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Spiritual Gifts

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

- The Bible

1. James 1:17

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

2. Acts 20:35

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

3. Prov 17:8

8 A gift *is as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

4. Matt 2:1, 10, 11

1 NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
11 ¶ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

5. John 3:16

16 ¶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

6. Rom. 6:23 2nd the

23 the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

7. I Pet 4:10, 11 (to :)

10 As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
11 If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth:

8. Matt 23:1-3, 23

1 THEN spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,
2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

9. Matt 5:23-26 if

23 if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

10. Luke 21:1-6

1 AND he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:

4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

5 ¶ And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,

6 *As for* these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

11. John 4:5-7, 9-11, 13, 14, 23-26 the

5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

- 11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?
- 13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
- 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
- 23 the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
- 24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.
- 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.
- 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.

12. John 16:33 In the

- 33 In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

13. Luke 12:32

- 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

14. Matt 7:7-11

- 7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
- 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?
- 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
- 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

15. I Cor 12:1, 4-11, 31 covet (to :)

- 1 NOW concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
- 4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
- 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.
- 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

- 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
- 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
- 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:
- 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.
- 31 covet earnestly the best gifts:

16. I Cor 15:57 thanks

- 57 thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

17. Acts 20:35

- 35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

18. Acts 2:38 Repent

- 38 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.

- Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1. SH 79:31-32

Giving does not impoverish us in the service of our Maker, neither does withholding enrich us.

2. SH 6:5-7

- 3 God is not separate from the wis-
- 6 dom He bestows. The talents He gives we must improve.

3. SH 8:10-18, 22-30

- If a man, though apparently fervent and prayerful, is impure and therefore insincere, what must be the comment upon him? If he reached the loftiness of his prayer, there would be no occasion for comment. If we feel the aspiration, humility, gratitude, and love which our words express, — this God accepts; and it is wise not to try to deceive ourselves or others, for “there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed.” If we turn away from the poor, we are not ready to receive the reward of Him who blesses

Aspiration
and love

24 the poor. We confess to having a very wicked heart
and ask that it may be laid bare before us, but do
we not already know more of this heart than we are
27 willing to have our neighbor see?

We should examine ourselves and learn what is the
affection and purpose of the heart, for in this way
30 only can we learn what we honestly are.

Searching
the heart

4. SH 107:1-3

107:1 In the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or
divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and
3 named my discovery Christian Science.

Christian
Science
discovered

5. SH 108:3-4

3 According to St. Paul, it was “the gift of the grace of
God given unto me by the effectual working of His power.”

6. SH 97:32-3

Earth has no repayment for the persecutions which
98:1 attend a new step in Christianity; but the spiritual recom-
pense of the persecuted is assured in the elevation of ex-
3 istence above mortal discord and in the gift of divine Love.

7. SH 516:12-13

Love, redolent with unselfish-
ness, bathes all in beauty and light.

8. SH 112:16-22

From the infinite One in Christian Science comes one
Principle and its infinite idea, and with this infinitude
18 come spiritual rules, laws, and their demon-
stration, which, like the great Giver, are “the
same yesterday, and to-day, and forever;” for thus are
21 the divine Principle of healing and the Christ-idea charac-
terized in the epistle to the Hebrews.

Unchanging
Principle

9. SH 316:21-23

Christ illustrates that
blending with God, his divine Principle, which gives man
dominion over all the earth.

10. SH 540:28

Cain is the type of mortal and material man, conceived
in sin and “shapen in iniquity;” he is not the
30 type of Truth and Love. Material in origin
and sense, he brings a material offering to God. Abel
541:1 takes his offering from the firstlings of the flock. A lamb
is a more animate form of existence, and more nearly re-
3 sembles a mind-offering than does Cain’s fruit. Jealous

Spiritual and
material

of his brother's gift, Cain seeks Abel's life, instead of making his own gift a higher tribute to the Most High.

11. SH 2:8-11; 3:22

God is not moved by the breath of praise to do more than He has already done, nor can the infinite do less than bestow all good, since He is unchanging wisdom and Love.

Deity
unchangeable

Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more. Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech.

12. SH 182:22-26

Mortals entreat the divine Mind to heal the sick, and forthwith shut out the aid of Mind by using material means, thus working against themselves and their prayers and denying man's God-given ability to demonstrate Mind's sacred power.

13. SH 22:11-20

"Work out your own salvation," is the demand of Life and Love, for to this end God worketh with you. "Occupy till I come!" Wait for your reward, and "be not weary in well doing." If your endeavors are beset by fearful odds, and you receive no present reward, go not back to error, nor become a sluggard in the race.

