

# Discover the Kingdom of Heaven - May 18, 2022 readings



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 The Bible

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## 1. Matt. 4:17 Jesus

17 ... Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

## 2. Gen. 1:1-4, 26, 27, 31 (to 1st .)

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. ...

## 3. Gen. 5:18, 21-24

18 ¶ And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:

21 ¶ And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him.

## 4. Heb. 11:5

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

## 5. Matt. 19:1, 2, 13, 14

1 And it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judæa beyond Jordan;

2 And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

13 ¶ Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put *his* hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

**6. Luke 17:11–21**

- 11 ¶ And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.
- 12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:
- 13 And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.
- 14 And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.
- 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,
- 16 And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.
- 17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?
- 18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.
- 19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.
- 20 ¶ And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
- 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

**7. Rev. 21:1, 3–5 (to 1st .)**

- 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
- 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.
- 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
- 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. ...

**8. Matt. 10:5–8**

- 5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not.
- 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

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**1. SH 291:13**

Heaven is not a locality, but a divine state of Mind in which all the  
 15 manifestations of Mind are harmonious and immortal, because sin is not there and man is found having no righteousness of his own, but in posses-

Salvation  
and  
probation

18 sion of “the mind of the Lord,” as the Scripture says.

## 2. SH 590:1

1 **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.** The reign of harmony in divine  
Science; the realm of unerring, eternal, and omnipotent  
3 Mind; the atmosphere of Spirit, where Soul is supreme.

## 3. SH 35:30

30 The design of Love is to reform the sinner. If the  
sinner's punishment here has been insufficient to re-  
form him, the good man's heaven would be a hell to  
1 the sinner. They, who know not purity and affection by  
experience, can never find bliss in the blessed company of  
3 Truth and Love simply through translation  
into another sphere. Divine Science reveals  
the necessity of sufficient suffering, either before or after  
6 death, to quench the love of sin. To remit the penalty  
due for sin, would be for Truth to pardon error. Escape  
from punishment is not in accordance with God's govern-  
9 ment, since justice is the handmaid of mercy.

Final  
purpose

## 4. SH 266:20–21

The sinner makes his own hell by doing evil, and the  
21 saint his own heaven by doing right.

## 5. SH 568:24–30

24 For victory over a single sin, we give thanks and mag-  
nify the Lord of Hosts. What shall we say of the mighty  
conquest over all sin? A louder song, sweeter  
27 than has ever before reached high heaven,  
now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ;  
for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her  
30 primal and everlasting strain.

Pæan of  
jubilee

## 6. SH 91:1–8

1 The Revelator tells us of “a new heaven and a  
new earth.” Have you ever pictured this heaven and  
3 earth, inhabited by beings under the control of supreme  
wisdom?

Let us rid ourselves of the belief that man is separated  
6 from God, and obey only the divine Principle, Life and  
Love. Here is the great point of departure for all true  
spiritual growth.

**7. SH 536:1**

1 In the Apocalypse it is  
 written: “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for  
 3 the first heaven and the first earth were passed  
 away; and there was no more sea.” In St.  
 John's vision, heaven and earth stand for spir-  
 6 itual ideas, and the sea, as a symbol of tempest-tossed  
 human concepts advancing and receding, is represented  
 as having passed away. The divine understanding reigns,  
 9 is *all*, and there is no other consciousness.

New earth  
 and no more  
 sea

**8. SH 427:13**

Death is but another phase of the dream that exist-  
 ence can be material. Nothing can interfere with the  
 15 harmony of being nor end the existence of  
 man in Science. Man is the same after as  
 before a bone is broken or the body guillotined. If man  
 18 is never to overcome death, why do the Scriptures say,  
 “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death”? The  
 tenor of the Word shows that we shall obtain the victory  
 21 over death in proportion as we overcome sin. The great  
 difficulty lies in ignorance of what God is. God, Life,  
 Truth, and Love make man undying. Immortal Mind,  
 24 governing all, must be acknowledged as supreme in the  
 physical realm, so-called, as well as in the spiritual.

Mortality  
 vanquished

**9. SH 572:19–574:2**

In Revelation xxi. 1 we read: —

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first  
 21 heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was  
 no more sea.

The Revelator had not yet passed the transitional  
 24 stage in human experience called death, but he already  
 saw a new heaven and a new earth. Through  
 what sense came this vision to St. John? Not  
 27 through the material visual organs for seeing, for optics  
 are inadequate to take in so wonderful a scene. Were this  
 new heaven and new earth terrestrial or celestial, mate-  
 1 rial or spiritual? They could not be the former, for the  
 human sense of space is unable to grasp such a view.  
 3 The Revelator was on our plane of existence, while yet  
 beholding what the eye cannot see, — that which is in-  
 visible to the uninspired thought. This testimony of Holy  
 6 Writ sustains the fact in Science, that the heavens and  
 earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness

Man's present  
 possibilities

which God bestows, are spiritual, while to another, the  
 9 unillumined human mind, the vision is material. This  
 shows unmistakably that what the human mind terms  
 matter and spirit indicates states and stages of con-  
 12 sciousness.

Accompanying this scientific consciousness was an-  
 other revelation, even the declaration from heaven, su-  
 15 preme harmony, that God, the divine Principle  
 of harmony, is ever with men, and they are

Nearness  
of Deity

His people. Thus man was no longer regarded as a mis-  
 18 erable sinner, but as the blessed child of God. Why?

Because St. John's corporeal sense of the heavens and  
 earth had vanished, and in place of this false sense was  
 21 the spiritual sense, the subjective state by which he could  
 see the new heaven and new earth, which involve the  
 spiritual idea and consciousness of reality. This is Scrip-  
 24 tural authority for concluding that such a recognition of  
 being is, and has been, possible to men in this present  
 state of existence, — that we can become conscious,  
 27 here and now, of a cessation of death, sorrow, and pain.

This is indeed a foretaste of absolute Christian Science.

Take heart, dear sufferer, for this reality of being will  
 30 surely appear sometime and in some way. There will  
 be no more pain, and all tears will be wiped away. When  
 you read this, remember Jesus' words, "The kingdom of  
 1 God is within you." This spiritual consciousness is  
 therefore a present possibility.

## Hymns

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### 1. Hymn. 224:3

He that has made my heaven secure,  
 Will here all good provide;  
 While Christ is rich, can I be poor?  
 What can I want beside?  
 O God, I cast my care on Thee;  
 I triumph and adore;  
 Henceforth my great concern shall be  
 To love and praise Thee more.

Words: JOHN RYLAND, ADAPTED

Music: Henry Hiles

**2. Hymn. 485:3**

You and You only are first in my heart;  
Ours is a union that never will part.  
And held in Your love, without doubt, without fear,  
I know now within me that heaven is here.

Words: FENELLA BENNETTS

Music: Irish melody, Joyce's Old Irish Folk Music and Songs, 1909; harm. and arr. CSPS

**3. Hymn. 181:4**

Make us strong to bear the message  
To Thy children far and near:  
Fear shall have no more dominion.  
God is All, and heaven is here.

Words: ROSEMARY B. HACKETT

Music: Arr. from L. van Beethoven

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