

WEDNESDAY READINGS FOR MAY 4, 2022



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FAITH IN GOD'S WORD BECOME WORKS THROUGH HIS LOVE

John 1:1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Eph. 2:4 God, 6 hath, 10

4 ... God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

6 ... hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

I John 4:10–12

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

James 2:14, 16-18, 21-24. GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION

Faith and Actions

14 My friends, what good is it for one of you to say that you have faith if your actions do not prove it? Can that faith save you? 15 Suppose there are brothers or sisters who need clothes and don't have enough to eat. 16 What good is there in your saying to them, "God bless you! Keep warm and eat well!"—if you don't give them the necessities of life? 17 So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead.

18 But someone will say, "One person has faith, another has actions." My answer is, "Show me how anyone can have faith without actions. I will show you my faith by my actions." ! 20 Do you want to be shown that faith without actions is useless?[a] 21 How was our ancestor Abraham put right with God? It was through his actions, when he offered his son Isaac on the altar. 22 Can't you see? His faith and his actions worked together; his faith was made perfect through his actions. 23 And the scripture came true that said, "Abraham believed God, and because of his faith God accepted him as righteous." And

so Abraham was called God's friend. 24 You see, then, that it is by our actions that we are put right with God, and not by our faith alone.

Prov. 1:23 I

23 ... I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

John 6:28 What, 29

28 ... What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

Prov. 22:17–19, 21

17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

18 For *it is* a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.

21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

Eccl. 9:1 (to :)

1 For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, *are* in the hand of God: ...

Isa. 43:5 (to 2nd :)

5 Fear not: for I *am* with thee: ...

I Chron. 22:18 (to 2nd ?)

18 *Is* not the LORD your God with you? and hath he *not* given you rest on every side? ...

Isa. 30:15 (to :), 17 till

15 For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: ...

17 ... till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.

Lev. 11:44 I (to 2nd :)

44 ... I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy: ...

II Cor. 8:12

12 For if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, *and* not according to that he hath not.

Ps. 2:8

8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.

Deut. 29:29

29 The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are* revealed *belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

Isa. 58:10

10 And *if* thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noon day:

Isa. 60:3

3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Dan. 12:3

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Isa. 61:6 ye (to 2nd :), 8 and

6 ... ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ...

8 ... and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Josh. 23:14 2nd and

14 ... and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, *and* not one thing hath failed thereof.

Rom. 11:36

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.



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

SH 330:19–20

II. God is what the Scriptures declare Him to be, —
Life, Truth, Love.

SH 99:5–9

“Work

6 out your own salvation with fear and trembling,” says
the apostle, and he straightway adds: “for it is God
which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good
9 pleasure” (Philippians ii. 12, 13).

SH 6:17–18

“God is Love.” More than this we cannot ask,
18 higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go.

SH 350:6, 24–27

6 To understand all our Master's sayings as recorded
in the New Testament, sayings infinitely important,
his followers must grow into that stature of
9 manhood in Christ Jesus which enables them
to interpret his spiritual meaning. Then they know
how Truth casts out error and heals the sick. His
12 words were the offspring of his deeds, both of which
must be understood. Unless the works are com-
prehended which his words explained, the words are
15 blind.

Both words
and works

24 “The Word was made flesh.” Divine Truth must be
known by its effects on the body as well as on the mind,
before the Science of being can be demon-
27 strated.

The divine
life-link

SH 42:1–3

1 Jesus' life proved, divinely and scientifically, that God
is Love, whereas priest and rabbi affirmed God to be a
3 mighty potentate, who loves and hates.

SH 23:12

12 Rabbinical lore said: “He that taketh one doctrine,
firm in faith, has the Holy Ghost dwelling in him.”
This preaching receives a strong rebuke in
15 the Scripture, “Faith without works is dead.”
Faith, if it be mere belief, is as a pendulum swinging be-
tween nothing and something, having no fixity. Faith,
18 advanced to spiritual understanding, is the evidence gained

Doctrines
and faith

from Spirit, which rebukes sin of every kind and establishes the claims of God.

SH 275:6

6 The starting-point of divine Science is
that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other
might nor Mind, — that God is Love, and therefore He
9 is divine Principle.

SH x:22–27, 30

The divine Principle of healing is proved in the
personal experience of any sincere seeker of Truth. Its
24 purpose is good, and its practice is safer and more potent
than that of any other sanitary method. The unbiased
Christian thought is soonest touched by Truth,
27 and convinced of it.

30 No intellectual proficiency is requisite
in the learner, but sound morals are most desirable.

SH 54:1–5, 17

1 Through the
magnitude of his human life, he demonstrated the divine
3 Life. Out of the amplitude of his pure affection, he defined
Love. With the affluence of Truth, he vanquished
error.

 His hearers
18 understood neither his words nor his works. They
would not accept his meek interpretation of life nor
follow his example.

SH viii:4

 To develop the full
might of this Science, the discords of corporeal sense
6 must yield to the harmony of spiritual sense, even as the
science of music corrects false tones and gives sweet
concord to sound.

SH 209:31–1

Spiritual sense is a conscious, constant capacity to understand God. It shows the superiority of faith by works
1 over faith in words.

SH 487:25–26, 30

The Apostle James said, “Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.”

30 This faith relies upon an understood Principle. This Principle makes whole the diseased, and brings out the
1 enduring and harmonious phases of things. The result of our teachings is their sufficient confirmation. When,
3 on the strength of these instructions, you are able to banish a severe malady, the cure shows that you understand this teaching, and therefore you re-
6 ceive the blessing of Truth.

Confirmation
by healing

SH xi:9

9 The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their real-
12 ity in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation. Now, as then, these mighty works
15 are not supernatural, but supremely natural. They are the sign of Immanuel, or “God with us,” — a divine influence ever present in human consciousness and re-
18 peating itself, coming now as was promised aforetime,

To preach deliverance to the captives [of sense],
And recovering of sight to the blind,
21 To set at liberty them that are bruised.

SH 480:26–28, 31–2

The Bible declares: “All things were made by Him
27 [the divine Word]; and without Him was not anything made that was made.”

As vapor melts before the sun, so evil would vanish before the reality of good. One must hide the

1 other. How important, then, to choose good as the reality!

SH 231:30

30 Man, governed by his Maker, having no other Mind, —
planted on the Evangelist's statement that “all things
were made by Him [the Word of God]; and without
1 Him was not anything made that was made,” — can
triumph over sin, sickness, and death.

SH 442:25–28

St. Paul says, “Work
out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” Jesus
27 said, “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good
pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

SH 3:7

Shall we
ask the divine Principle of all goodness to do His own
9 work? His work is done, and we have only to avail
ourselves of God's rule in order to receive His bless-
ing, which enables us to work out our own salvation.

The spiritual
mathematics

SH 326:3–5

3 If we wish to follow Christ, Truth, it must be in the
way of God's appointing. Jesus said, “He that believeth
on me, the works that I do shall he do also.”

SH 328:20–25, 28 (only)

Under-
21 standing spiritual law and knowing that there is no mate-
rial law, Jesus said: “These signs shall follow them that
believe, . . . they shall take up serpents, and if they
24 drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They
shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

Jesus' promise is perpetual.



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