Wait for reward

When the smoke of battle clears away, you will discern the good you have done, and receive according to your deserving.

14. SH 333:16-26 The

The advent of Jesus of Nazareth marked the first century of the Christian era, but the Christ is without beginning of years or end of days. Throughout all generations both before and 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.

The divine
Principle and
idea

15. SH 325:7-9

Jesus

gave the true idea of being, which results in infinite blessings to mortals.

16. SH 58:14-16

12 With ad-
15 ditional joys, benevolence should grow more
diffusive.

17. SH 539:27

27 The divine origin of Jesus gave him more than human
power to expound the facts of creation, and demonstrate
the one Mind which makes and governs man
30 and the universe. The Science of creation,
so conspicuous in the birth of Jesus, inspired his wisest
and least-understood sayings, and was the basis of his
540:1 marvellous demonstrations. Christ is the offspring of
Spirit, and spiritual existence shows that Spirit creates
3 neither a wicked nor a mortal man, lapsing into sin, sick-
ness, and death.

Scientific
offspring

18. SH 135:26-32

Christianity as Jesus taught it was not
27 a creed, nor a system of ceremonies, nor a special gift
from a ritualistic Jehovah; but it was the demonstration
of divine Love casting out error and healing the sick,
30 not merely in the *name* of Christ, or Truth, but in demon-
stration of Truth, as must be the case in the cycles of
divine light.

19. SH 570:14

Millions of unprejudiced minds — simple seekers for
15 Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert — are wait-
ing and watching for rest and drink. Give
them a cup of cold water in Christ's name,
18 and never fear the consequences. What if the old dragon
should send forth a new flood to drown the Christ-idea?
He can neither drown your voice with its roar, nor again
21 sink the world into the deep waters of chaos and old night.
In this age the earth will help the woman; the spiritual
idea will be understood. Those ready for the blessing
24 you impart will give thanks. The waters will be paci-
fied, and Christ will command the wave.

Receptive hearts

20. SH 436:11-12

Giving a cup of cold water in Christ's name, is a Christian
12 service.

21. SH 387:27

27 The history of Christianity furnishes sublime proofs
of the supporting influence and protecting power bestowed
on man by his heavenly Father, omnipotent
30 Mind, who gives man faith and understanding
whereby to defend himself, not only from temptation, but
from bodily suffering.

22. SH 442:27 Fear

27 “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good
pleasure to give you the kingdom.” This truth is
Christian Science.

23. SH 55:27

27 In the words of St. John: “He shall give you another
Comforter, that he may abide with you *forever*.” This
Comforter I understand to be Divine Science.

- Hymns 437, 222, 342

New 437

Formerly:

Hymn 430

Hymn 430

JOACHIM NEANDER

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(430)

MICHAEL

HERBERT HOWELLS

Music by Herbert Howells

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All my hope on God is founded;
Day by day my trust is new.
Through the trials of life He guides me,
Only good and only true.
God alone, dearly known,
Calls my heart to be His own.

Earthly treasures, pride and glory,
Human power and worldly trust,
Though with care and toil are builded,
In the end will fall to dust.

But God's power, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

Daily does th'almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow.
His desire our soul delighteth,
Joy attends us where we go.
Blessings stand at His hand,
Healing flows at His command.

Now from man to God eternal
Endless thanks and praise be sung.
Hearts made new are anthems raising
Through the love of Christ, His Son.
Hear His call, one and all,
We who follow shall not fall.

Hymn 222

Hymn 222, 223

PHILLIPS BROOKS

(222)

ST. LOUIS

LEWIS H. REDNER

(223)

CHRISTMAS CAROL

H. WALFORD DAVIES

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O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given;

So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meekness will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

Hymn 342

Hymn 342

LAURA LEE RANDALL

(342)

ANGELS' SONG

F. MENDELSSOHN, ARR. BY E. J. HOPKINS

This is the day the Lord hath made;
Be glad, give thanks, rejoice;
Stand in His presence, unafraid,
In praise lift up your voice.
All perfect gifts are from above,
And all our blessings show
The amplitude of God's dear love
Which every heart may know.

The Lord will hear before we call,
And every need supply;
Good things are freely given to all
Who on His word rely.
We come today to bring Him praise
Not for such gifts alone,
But for the higher, deeper ways
In which His love is shown.

For sin destroyed, for sorrow healed,
For health and peace restored;
For Life and Love by Truth revealed,
We thank and bless the Lord.

This is the day the Lord hath made,
In praise lift up your voice.
In shining robes of joy arrayed,
Be glad, give thanks, rejoice.