

# WEDNESDAY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 22, 2021



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## HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING! ARE WE LISTENING?

### **Ps. 143:8**

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

### **Prov. 8:1, 33 (to 2nd ,)**

Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? ...

Hear instruction, and be wise, ...

### **Ps. 66:16**

Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

### **Isa. 30:21 thine**

... thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, *This is the way*, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

### **Ps. 95:7 he (to .)**

... he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. ...

### **Luke 2:8–23, 25–40**

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen,

as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) ...

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

### Isa. 2:3

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.



#### 1 John 5

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5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5

9 We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. 11 And this is the

testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

**John 3:34 he**

... he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.

**Isa. 55:3 (to ;), 12 (to :)**

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; ...

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: ...

**Ps. 85:8 (to 2nd :), 9**

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: ...

Surely his salvation *is nigh* them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

**Rom. 8:14**

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.



SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES BY MARY  
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**SH vii:2**

The wakeful shepherd beholds the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the full radiance of a risen day. So shone the pale star to the prophet-shepherds; yet it traversed the night, and came where, in cradled obscurity, lay the Bethlehem babe, the human herald of Christ, Truth, who would make plain to benighted understanding the way of salvation through Christ Jesus, till across a night of error should dawn the morning beams and shine the guiding star of being. The Wisemen were led to behold and to follow this daystar of divine Science, lighting the way to eternal harmony.

**SH 323:28–32**

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen as felt. It is the “still, small voice” of Truth uttering itself. We are either turning away from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going up higher.

Childlike  
receptivity

**SH 95:30**

Material sense does not unfold the facts of existence; but spiritual sense lifts human consciousness into eternal Truth. Humanity advances slowly out of sinning sense into spiritual understanding; unwillingness to learn all things rightly, binds Christendom with chains.

Spiritual  
awakening

## SH 151:26

All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal. The straight and narrow way is to see and acknowledge this fact, yield to this power, and follow the leadings of truth.

## SH 519:11–14

Human capacity is slow to discern and to grasp God's creation and the divine power and presence which go with it, demonstrating its spiritual origin.

Infinity  
measureless

## SH 458:25–28 The

The Christian Scientist wisely shapes his course, and is honest and consistent in following the leadings of divine Mind.

## SH 95:6–10, 13–16

We approach God, or Life, in proportion to our spirituality, our fidelity to Truth and Love; and in that ratio we know all human need and are able to discern the thought of the sick and the sinning for the purpose of healing them. ...

... The greater or lesser ability of a Christian Scientist to discern thought scientifically, depends upon his genuine spirituality.

## SH 110:25

Jesus demonstrated the power of Christian Science to heal mortal minds and bodies. But this power was lost sight of, and must again be spiritually discerned, taught, and demonstrated according to Christ's command, with "signs following." Its Science must be apprehended by as many as believe on Christ and spiritually understand Truth.

The  
demonstration  
lost and found

## SH 31:12–13, 14–17

First in the list of Christian duties, he taught his followers the healing power of Truth and Love. ... It is the living Christ, the practical Truth, which makes Jesus "the resurrection and the life" to all who follow him in deed.

Healing  
primary

## SH 9:30–32 (to ?)

If unwilling to follow his example, why pray with the lips that you may be partakers of his nature?

## SH 594:12

**SHEEP.** Innocence; inoffensiveness; those who follow their leader.

## SH 284:21–23, 30–32

The physical senses can obtain no proof of God. They can neither see Spirit through the eye nor hear it through the ear, nor can they feel, taste, or smell Spirit. ...

... Thought passes from God to man, but neither sensation nor report goes from material body to Mind. The intercommunication is always from God to His idea, man.

**SH 487:6–8**

There is more Christianity in seeing and hearing spiritually than materially.

Exercise  
of Mind-  
faculties

**SH 298:28–30**

Angels are pure thoughts from God, winged with Truth and Love, no matter what their individualism may be.

Thought-  
angels

**SH 299:12–15**

These upward-soaring beings never lead towards self, sin, or materiality, but guide to the divine Principle of all good, whither every real individuality, image, or likeness of God, gathers.

**SH 343:21**

It would sometimes seem as if truth were rejected because meekness and spirituality are the conditions of its acceptance, while Christendom generally demands so much less.

**SH 249:1, 6–9**

Let us accept Science, relinquish all theories based on sense-testimony, give up imperfect models and illusive ideals; and so let us have one God, one Mind, and that one perfect, producing His own models of excellence.

... Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as able to destroy. Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.”

Renewed  
selfhood

**SH 96:4–5**

Love will finally mark the hour of harmony, and spiritualization will follow, for Love is Spirit.

**SH 354:23**

The night of materiality is far spent, and with the dawn Truth will waken men spiritually to hear and to speak the new tongue.



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