

# WEDNESDAY READINGS FOR JANUARY 11, 2023



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## LOVE'S REDEMPTION OF BOTH REDEEMED AND REDEEMER

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### **Ps. 19:7, 8**

- 7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.

### **Prov. 16:6**

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

## Acts 9:1-6

International Children's Bible

In Jerusalem Saul was still trying to frighten the followers of the Lord by saying he would kill them. So he went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him to write letters to the synagogues in the city of Damascus. Saul wanted the high priest to give him the authority to find people in Damascus who were followers of Christ's Way. If he found any there, men or women, he would arrest them and bring them back to Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> So Saul went to Damascus. As he came near the city, a bright light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> Saul fell to the ground. He heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul! Why are you doing things against me?"

<sup>5</sup> Saul said, "Who are you, Lord?"

The voice answered, "I am Jesus. I am the One you are trying to hurt.

### **Acts 9:6**

- 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

## Acts 9:7-9 International Children's Bible

<sup>7</sup> The men traveling with Saul stood there, but they said nothing. They heard the voice, but they saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground. He opened his

eyes, but he could not see. So the men with Saul took his hand and led him into Damascus.<sup>9</sup> For three days Saul could not see, and he did not eat or drink.

**Ps. 65:3**

3 Iniquities prevail against me: *as for* our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

**Ps. 51:2, 10**

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

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

**Matt. 5:43–45 (to :)**

43 ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: ...



Acts 9:10-22 International Children's Bible

10 There was a follower of Jesus in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to Ananias in a vision, "Ananias!"

Ananias answered, "Here I am, Lord."

11 The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight Street. Find the house of Judas.[a] Ask for a man named Saul from the city of Tarsus. He is there now, praying. 12 Saul has seen a vision. In it a man named Ananias comes to him and lays his hands on him. Then he sees again."

13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, many people have told me about this man and the terrible things he did to your people in Jerusalem. 14 Now he has come here to Damascus. The leading priests have given him the power to arrest everyone who worships you."

15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! I have chosen Saul for an important work. He must tell about me to non-Jews, to kings, and to the people of Israel.

17 So Ananias went to the house of Judas. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus sent me. He is the one you saw on the road on your way here. He sent me so that you can see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately, something that looked like fish scales fell from Saul's eyes. He was able to see again! Then Saul got up and was baptized. 19 After eating some food, his strength returned.

**Ps. 19:12–14**

- 12 Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.  
13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.  
14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

**Ps. 51:12, 13**

- 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.  
13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.



Acts 9

Saul stayed with the followers of Jesus in Damascus for a few days. 20 Soon he began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “Jesus is the Son of God!”

21 All the people who heard him were amazed. They said, “This is the man who was in Jerusalem. He was trying to destroy those who trust in this name! He came here to do the same thing. He came here to arrest the followers of Jesus and take them back to the leading priests.”

22 But Saul became more and more powerful. His proofs that Jesus is the Christ were so strong that the Jews in Damascus could not argue with him.

**Jonah 2:6**

- 6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

**Heb. 10:22 (to 2nd ,)**

- 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, ...

**Ps. 29:2**

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



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**SH 270:26–27**

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

**SH 35:30 (only)**

30 The design of Love is to reform the sinner.

**SH 490:3–4, 6**

3 Will-power is but a product of belief, and this belief  
commits depredations on harmony.

Will-power  
an animal  
propensity

6 Hence it cannot govern man aright. Chris-  
tian Science reveals Truth and Love as the  
motive-powers of man. Will — blind, stubborn, and head-  
9 long — cooperates with appetite and passion. From this  
cooperation arises its evil. From this also comes its pow-  
erlessness, since all power belongs to God, good.

**SH 327:23–26, 29**

Moral courage is requisite to meet the wrong and to  
24 proclaim the right. But how shall we re-  
form the man who has more animal than  
moral courage, and who has not the true idea of good?

Moral  
courage

Reason is the most active human faculty. Let  
30 that inform the sentiments and awaken the man's dor-  
mant sense of moral obligation, and by degrees he will  
learn the nothingness of the pleasures of human sense  
1 and the grandeur and bliss of a spiritual sense, which  
silences the material or corporeal. Then he not only will  
3 be saved, but *is* saved.

**SH 130:15–19**

15 Christian Science, properly understood, would dis-  
abuse the human mind of material beliefs which war  
against spiritual facts; and these material  
18 beliefs must be denied and cast out to make  
place for truth.

Children  
and adults

**SH 329:22 Science**

Science is a  
divine demand, not a human. Always right,  
24 its divine Principle never repents, but main-  
tains the claim of Truth by quenching error.  
The pardon of divine mercy is the destruction of error. If

Error  
destroyed,  
not pardoned

27 men understood their real spiritual source to be all bless-  
edness, they would struggle for recourse to the spiritual  
and be at peace; but the deeper the error into which mor-  
30 tal mind is plunged, the more intense the opposition to  
spirituality, till error yields to Truth.

### SH 324:20

When the truth first appeared  
21 to him in Science, Paul was made blind,  
and his blindness was felt; but spiritual  
light soon enabled him to follow the example and teach-  
24 ings of Jesus, healing the sick and preaching Christian-  
ity throughout Asia Minor, Greece, and even in imperial  
Rome.

Paul's  
enlightenment

### SH 11:8–10

The moral law, which has the  
9 right to acquit or condemn, always demands restitu-  
tion before mortals can “go up higher.”

Remission  
of penalty

### SH 326:16–32

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained  
now. This point won, you have started as you should.  
18 You have begun at the numeration-table of Christian  
Science, and nothing but wrong intention can hinder your  
advancement. Working and praying with true motives,  
21 your Father will open the way. “Who did hinder you,  
that ye should not obey the truth?”

Saul of Tarsus beheld the way — the Christ, or Truth  
24 — only when his uncertain sense of right yielded to a  
spiritual sense, which is always right. Then  
the man was changed. Thought assumed a  
27 nobler outlook, and his life became more spiritual. He  
learned the wrong that he had done in persecuting Chris-  
tians, whose religion he had not understood, and in hu-  
30 mility he took the new name of Paul. He beheld for the  
first time the true idea of Love, and learned a lesson in  
divine Science.

Conversion  
of Saul

### SH 162:4–7, 9

Christian Science brings to the body the sunlight of  
Truth, which invigorates and purifies. Christian Science

6 acts as an alterative, neutralizing error with  
Truth.

Truth an  
alterative

9                   The effect of this Science is  
to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it  
may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind.

### SH 366:3

3    In order to cure his patient, the metaphysician  
must first cast moral evils out of himself and thus  
attain the spiritual freedom which will en-  
6 able him to cast physical evils out of his  
patient; but heal he cannot, while his own spiritual  
barrenness debars him from giving drink to the thirsty  
9 and hinders him from reaching his patient's thought, —  
yea, while mental penury chills his faith and under-  
standing.

Moral evils  
to be cast out

### SH 375:17

                          The genuine Christian  
18 Scientist is adding to his patient's mental and moral power,  
and is increasing his patient's spirituality while restoring  
him physically through divine Love.

### SH 135:11–15

                          The same power which heals sin heals also sickness.  
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 253:2–4

                          The beauty of holiness, the perfection of being,  
3 imperishable glory, — all are Mine, for I am  
God.

Testimony  
of Soul

### SH 157:28

                          Christian Science impresses the entire corpore-  
ality, — namely, mind and body, — and brings out the  
30 proof that Life is continuous and harmonious. Science  
both neutralizes error and destroys it. Mankind is the  
better for this spiritual and profound pathology.



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