

2018-06-27 Wednesday

Hospitality

The Bible

1. Ps. 146:5-10

Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: which keepeth truth for ever: Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners: The LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous: The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. The LORD shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

2. Ex. 20:1-3, 5 (to :), 12-16

AND God spake all these words, saying, *I am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. ... Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:

¶ Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

3. Lev. 19:1, 2, 9, 10, 13 (to :), 15

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy.

¶ And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: *I am* the LORD your God.

¶ Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob *him*:

¶ Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: *but* in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

4. Ex. 23:1-3, 7, 9

THOU shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

¶ Thou shalt not follow a multitude to *do* evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest *judgment*:

¶ Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause.

Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

¶ Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

5. Lev. 19:33, 34, 37 (to :)

¶ And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. *But* the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them:

6. Num. 15:15

One ordinance *shall be both* for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth *with you*, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye *are*, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

7. Lev. 25:35-38

¶ And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: *yea, though he be* a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee. Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee. Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase. I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, *and* to be your God.

8. Rom. 11:33, 36 (to 1st .); 12:1, 2, 9-13, 18, 20 (to :), 21

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out! ... For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever.

I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. ... *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. ... If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. ... Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: ... Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

9. I Pet. 4:8-10

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

10. Heb. 13:1, 2

LET brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Science and Health

1. SH 298:28-30; 299:7-15

Angels are pure thoughts from God, winged with Truth and Love, no matter what their individualism may be.

My angels are exalted thoughts, appearing at the door of some sepulchre, in which human belief has buried its fondest

earthly hopes. With white fingers they point upward to a new and glorified trust, to higher ideals of life and its joys. Angels are God's representatives. These upward-soaring beings never lead towards self, sin, or materiality, but guide to the divine Principle of all good, whither every real individuality, image, or likeness of God, gathers.

Our angelic
messengers

2. SH vii:13-15

The time for thinkers has come. Truth, independent of doctrines and time-honored systems, knocks at the portal of humanity.

3. SH 224:28 (only), 29; 225:8-19 (to ;), 21-28; 226:5-11 (to), 13-15 through

Truth brings the elements of liberty. ... The power of God brings deliverance to the captive. No power can withstand divine Love. What is this supposed power, which opposes itself to God?

Mental emancipation

Whence cometh it? What is it that binds man with iron shackles to sin, sickness, and death? Whatever enslaves man is opposed to the divine government. Truth makes man free.

The powers of this world will fight, and will command their sentinels not to let truth pass the guard until it subscribes to their systems; but Science, heeding not the pointed bayonet, marches on. There is always some tumult, but there is a rallying to truth's standard.

The history of our country, like all history, illustrates the might of Mind, and shows human power to be proportionate to its embodiment of right thinking. A few immortal sentences, breathing the omnipotence of divine justice, have been potent to break despotic fetters and abolish the whipping-post and slave market; Love is the liberator.

Immortal sentences

Legally to abolish unpaid servitude in the United States was hard; but the abolition of mental slavery is a more difficult task. The despotic tendencies, inherent in mortal mind and always germinating in new forms of tyranny, must be rooted out through the action of the divine Mind.

Slavery abolished

The voice of God in behalf of the African slave was still echoing in our land, when the voice of the herald of this new crusade sounded the keynote of universal freedom, asking a fuller acknowledgment of the rights of man as a Son of God, demanding that the fetters of sin, sickness, and death be stricken from the human mind and that its freedom be won, ... through Christ's divine Science.

Liberty's crusade

God has built a higher platform of human rights, and He has built it on diviner claims.

4. SH 340:15

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (Exodus xx. 3.) The First Commandment is my favorite text. It demonstrates Christian Science. It inculcates the tri-unity of God, Spirit, Mind; it signifies that man shall have no other spirit or mind but God, eternal good, and that all men shall have one Mind. The divine Principle of the First Commandment bases the Science of being, by which man demonstrates health, holiness, and life eternal. One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;" annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

5. SH 150:4-12, 14 but (only, to but), 15 to

To-day the healing power of Truth is widely demonstrated as an immanent, eternal Science, instead of a phenomenal exhibition. Its appearing is the coming anew of the gospel of “on earth peace, good-will toward men.” This coming, as was promised by the Master, is for its establishment as a permanent dispensation among men; but the mission of Christian Science now, as in the time of its earlier demonstration, is not primarily one of physical healing. ... but ... to attest the reality of the higher mission of the Christ-power to take away the sins of the world. The main purpose

6. SH 142:11-15

If the soft palm, upturned to a lordly salary, and architectural skill, making dome and spire tremulous with beauty, turn the poor and the stranger from the gate, they at the same time shut the door on progress. Selfishness and loss

7. SH 8:22-24

If we turn away from the poor, we are not ready to receive the reward of Him who blesses the poor.

