

READINGS -WEDNESDAY JUNE 15, 2022



Jun 15 2022

THE "HIGHER MISSION OF THE CHRIST-POWER"

Lev. 18:1–3 the, 30 (to :)

- 1 ... the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God.
- 3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.
- 30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not *any one* of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: ...

Ezek. 44:23

- 23 And they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

Isa. 33:14, 15

- 14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?
- 15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;

Ps. 79:9

- 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

Ps. 19:12

- 12 Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.

Prov. 16:6

- 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.

15 1-2 some of the scribes and Pharisees from Jerusalem came and asked Jesus, “Why do your disciples break our ancient tradition and eat their food without washing their hands properly?”

3-9 “Tell me,” replied Jesus, “why do you break God’s commandment through your tradition? For God said, ‘Honour your father and your mother’, and ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death’. But you say that if a man tells his parents, ‘Whatever use I might have been to you is now given to God’, then he owes no further duty to his parents. And so your tradition empties the commandment of God of all its meaning. You hypocrites! Isaiah describes you beautifully when he said: ‘These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honour me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. And in vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men’.”

10-11 Then he called the crowd to him and said, “Listen, and understand this thoroughly! It is not what goes into a man’s mouth that makes him common or unclean. It is what comes out of a man’s mouth that makes him unclean.”

12 Later his disciples came to him and said, “Do you know that the Pharisees are deeply offended by what you said?”

13-14 “Every plant which my Heavenly Father did not plant will be pulled up by the roots,” returned Jesus. “Let them alone. They are blind guides, and when one blind man leads another blind man they will both end up in the ditch!”

15 “Explain this parable to us,” broke in Peter.

16 “Are you still unable to grasp things like that?” replied Jesus.

17-20 “Don’t you see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and then out of the body altogether? But the things that come out of a man’s mouth come from his heart and mind, and it is they that really make a man unclean. For it is from a man’s mind that evil thoughts arise—murder, adultery, lust, theft, perjury and blasphemy. These are the things which make a man unclean, not eating without washing his hands properly!”

Isa. 1:16, 18

16 ¶ Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Ezek. 36:27

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

II Sam. 22:28 the (to :), 29, 31, 33

28 ... the afflicted people thou wilt save: ...

29 For thou *art* my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.

31 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that trust in him.

33 God *is* my strength *and* power: And he maketh my way perfect.

Prov. 30:5

5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Jer. 33:8

8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

Mal. 3:3

3 And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

I Tim. 1:8 we, 9, 12–17 I (to 1st .)

8 ... we know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully;

9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

12 ... I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.

14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. ...

II Cor. 7:1

1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Ps. 51:10

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

I Tim. 5:22 keep

22 ... keep thyself pure.

John 15:2, 3

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Job 33:9

9 I am clean without transgression, I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity in me.

Ps. 29:2

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.



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

SH 135:12–15

12 This is “the beauty of holiness,” that when Truth heals
the sick, it casts out evils, and when Truth
casts out the evil called disease, it heals the
15 sick.

Fear and
sickness
identical

SH 371:27

27 The necessity for uplifting the race is father to
the fact that Mind can do it; for Mind can impart
purity instead of impurity, strength instead of weak-
30 ness, and health instead of disease. Truth is an altera-
tive in the entire system, and can make it “every whit
whole.”

SH 270:26–27

If sin makes sinners, Truth and Love alone can
27 unmake them.

SH 204:23

False and self-assertive theories have given sinners the
24 notion that they can create what God cannot, — namely,
sinful mortals in God's image, thus usurping the name
without the nature of the image or reflection of divine
27 Mind; but in Science it can never be said that man
has a mind of his own, distinct from God, the *all*
Mind.

SH 52:29

The accusations of the Pharisees were as self-contradictory as their religion. The bigot, the debauchee, the hypocrite, called Jesus a glutton and a wine-bibber. They said: "He casteth out devils
1 through Beelzebub," and is the "friend of publicans and sinners." The latter accusation was true, but not in their
3 meaning. Jesus was no ascetic. He did not fast as did the Baptist's disciples; yet there never lived a man so far removed from appetites and passions as the Nazarene.
6 He rebuked sinners pointedly and unflinchingly, because he was their friend; hence the cup he drank.

Defamatory
accusations

SH 51:28

Jesus was unselfish. His spirituality separated him from sensuousness, and caused the selfish materialist
30 to hate him; but it was this spirituality which enabled Jesus to heal the sick, cast out evil, and raise the dead.

SH 138:22–25

It is easier for Christianity to cast out sickness than sin, for the sick are more willing to part with
24 pain than are sinners to give up the sinful, so-called pleasure of the senses.

SH 15:14–20, 26–27

In order to pray aright, we must enter into the
15 closet and shut the door. We must close the lips and silence the material senses. In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings, we must
18 deny sin and plead God's allness. We must resolve to

Effectual
invocation

take up the cross, and go forth with honest hearts to
work and watch for wisdom, Truth, and Love.

Self-forgetfulness,
27 purity, and affection are constant prayers.

SH 337:14

XXVI. Christian Science demonstrates that none but
15 the pure in heart can see God, as the gospel
teaches. In proportion to his purity is man
perfect; and perfection is the order of celestial
18 being which demonstrates Life in Christ, Life's spiritual
ideal.

Purity the
path to
perfection

SH 253:18–19

18 If you believe in and practise wrong knowingly, you
can at once change your course and do right.

SH 99:23

The calm, strong currents of true spirituality, the
24 manifestations of which are health, purity, and self-
immolation, must deepen human experience, until the
beliefs of material existence are seen to be a bald imposi-
27 tion, and sin, disease, and death give everlasting place
to the scientific demonstration of divine Spirit and to
God's spiritual, perfect man.

SH 272:19–25

It is the spiritualization of thought and Christianization
of daily life, in contrast with the results of the ghastly farce
21 of material existence; it is chastity and purity,
in contrast with the downward tendencies
and earthward gravitation of sensualism and impurity,
24 which really attest the divine origin and operation of Chris-
tian Science.

Unspiritual
contrasts

SH 150:4

To-day the healing power of Truth is widely demon-
strated as an immanent, eternal Science, instead of a
6 phenomenal exhibition. Its appearing is the
coming anew of the gospel of “on earth peace,
good-will toward men.” This coming, as was promised

The main
purpose

9 by the Master, is for its establishment as a permanent
dispensation among men; but the mission of Christian
Science now, as in the time of its earlier demonstration,
12 is not primarily one of physical healing. Now, as then,
signs and wonders are wrought in the metaphysical heal-
ing of physical disease; but these signs are only to demon-
15 strate its divine origin, — to attest the reality of the higher
mission of the Christ-power to take away the sins of the
world.



HYMNS

339

109

554