

# Wed How to Love Your Neighbor 2018 06 20

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Wednesday, June 20, 2018

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- The Bible

Read from the New King James Version (NKJV)

Ps. 147:1-3

- 1 PRAISE ye the LORD: for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God; for *it is* pleasant; *and* praise is comely.
- 2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

I John 4:16 2nd God

- 16 God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Mark 12:30, 31

- 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.
- 31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Luke 10:25 (to 2nd and), 29-37 willing

- 25 ¶ And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and
- 29 willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?
- 30 And Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.
- 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked *on him*, and passed by on the other side.
- 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*,
- 34 And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
- 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
- 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?
- 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Gal. 5:14

- 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

I Cor. 13:4-13

- 4 Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
- 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
- 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
- 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
- 8 Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.
- 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
- 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.
- 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
- 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
- 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

(In the NKJV, "charity" in this citation is "love")

Phil. 2:1-12 (to 2nd ), 12-16 work, 17 2nd I, 18

- 1 If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
- 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.
- 3 *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
- 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
- 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
- 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

- 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;
- 11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- 12 Wherefore, my beloved, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
- 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.
- 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:
- 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;
- 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.
- 17 I joy, and rejoice with you all.
- 18 For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.

Ps. 67:1-6

- 1 GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; *and* cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.
- 2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.
- 5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
- 6 *Then* shall the earth yield her increase; *and* God, *even* our own God, shall bless us.

- Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy  
SH 572:19-25; 573:5-28

In Revelation xxi. 1 we read: —

- 21 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

- 24 The Revelator had not yet passed the transitional stage in human experience called death, but he already saw a new heaven and a new earth. This testimony of Holy
- 8 Writ sustains the fact in Science, that the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness

9 which God bestows, are spiritual, while to another, the  
unillumined human mind, the vision is material. This  
shows unmistakably that what the human mind terms  
matter and spirit indicates states and stages of con-  
12 sciousness.

Accompanying this scientific consciousness was an-  
other revelation, even the declaration from heaven, su-  
15 preme harmony, that God, the divine Principle  
of harmony, is ever with men, and they are  
His people. Thus man was no longer regarded as a mis-  
18 erable sinner, but as the blessed child of God. Why?  
Because St. John's corporeal sense of the heavens and  
earth had vanished, and in place of this false sense was  
21 the spiritual sense, the subjective state by which he could  
see the new heaven and new earth, which involve the  
spiritual idea and consciousness of reality. This is Scrip-  
24 tural authority for concluding that such a recognition of  
being is, and has been, possible to men in this present  
state of existence, — that we can become conscious,  
27 here and now, of a cessation of death, sorrow, and pain.  
This is indeed a foretaste of absolute Christian Science.

Nearness of  
Deity

SH 269:14-20

Metaphysics resolves  
15 things into thoughts, and exchanges the objects of sense  
for the ideas of Soul.

These ideas are perfectly real and tangible to spiritual  
18 consciousness, and they have this advantage over the ob-  
jects and thoughts of material sense, — they are good and  
eternal.

SH 518:15-19

The rich in spirit help the poor in  
one grand brotherhood, all having the same  
Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth  
18 his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in  
another's good.

SH 9:5-7, 11-24

The test of all prayer lies in the answer to these  
6 questions: Do we love our neighbor better because of  
this asking? If selfishness has given place to kindness,  
12 we shall regard our neighbor unselfishly, and bless  
them that curse us; but we shall never meet this great  
duty simply by asking that it may be done. There is  
15 a cross to be taken up before we can enjoy the fruition  
of our hope and faith.

Summit of  
aspiration

18 Dost thou “love the Lord thy God with all thy  
heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind”?  
This command includes much, even the sur-  
21 render of all merely material sensation, affec-  
tion, and worship. This is the El Dorado of Christianity.  
It involves the Science of Life, and recognizes only the  
divine control of Spirit, in which Soul is our master,  
24 and material sense and human will have no place.

SH 467:1-16

467:1 *Question.* — What are the demands of the Science of  
Soul?

