

Readings for July 7, 2022 - Obedience to God Brings Healing



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1. **Jonah 1:-1, 1–4, 5–7 But, 12, 15, 17**

-1 JONAH

- 1 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
- 2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.
- 3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.
- 4 ¶ But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.
- 5 ... But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.
- 6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.
- 7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.
- 12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you.
- 15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.
- 17 ¶ Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2. Jonah 2:1, 2, 7–10; 3:1–3 (to 1st .)

- 1 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,
2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me;
out of the belly of hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice.
7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came
in unto thee, into thine holy temple.
8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.
9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that*
that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD.
10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry
land.
1 And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,
2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I
bid thee.
3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. ...

3. Jonah 3:5

- 5 ¶ So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on
sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

1. SH 483:30–32

- 30 One must fulfil
one's mission without timidity or dissimulation, for to be
well done, the work must be done unselfishly.

2. SH 182:19–22

- Obedience to material law pre-
vents full obedience to spiritual law, — the law
21 which overcomes material conditions and puts
matter under the feet of Mind.

No
material law

3. SH 183:21–24

- 21 Divine Mind rightly demands man's entire obe-
dience, affection, and strength. No reservation is made
for any lesser loyalty. Obedience to Truth gives man

24 power and strength.

4. SH 4:12

12 The habitual struggle to be always good is unceas-
ing prayer. Its motives are made manifest in the
blessings they bring, — blessings which, even if not
15 acknowledged in audible words, attest our worthiness
to be partakers of Love.

5. SH 11:27–31

27 Prayer cannot change the unalterable
Truth, nor can prayer alone give us an understanding
of Truth; but prayer, coupled with a fervent habitual
30 desire to know and do the will of God, will bring us
into all Truth.

6. SH 184:12

12 Truth, Life, and Love are the only
legitimate and eternal demands on man, and they are
spiritual lawgivers, enforcing obedience through divine
15 statutes.

4. Matt. 4:23

23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and
preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and
all manner of disease among the people.

5. Matt. 5:1, 2, 14–16

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set,
his disciples came unto him:
2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick;
and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

6. John 5:2–17

- 2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
- 3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.
- 4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
- 5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
- 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?
- 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
- 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
- 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.
- 10 ¶ The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed.
- 11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.
- 12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?
- 13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place.
- 14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.
- 15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.
- 16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he

had done these things on the sabbath day.

17 ¶ But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

7. SH 476:32–4

Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick.

8. SH 51:28–13

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

1 From early boyhood he was about his “Father's business.” His pursuits lay far apart from theirs. His master was Spirit; their master was matter. He served God; they served mammon. His affections were pure; theirs were carnal. His senses drank in the spiritual evidence of health, holiness, and life; their senses testified oppositely, and absorbed the material evidence of sin, sickness, and death.

9 Their imperfections and impurity felt the ever-present rebuke of his perfection and purity. Hence the world's hatred of the just and perfect Jesus, and the prophet's foresight of the reception error would give him.

Master's
business

Purity's
rebuke

9. SH 25:16–19

Jesus presented the ideal of God better than could any man whose origin was less spiritual. By his obedience to God, he demonstrated more spiritu-

Effective
triumph

ally than all others the Principle of being.

10. SH 138:18–22

18 Christians are
under as direct orders now, as they were then,
to be Christlike, to possess the Christ-spirit, to
21 follow the Christ-example, and to heal the sick as well as
the sinning.

New era
in Jesus

11. SH 418:5–29

Stick to the truth of being in contradistinction to the
6 error that life, substance, or intelligence can be in matter.
Plead with an honest conviction of truth and
a clear perception of the unchanging, unerr-
9 ing, and certain effect of divine Science. Then, if your
fidelity is half equal to the truth of your plea, you will
heal the sick.

Christian
pleading

12 It must be clear to you that sickness is no more
the reality of being than is sin. This mortal dream
of sickness, sin, and death should cease
15 through Christian Science. Then one dis-
ease would be as readily destroyed as another. What-
ever the belief is, if arguments are used to destroy it,
18 the belief must be repudiated, and the negation must ex-
tend to the supposed disease and to whatever decides its
type and symptoms. Truth is affirmative, and confers
21 harmony. All metaphysical logic is inspired by this sim-
ple rule of Truth, which governs all reality. By the
truthful arguments you employ, and especially by the
24 spirit of Truth and Love which you entertain, you will
heal the sick.

Truthful
arguments

Include moral as well as physical belief in your efforts
27 to destroy error. Cast out all manner of evil. “Preach
the gospel to every creature.” Speak the

Morality
required

truth to every form of error.

12. SH 367:17

18 A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period
of which Jesus spoke to his disciples, when he said: “Ye
are the salt of the earth.” “Ye are the light
of the world. A city that is set on an hill can-
21 not be hid.” Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt
lose not its saltness, and that this light be not hid, but
radiate and glow into noontide glory.

The salt of
the earth