8. SH 142:18

As in Jesus’ time, so to-day, tyranny and pride need to be whipped out of the temple, and humility and divine Science to be welcomed in. The strong cords of scientific demonstration, as twisted and wielded by Jesus, are still needed to purge the temples of their vain traffic in worldly worship and to make them meet dwelling-places for the Most High. Temple cleansed

9. SH 233:16; 234:4

Already the shadow of His right hand rests upon the hour. Ye who can discern the face of the sky, — the sign material, — how much more should ye discern the sign mental, and compass the destruction of sin and sickness by overcoming the thoughts which produce them, and by understanding the spiritual idea which corrects and destroys them. To reveal this truth was our Master’s mission to all mankind, including the hearts which rejected him. Christ’s mission

Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love — be it song, sermon, or Science — blesses the human family with crumbs of comfort from Christ’s table, feeding the hungry and giving living waters to the thirsty. Crumbs of comfort

10. SH 174:9

The footsteps of thought, rising above material standpoints, are slow, and portend a long night to the traveller; but the angels of His presence — the spiritual intuitions that tell us when “the night is far spent, the day is at hand” — are our guardians in the gloom. Whoever opens the way in Christian Science is a pilgrim and stranger, marking out the path for generations yet unborn. Rise of thought

11. SH 254:31-32

Pilgrim on earth, thy home is heaven; stranger, thou art the guest of God.

Hymns

Hymn 308

Hymn 304–309, 456

“FEED MY SHEEP”

MARY BAKER EDDY

(304)

GUIDANCE

LYMAN BRACKETT

(305)

SHEPHERD

ALBERT F. CONANT

(306)

CONCORD

WILLIAM LYMAN JOHNSON

(307)

LLANFAIR

ARR. FROM ROBERT WILLIAMS

(308)

EGERTON

G. THALBEN-BALL

(309)

BENEVOLENCE

E. NORMAN GREENWOOD

Shepherd, show me how to go
O'er the hillside steep,
How to gather, how to sow,—
How to feed Thy sheep;
I will listen for Thy voice,
Lest my footsteps stray;
I will follow and rejoice
All the rugged way.

Thou wilt bind the stubborn will,
Wound the callous breast,
Make self-righteousness be still,

Break earth's stupid rest.
 Strangers on a barren shore,
 Lab'ring long and lone,
 We would enter by the door,
 And Thou know'st Thine own;

So, when day grows dark and cold,
 Tear or triumph harms,
 Lead Thy lambkins to the fold,
 Take them in Thine arms;
 Feed the hungry, heal the heart,
 Till the morning's beam;
 White as wool, ere they depart,
 Shepherd, wash them clean.

Hymn 278

Hymn 278, 279

P. M.

Adapted

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WALLOG

H. WALFORD DAVIES

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LIME STREET

GEOFFREY SHAW

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Pilgrim on earth, home and heaven are within thee,
 Heir of the ages and child of the day.
 Cared for, watched over, beloved and protected,
 Walk thou with courage each step of the way.

Truthful and steadfast though trials betide thee,
 Ever one thing do thou ask of thy Lord,
 Grace to go forward, wherever He guide thee,
 Gladly obeying the call of His word.

Healed is thy hardness, His love hath dissolved it,

Full is the promise, the blessing how kind;
So shall His tenderness teach thee compassion,
So all the merciful, mercy shall find.

Hymn 227

Hymn 227

WILLIAM COWPER

Adapted

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SCHICHT'S CHORALBUCH, 1819

O Lord, where'er Thy people meet,
There they behold Thy mercy seat;
Where'er they seek Thee, Thou art found,
And every place is hallowed ground.

For Thou, within no walls confined,
Dwellest with them of humble mind;
Such ever bring Thee where they come;
And where Thou art they find their home.

Here we may prove the power of prayer
To strengthen faith and sweeten care;
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heaven before our eyes.

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