

## Wednesday Noon Meetings

August 12, 2020

### LIVING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The Bible

Hymns: 29, 391, 14

Moses, commanded the people, saying, it shalt come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.

The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways. Deuteronomy 27: 1, 28: 1, 9

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord" Hearken unto me, my people and give ear unto me O my nation, for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgement to rest for a light of the people. My righteousness is near and my salvation is gone forth. Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law: Thou art my people. Isaiah: 51: 1, 4, 5, 7, 16

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. And they were astonished at his doctrine, for his word was with power. Luke 4: 14, 32

And the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whether he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Luke 10: 1

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name and he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy ; and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. Luke 10: 17-20

And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see, For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them, and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. Luke 10: 23

And, behold a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him saying, master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? How readest thou?: And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all the soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right, this do, and thou shalt live. Luke 10: 25-28

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; John 14: 13-16

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

Our Master taught spirituality by similitudes and parables. 117: 15-16

A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period of time which Jesus spoke to his disciples, when he said: "Ye are the salt of the earth.: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." 367: 17-20

Who, that has felt the perilous beliefs in life, substance, and intelligence separated from God, can say that there is no error of belief?

The Christian Scientist knows that they are errors of belief, which Truth can and will destroy.

Sickness to him is no less a temptation than is sin, and he heals them both by understanding God's power over them. 450: 27-29, 24-26, 22-24

Christian Scientists must live under the constant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from the material world and be separate. They must renounce aggression, oppression and the pride of power. Christianity, with the crown of Love upon her brow, must be their queen of life. Students of Christian Science, who start with its letter and think to succeed without the spirit, will either make shipwreck of their faith or be turned sadly awry. They must not only seek, but strive, in heaven to enter the narrow path of Life, for "wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." Man walks in the direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affections are spiritual, they come from above, not from beneath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit. 451: 2-18

One whom I rescued from seeming spiritual oblivion, in which the senses had engulfed him, wrote to me: "I should have died, but for the glorious Principle you teach,---supporting the power of Mind over the body and showing me the nothingness of the so-called pleasures and pains of sense. The treatises I had read and the medicines I had taken only abandoned me to more hopeless suffering and despair. Adherence to hygiene was useless. Mortal mind needed to be set right. The ailment was not bodily, but mental, and I was cured when I learned my way in Christian Science." 382: 24

The Christianly scientific man reflects the divine law, thus becoming a law unto himself. He does violence to no man. Neither is he a false accuser. The Christian Scientist wisely shapes his course, and is honest and consistent in following the leadings of divine Mind. He must prove, through living as well as healing and teaching, that Christ's way is the only one by which mortals are radically saved from sin and sickness. Christianity causes men to turn naturally from matter to Spirit, as the flower turns from darkness to light. Man then appropriates those things which "eye hath not seen nor ear heard." Judge not the future advancement of Christian Science by the steps already taken, lest you yourself be condemned for failing to take the first step. 458: 26-3, 459: 8

Systematic teaching and the student's spiritual growth and experience in practice are requisite for a thorough comprehension of Christian Science.

A Christian Scientist requires my work SCIENCE AND HEALTH for his textbook, and so do all his students and patients. Why? *First:* Because it is the voice of Truth to this age, and contains the full statement of Christian Science, or the Science of healing through Mind. *Second:* Because it was the first book known, containing a thorough statement of Christian Science. Hence it gave the first rules for demonstrating this Science, and registered the revealed Truth uncontaminated by human hypotheses. Other works, which have borrowed from this book without giving it credit, have adulterated the Science. *Third:* Because this book has done more for teacher and student, for healer and patient, than has been accomplished by other books. 456:25-6

Beyond the frail premises of human beliefs, above the loosening grasp of creeds, the demonstration of Christian Mind-healing stands a revealed and practical Science. It is imperious throughout all ages of Christs' revelation of Truth, of Life, and of Love, which remains inviolate for every man to understand and to practice. 98: 15

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