WEDNESDAY READINGS FOR **APRIL 27, 2022**



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UNDERSTANDING GOD'S TRUE NAME AND NATURE - WE HEAR GOD'S ANSWER WHEN WE CALL

Ex. 15:11

11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Jer. 29:8 (to ;), 11–14 I (to :)

- 8 ¶ For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; ...
- 11 ... I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
- 12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.
- 13 And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.
- 14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: ...

I John 5:14, 15

- 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

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22 Then Elijah said to them, "I'm the only one of the Lord's prophets left. But Baal has 450 prophets. 23 Get two bulls for us. Let Baal's prophets choose one for themselves. Let them cut it into pieces. Then let them put it on the wood. But don't let them set fire to it. I'll prepare the other bull. I'll put it on the wood. But I won't set fire to it. 24 Then you pray to your god. And I'll pray to the Lord. The god who answers by sending fire down is the one and only God."

Then all the people said, "What you are saying is good."

They prayed to Baal from morning until noon. "Baal! Answer us!" they shouted.

But there wasn't any reply. No one answered. Then they danced around the altar they had made.

27 At noon Elijah began to tease them. "Shout louder!" he said. "I'm sure Baal is a god! Perhaps he has too much to think about. Or perhaps he's away on a trip. Maybe he's sleeping. You might have to wake him up." 28 So they shouted louder.. 2They did it until the time came to offer the evening sacrifice. But there wasn't any reply.

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." So they went to him. He rebuilt the altar of the Lord. It had been torn down. 32 He dug a ditch around it. 33 He arranged the wood for the fire. He cut the bull into pieces. He placed the pieces on the wood. Then he said to some of the people, "Fill four large jars with water. Pour it on the offering and the wood." So they did. 34 "Do it again," he said. So they did it again.

"Do it a third time," he ordered. And they did it the third time. 35 The water ran down around the altar. It even filled the ditch.

36 When it was time to offer the evening sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward. He prayed, "Lord, you are the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel. Today let everyone know that you are God in Israel. Let them know I'm your servant. Let them know I've done all these things because you commanded me to. 37 Answer me. Lord, answer me. Then these people will know that you are the one and only God. They'll know that you are turning their hearts back to you again."

38 The fire of the Lord came down. It burned up the sacrifice. It burned up the wood and the stones and the soil. It even dried up the water in the ditch.

39 All the people saw it. Then they fell down flat with their faces toward the ground. They cried out, "The Lord is the one and only God! The Lord is the one and only God!"

I Chron. 16:8

8 Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

John 15:7

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Eccl. 5:1 be (to :)

1 ... be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: ...

Jer. 33:3

³ Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Ps. 124:8

8 Our help *is* in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Acts 12:1–3 (to 1st.), 4, 5, 7, 9 (to 1st;)

- 1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex certain of the church.
- 2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.
- 3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. ...
- 4 And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.
- 5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.
- ⁷ And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands.
- 9 And he went out, and followed him; ...

Ps. 20:1, 7

- 1 The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;
- 7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Ps. 7:1 (to 1st:)

1 O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust: ...

Isa. 38:20 (to :)

20 The Lord was ready to save me: ...

Isa. 59:19 (to 1st.)

19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun.

Zeph. 3:7 (to;), 9

- 7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; ...
- ⁹ For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

Rom. 10:12, 13

- For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
- 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Isa, 65:24

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Ps. 29:2 (to;)

² Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; ...

SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES BY MARY BAKER EDDY

SH 228:14-15

Mortals will some day assert their freedom in the name of Almighty God.

God-given dominion

SH 465:8-15

Question. — What is God?

9 Answer. — God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love.

Question. — Are these terms synonymous?

Answer. — They are. They refer to one absolute God. They are also intended to express the nature, essence, and wholeness of Deity. The attributes of God are justice,

₁₅ mercy, wisdom, goodness, and so on.

SH 16:28

Hallowed be Thy name. Adorable One.

SH 173:26

Human reason and religion come slowly to the recognition of spiritual facts, and so continue to call upon matter to remove the error which the human mind alone has created.

SH 283:21-24

This false belief as to what really constitutes life so detracts from God's character and nature, that the true sense of His power is lost to all who cling to this falsity.

Spiritual structure

SH 223:14 (only), 20-21

The question, "What is Truth," convulses the world.

The efforts of error to answer this question by some *21 ology* are vain.

SH 490:12

The Science of Mind needs to be understood. Until it is understood, mortals are more or less deprived of Truth. Human theories are helpless to make man harmonious or immortal, since he is so already, according to Christian Science. Our only need is to know this and reduce to practice the real man's di-

Theories helpless

SH 491:12

12 It is only
by acknowledging the supremacy of Spirit, which annuls
the claims of matter, that mortals can lay off mortality and
15 find the indissoluble spiritual link which establishes man
forever in the divine likeness, inseparable from his creator.

SH 219:24-28

Those who are healed through metaphysical Science, not comprehending the Principle of the cure, may misunderstand it, and impute their recovery to change of air or diet, not rendering to God the honor due to Him alone.

Scientific beginning

SH 483:27-30

And Christian Science does honor God as no other theory honors Him, and it does this in the way of His appointing, by doing many wonderful works through the divine name and nature.

SH 218:19

If you do believe in God, why do you substitute drugs for the Almighty's power, and employ means which lead only into material ways of obtaining help, instead of turning in time of need to God, divine Love, who is an ever-present help?

Sickness akin to sin

SH 357:31

Can matter drive Life, Spirit, hence, and so defeat omnipotence?

SH 140:4 (only), 7–13

That God is a corporeal being, nobody can truly affirm.

Not materially but spiritually we know Him as divine Mind, as Life, Truth, and Love. We 9 shall obey and adore in proportion as we apprehend the divine nature and love Him understandingly, warring no more over the corporeality, but rejoicing in the affluence of our God. Religion will then be of the heart and not of the head.

SH 7:23

God is not influenced by man. The "divine ear" is not an auditory nerve. It is the all-hearing and all-knowing Mind, to whom each need of man is always known and by whom it will be supplied.

SH 355:11

Let discord of every name and nature

12 be heard no more, and let the harmonious and true sense
of Life and being take possession of human consciousness.

SH 180:25-27, 31-6

When man is governed by God, the ever-present Mind who understands all things, man knows that with God all things are possible.

To reduce inflammation, dissolve a tumor, or cure organic disease, I have found divine Truth more potent than all lower remedies. And why not, since Mind, God, is the source and condition of all existence? Before deciding that the body, matter, is disordered, one should ask, "Who art thou that repliest to Spirit? Can matter speak for itself, or does

6 it hold the issues of life?"

God invisible to the senses

The important decision

SH 134:26-28

Jesus said: "I knew that Thou hearest me always;" and he raised Lazarus from the dead, stilled the tempest, healed the sick, walked on the water.

SH 249:13-14

Either there is no omnipotence, or omnipotence is the only power.

SH 256:12

12 "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord."

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