3 *Answer.* — The first demand of this Science is, “Thou  
shalt have no other gods before me.” This *me* is Spirit.  
Therefore the command means this: Thou shalt  
6 have no intelligence, no life, no substance, no  
truth, no love, but that which is spiritual. The second  
is like unto it, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”  
9 It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one  
Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love.  
Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact  
12 becomes apparent, war will cease and the true brother-  
hood of man will be established. 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, hav-  
ing that Mind which was also in Christ.

Two chief  
commands

SH 28:9-11

9 While respecting all that is good in the Church or out  
of it, one’s consecration to Christ is more on the ground  
of demonstration than of profession.

SH 583:12-19

12 **CHURCH.** The structure of Truth and Love; what-  
ever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle.

The Church is that institution, which affords proof of  
15 its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the  
dormant understanding from material beliefs to the ap-  
prehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of  
18 divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and  
healing the sick.

SH 35:19-25 2nd Our

Our  
church is built on the divine Principle, Love. We can  
21 unite with this church only as we are new-  
born of Spirit, as we reach the Life which

Spiritual  
Eucharist

is Truth and the Truth which is Life by bringing forth  
24 the fruits of Love, — casting out error and healing the  
sick.

SH 12:31

In divine  
Science, where prayers are mental, *all* may avail them-  
13:1 selves of God as “a very present help in trouble.”  
Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and  
3 bestowals. It is the open fount which cries, “Ho,  
every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.”

- Hymns

Hymn 113

### **Hymn 113**

**FROM THE ARMENIAN LITURGY**

TRANSLATED BY LEON TOURIAN, ADAPTED

(113)

#### **ARMENIAN HYMN**

Holiness becomes Thy house,  
'Tis Thou who dost dwell in light;  
Thou begirt with majesty,  
Gird us with Truth,  
And with Thy great might.

Send Thou forth Thy power and love,  
In beauty of holiness;  
We would here commune with Thee,  
Eternal God,  
Be Thou near to bless.

O supreme and perfect One,  
O Lord, praise to Thee is due;  
Clothe us in the grace of love,  
Maintain Thy church  
To Thy service true.

Hm 571, see lyrics for Hymn 301

### **Hymn 298–302, 454**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

MARY BAKER EDDY

(298)

**COMMUNION**

LYMAN BRACKETT

(299)

**SAVIOUR**

WALTER E. YOUNG

(300)

**LAUNDON**

G. THALBEN-BALL

(301)

**FAITH**

G. O'CONNOR-MORRIS

(302)

**FREEDOM**

E. NORMAN GREENWOOD

Saw ye my Saviour? Heard ye the glad sound?  
Felt ye the power of the Word?  
'Twas the Truth that made us free,  
And was found by you and me  
In the life and the love of our Lord.

Mourner, it calls you,—“Come to my bosom,  
Love wipes your tears all away,  
And will lift the shade of gloom,  
And for you make radiant room  
Midst the glories of one endless day.”

Sinner, it calls you,—“Come to this fountain,  
Cleanse the foul senses within;  
'Tis the Spirit that makes pure,  
That exalts thee, and will cure  
All thy sorrow and sickness and sin.”

Strongest deliverer, friend of the friendless,  
Life of all being divine:  
Thou the Christ, and not the creed;  
Thou the Truth in thought and deed;  
Thou the water, the bread, and the wine.

Hymn 36

**Hymn 36**

HORATIUS BONAR

*Adapted*

(36)

**FALMOUTH**

WALTER E. YOUNG

Church of the ever-living God,  
The Father's gracious choice;  
Amid the voices of this earth  
How mighty is thy voice.

Thy words, amid the words of earth,  
How noiseless and how pure;  
Amid the hurrying crowds of time  
Thy step how calm and sure.

Amid the restless eyes of earth  
How steadfast is thine eye,  
Fixed on the silent loveliness  
That fills the morning sky.

Untiring praise we lift on high,  
Unfaltering songs we sing,  
Unending festival we keep  
In presence of the King.