat by the wayside begging and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus thou son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him that he should hold his peace, but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood and commanded him to be brought unto him. And when he was come near he asked him saying, what wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, receive thy sight, thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God. Luke 18: 36

Arise; shine, for thy light is come. The Lord shall arise upon thee and his glory shall be seen upon thee. Isaiah 60: 1

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

Ears: Not organs of the so-called corporeal senses, but spiritual understanding.

Jesus said, referring to spiritual perception, "Having ears, hear ye not?"
(Mark viii.18) Page 585: 3

Eyes. Spiritual discernment,--not material but mental.

Jesus said, thinking of the outward vision, "having eyes, see ye not?"
(Mark viii. 18.) Page 586: 5

If it is true that nerves have sensation, that matter has intelligence, that the material organism causes the eyes to see and the ears to hear, then when the body is dematerialized, these faculties must be lost, for their immortality is not in Spirit; whereas the fact is that only through dematerialization and spiritualization of thought can these faculties be conceived of as immortal. Page 211: 30

Sight, hearing, all the spiritual senses of man, are eternal. They cannot be lost. Their reality and immortality are in Spirit and understanding, not in matter, - hence their permanence. If this were not so, man would be speedily annihilated. If the five corporeal senses were the medium through which to understand God, then palsy, blindness, and deafness would place man in a terrible situation, where he would be like those "having no hope, and without God in the world;" but as a matter of fact, these calamities often drive mortals to see and to find a high sense of happiness and existence. Page 486: 23

Men and women of riper years and larger lessons ought to ripen into health and immortality, instead of lapsing into darkness or gloom. The sculptor turns from the marble to his model in order to perfect his conception. We are all sculptors, working at various forms, moulding and chiseling thought. What is the model before mortal mind? Is it imperfection, joy, sorrow, sin, suffering? Have you accepted the mortal model? Page 248: 5

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: 25

I have seen age regain two of the elements it had lost, sight and teeth. A woman of eighty-five, whom I knew, had a return of sight. One man at sixty had retained his full set of upper and lower teeth without a decaying cavity. Page 247: 3

If the medium of hearing is wholly spiritual, it is normal and indestructible. Page 214: 3

Mozart experienced more than he expressed. The rapture of his grandest symphonies was never heard. He was a musician beyond what the world knew. This was even more strikingly true of Beethoven, who was so long hopelessly deaf. Mental melodies and strains of sweetest music superseded conscious sound. Page 213: 20

How transient a sense is mortal sight, when a wound on the retina may end the power of light and lens! But the real sight or sense is not lost. Neither age nor accident can interfere with the senses of Soul, and there are no other real senses. Page 214: 26

There is more Christianity in seeing and hearing spiritually than materially. There is more Science in the perpetual exercise of the Mind-faculties than in their loss. Lost they cannot be, while Mind remains. The apprehension of this gave sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf centuries ago, and it will repeat the wonder. Page 487: 9

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*Hymn: 148