

READINGS FOR WEDNESDAY

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RECOGNIZING AND EXPRESSING CHRISTLINESS PREPARES OUR HEART TO RECEIVE CHRIST

Ps. 10:17 (to 2nd ,)

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, ...

Mal. 3:1

1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

II Kings 4:8–17

- 8 ¶ And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.
- 9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.
- 10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.
- 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.
- 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.
- 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.
- 14 And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.
- 15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.
- 16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.
- 17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

Prov. 21:2, 5 (to ;), 13, 15 (to :), 16, 20, 21, 26 2nd the

- 2 Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.
5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; ...
13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.
15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment: ...
16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.
20 *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.
21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.
26 ... the righteous giveth and spareth not.

Matt. 6:33 seek

- 33 ... seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mark 8:12 Why (to ?)

- 12 ... Why doth this generation seek after a sign? ...

John 14:6 I

- 6 ... I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Matt. 28:18 Jesus, 20 lo (to 1st .)

- 18 ... Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
20 ... lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. ...

Prov. 3:1, 9, 10

- 1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments;
9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Deut. 15:7

- 7 ¶ If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

Prov. 24:17

- 17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

Luke 6:31 as

31 ... as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Mark 11:25 when

25 ... when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Jude 1:21

21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Col. 3:1

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.



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

SH 242:9–10

9 There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ in divine Science shows us this way.

SH 26:10–14, 16

The Christ was the Spirit which Jesus implied in his own statements: “I am the way, the truth, and the life;”

12 “I and my Father are one.” This Christ, or divinity of the man Jesus, was his divine nature, the godliness which animated him.

Christ's
demonstration

His mission was to reveal the Science of celestial being, to prove what God is and what He does

18 for man.

SH 343:21

21 It would sometimes seem as if truth were rejected because meekness and spirituality are the conditions of its acceptance, while Christendom generally demands so

24 much less.

SH 510:2–4

How much more should we seek to apprehend the spiritual ideas of God, than to dwell on the objects of sense!

Spiritual ideas
apprehended

SH 346:29–32

Material beliefs must be expelled to make room for spiritual understanding. We cannot serve both God and mammon at the same time; but is not this what frail mortals are trying to do?

Serving
two masters

SH 202:3–14

The scientific unity which exists between God and man must be wrought out in life-practice, and God's will must be universally done.

If men would bring to bear upon the study of the Science of Mind half the faith they bestow upon the so-called pains and pleasures of material sense, they would not go on from bad to worse, until disciplined by the prison and the scaffold; but the whole human family would be redeemed through the merits of Christ, — through the perception and acceptance of Truth. For this glorious result Christian Science lights the torch of spiritual understanding.

Divine
study

SH 283:27

We must receive the divine Principle in the understanding, and live it in daily life; and unless we so do, we can no more demonstrate Science, than we can teach and illustrate geometry by calling a curve a straight line or a straight line a sphere.

SH 272:3–8, 19–25

The spiritual sense of truth must be gained before Truth can be understood. This sense is assimilated only as we are honest, unselfish, loving, and meek. In the soil of an “honest and good heart” the seed must be sown; else it beareth not much fruit, for the swinish element in human nature uproots it.

Spirituality
of Scripture

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 15:26–27

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

SH 142:7

We
must seek the undivided garment, the whole Christ, as our
9 first proof of Christianity, for Christ, Truth, alone can
furnish us with absolute evidence.

Two claims
omitted

SH 264:24

24 Spiritual living
and blessedness are the only evidences, by which we can
recognize true existence and feel the unspeakable peace
27 which comes from an all-absorbing spiritual love.

Spiritual
proofs of
existence

SH 316:3–7

3 The
real man being linked by Science to his Maker,
mortals need only turn from sin and lose sight of mortal
6 selfhood to find Christ, the real man and his relation to
God, and to recognize the divine sonship.

Jesus as
mediator

SH 179:7

Immortal Mind heals what eye
hath not seen; but the spiritual capacity to ap-
9 prehend thought and to heal by the Truth-power, is won
only as man is found, not in self-righteousness, but re-
flecting the divine nature.

Absent
patients

SH 333:3–4, 19–26

3 XII. The word *Christ* is not properly a synonym for
Jesus, though it is commonly so used.

Throughout all generations both before and

The divine
Principle

after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and the prophets caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, or Christ, which baptized these seers in the divine nature, the essence of Love.

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

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 reality
12 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 34:5

If Christ,
6 Truth, has come to us in demonstration, no other commemoration is requisite, for demonstration is Immanuel, or *God with us*; and if a friend be with us, why need we
9 memorials of that friend?

SH 361:4–5

Christ, as the true spiritual idea,
is the ideal of God now and forever, here and everywhere.



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