

## Wednesday Readings October 21,2020

### Topic: Sin Is Its Own Punishment

Hymns 29, 565,175

#### The Bible

##### King James Version

**Jeremiah 9:23, 24** Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD.

##### New International Version

**Luke 4:27** **many** ...many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.

**II Kings 5:14** **he, 15, 16, 19-26** ...he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. ... Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant."

The prophet answered, "As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

"Go in peace," Elisha said.

After Naaman had traveled some distance, Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, "My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. "Is everything all right?" he asked. "Everything is all right," Gehazi answered. "My master sent me to

say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent<sup>[d]</sup> of silver and two sets of clothing.’”

“By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. <sup>24</sup> When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.

When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?”

“Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered.

But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

### **King James Version**

**Naham 1:9** (*to ?*) What do ye imagine against the Lord?

**II Corinthians 10:3–5** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**Zechariah 8:16** *execute*, 17 (*to;*) ... execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; ...

**Colossians 3:9,10** Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

**Isaiah 26:2,3** Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

**Matthew 9:35 Jesus** ...Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

**Mark 1:39 he, 40–42** ...he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils. And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth *his* hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

**Zeph 3:16 Fear (to:), 17** ... Fear thou not: ...The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

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

**28:32-1** There is too much animal courage in society and not sufficient moral courage.

**537:14-16** Error excludes itself from harmony. Sin is its own punishment. Truth guards the gateway to harmony.

**403:26-27** The mortal so-called mind produces all that is unlike the immortal Mind.

**419:20 If, 22** If the action proceeds from Truth, from immortal Mind, there is harmony; but mortal mind is liable to any phase of belief.

**206:26** Instead of God sending sickness and death, He destroys them, and brings to light immortality. Omnipotent and infinite Mind made all and includes all. This Mind does not make mistakes and subsequently correct them. God does not cause man to sin, to be sick, or to die.

**377:26-6** The cause of all so-called disease is mental, a mortal fear, a mistaken belief or conviction of the necessity and power of ill-health; also a fear that Mind is helpless to defend the life of man and incompetent to control it. Without this ignorant human belief, any circumstance is of itself powerless to produce suffering. It is latent belief in disease, as well as the fear of disease, which associates sickness with certain circumstances and causes the two to appear conjoined, even as poetry and music are reproduced in union by human memory. Disease has no intelligence. Unwittingly you sentence yourself to suffer. The understanding of this will enable you to commute this self-sentence, and meet every circumstance with truth.

**84:3-10** The ancient prophets gained their foresight from a spiritual, incorporeal standpoint, not by foreshadowing evil and mistaking fact for fiction, — predicting the future from a groundwork of corporeality and human belief. When sufficiently advanced in Science to be in harmony with the truth of being, men become seers and prophets involuntarily, controlled not by demons, spirits, or demigods, but by the one Spirit.

**186:17-20, 22-24** Evil is self-assertive. It says: “I am a real entity, overmastering good.” This falsehood should strip evil of all pretensions. The only power of evil is to destroy itself. It can never destroy one iota of good. ... If we concede the same reality to discord as to harmony, discord has as lasting a claim upon us as has harmony.

**456:10-17** Whoever affirms that there is more than one Principle and method of demonstrating Christian Science greatly errs, ignorantly or intentionally, and separates himself from the true conception of Christian Science healing and from its possible demonstration. ...Any dishonesty in your theory and practice betrays a gross ignorance of the method of the Christ-cure.

**421:4–7, 18 only** Derangement, or *disarrangement*, is a word which conveys the true definition of all human belief in ill-health, or disturbed harmony. ... There is *no disease*.

**21:25-27** Being in sympathy with matter, the worldly man is at the beck and call of error, and will be attracted thitherward.

**166:9–12, 15–16** The popular doctor believes in his prescription, and the pharmacist believes in the power of his drugs to save a man's life. ...The erring human mind is inharmonious in itself. From it arises the inharmonious body.

**399:16-17** Mortal mind perpetuates its own thought.

**399:3-5** You say that certain material combinations produce disease; but if the material body causes disease, can matter cure what matter has caused?

**149:3–9** Mind as far outweighs drugs in the cure of disease as in the cure of sin. The more excellent way is divine Science in every case. Is *materia medica* a science or a bundle of speculative human theories? The prescription which succeeds in one instance fails in another, and this is owing to the different mental states of the patient.

**186:5-7** Christian Science destroys material beliefs through the understanding of Spirit, and the thoroughness of this work determines health.

**398:30-2** The Science of Mind must come to the rescue, to work a radical cure. Then we understand the process. The great fact remains that evil is not mind. Evil has no power, no intelligence, for God is good, and therefore good is infinite, is All.

**243:27** Truth, Life, and Love are a law of annihilation to everything unlike themselves, because they declare nothing except God.

**403:14-20** You command the situation if you understand that mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the truth of being. Mortal mind is constantly producing on mortal body the results of false opinions; and it will continue to do so, until mortal error is deprived of its imaginary powers by Truth, which sweeps away the gossamer web of mortal illusion.

**131:3** There is no error in Science, and our lives must be governed by reality in order to be in harmony with God, the divine Principle of all being.

**30:19-21** As the individual ideal of Truth, Christ Jesus came to rebuke rabbinical error and all sin, sickness, and death, — to point out the way of Truth and Life.

**29:7-10** ...Christian experience teaches faith in the right and disbelief in the wrong. It bids us work the more earnestly in times of persecution, because then our labor is more needed.

**420:10-13, 17-18** Instruct the sick that they are not helpless victims, for if they will only accept Truth, they can resist disease and ward it off, as positively as they can the temptation to sin. ... The fact that Truth overcomes both disease and sin reassures depressed hope.

**X:25-27** The unbiased Christian thought is soonest touched by Truth, and convinced of it.

**149:11-12** The rule and its perfection of operation never vary in Science.

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