READINGS FOR WEDNESDAY **DECEMBER 28,2022**



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LEARNING FROM THE PSALMIST- CALL ON THE LORD SEE RESULTS AND SERVE

Ps. 116:1-4

- 1 I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.
- 2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
- 3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.
- 4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gen. 21:14–19 Abraham

- 14 ... Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.
- 15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.
- And she went, and sat her down over against *him* a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against *him*, and lift up her voice, and wept.
- 17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.
- 18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.
- 19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

Ps. 116:5-8

- 5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.
- 6 The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.
- 7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.
- 8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.

II Kings 20:1–5 (to 2nd :)

1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.

- 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,
- ³ I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.
- 4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,
- ⁵ Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: ...

Ps. 116:9, 12-14

- 9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
- 12 What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me?
- 13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.
- 14 I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

Matt. 24:1 (to:)

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: ...

Luke 9:1, 2, 23

- 1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.
- 2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.
- ¶ And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Lam. 3:40, 41

- 40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.
- 41 Let us lift up our heart with *our* hands unto God in the heavens.

Ps. 116:16-19

- ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.
- 17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.
- 18 I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people,
- 19 In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

Ps. 100:2

² Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Acts 2:14 Peter, 36-38, 41, 46, 47

- 14 ... Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all *ye* that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
- 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus,

- whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
- ¶ Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?
- Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- ¶ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.
- 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
- 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Ps. 117:1, 2

- 1 O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.
- ² For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

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

SH 7:23 The

The "di-

vine ear" is not an auditory nerve. It is the all-hearing and all-knowing Mind, to whom each need of man is always known and by whom it will be supplied.

SH x:19

Few invalids will turn to God till all physical supports have failed, because there is so little faith in His disposition and power to heal disease.

SH 362:-8

Why art thou cast down, O my soul [sense]?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him,
Who is the health of my countenance and my God. — PSALMS.

SH 216:30-1; 217:6-19

30 Give up
your material belief of mind in matter, and
have but one Mind, even God; for this Mind forms its

1 own likeness.

Medical schools may inform us that the healing work of Christian Science and Paul's peculiar Christian conversion and experience, — which prove Mind

9 to be scientifically distinct from matter, — are indications of unnatural mental and bodily conditions, even of catalepsy and hysteria; yet if we turn to the Scrip-

tures, what do we read? Why, this: "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death!" and "Henceforth know we no man after the flesh!"

That scientific methods are superior to others, is seen by their effects. When you have once conquered a diseased condition of the body through

18 Mind, that condition never recurs, and you have won a point in Science.

SH 467:13

Having no other gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide 15 him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ.

SH 322:3, 26–30; 323:6

pared to relinquish its error.

When understanding changes the standpoints of life and intelligence from a material to a spiritual basis, we shall gain the reality of Life, the control of Soul over sense, and we shall perceive Christianity, or Truth, in its divine Principle. This must be the climax before harmonious and immortal man is obtained and his capabilities revealed. It is highly important — in view of the immense work to be accomplished before this recognition of divine Science can come — to turn our thoughts towards divine Principle, that finite belief may be pre-

The sharp experiences of belief in the supposititious life of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless woes, turn us like tired children to the arms of divine Love. Then we begin to learn Life in divine Science.

Paul's experience

Fatigue is mental

Standpoints changed

Uses of suffering

- Through the wholesome chastisements of Love, we are helped onward in the march towards righteousness, peace, and purity, which are the landmarks
- 9 of Science. Beholding the infinite tasks of truth, we pause, — wait on God. Then we push onward, until boundless thought walks enraptured, and concep-
- 12 tion unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory.

SH 567:3-6 Truth

Truth
and Love come nearer in the hour of woe, when strong
faith or spiritual strength wrestles and prevails through
the understanding of God.

SH 521:12 We

should look away from the opposite supposition that man is created materially, and turn our gaze to the spiritual record of creation, to that which should be engraved on the understanding and heart "with the point of a diamond" and the pen of an angel.

SH 323:24

24 The true idea of God gives the true understanding of Life and Love, robs the grave of victory, takes away all sin and the delusion that there are other minds, and destroys mortality.

SH 228:11-27

The enslavement of man is not legitimate. It will
cease when man enters into his heritage of freedom, his
God-given dominion over the material senses.

Mortals will some day assert their freedom in
the name of Almighty God. Then they will control their
own bodies through the understanding of divine Science.
Dropping their present beliefs, they will recognize harmony as the spiritual reality and discord as the material
unreality.

If we follow the command of our Master, "Take no thought for your life," we shall never depend on bodily conditions, structure, or economy, but we shall be masters of the body, dictate its terms, and form and control it with

A bright outlook

God-given dominion

₂₄ Truth.

There is no power apart from God. Omnipotence has all-power, and to acknowledge any other power is to dishonor God.

SH 67:28

Man delivered from sin, disease, and death presents the true likeness or spiritual ideal.

SH 355:11

Let discord of every name and nature be heard no more, and let the harmonious and true sense of Life and being take possession of human consciousness.

SH 262:5-7

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⁶ Science takes naught from the perfection of God, but it ascribes to Him the entire glory.



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