

2018-08-22 Consciousness of Love
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Holy Bible

1. Deut. 10:12–14 Israel, 21 (to 2nd ,)

- 12 ...Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,
- 13 To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?
- 14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.
- 21 He is thy praise, and he is thy God,

2. Rev. 21:3 Behold, 4

- 3 ...Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
- 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

3. Ex. 14:13 Fear (to :), 14

- 13 ...Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to-day:
- 14 The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

4. Acts 5:12 by (to ;), 15–42

- ¶ ...by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people;
- 15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.
- 16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.
- 17 ¶ Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,
- 18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.
- 19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,
- 20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.
- 21 And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.
- 22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,
- 23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.
- 24 Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.
- 25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.
- 26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.
- 27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

¶ Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

¶ When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.

Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

¶ And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

5. Ps. 27:4-8, 14

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

6. Job 37:14 stand

14 ...stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

Science and Health

1. SH 275:26–11

¶ The true understanding of God is spiritual. It robs the
27 grave of victory. It destroys the false evidence that mis-
leads thought and points to other gods, or other so-called
powers, such as matter, disease, sin, and death, superior
30 or contrary to the one Spirit.

Truth, spiritually discerned, is scientifically understood.
It casts out error and heals the sick.

1 Having one God, one Mind, unfolds the power that
heals the sick, and fulfils these sayings of Scripture, “I

3 am the Lord that healeth thee,” and “I have
found a ransom.” When the divine precepts

are understood, they unfold the foundation of fellowship,

in which one mind is not at war with another, but all have one Spirit, God, one intelligent source, in accordance with the Scriptural command: "Let this Mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Man and his Maker are correlated in divine Science, and real consciousness is cognizant only of the things of God.

2. SH 242:9

9 There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ in divine Science shows us this way. It is to know no other reality — to have no other conscious-
12 ness of life — than good, God and His reflection, and to rise superior to the so-called pain and pleasure of the senses.

3. SH 76:6–26

6 When being is understood, Life will be recognized as neither material nor finite, but as infinite, — as God, universal good; and the belief that life, or
9 mind, was ever in a finite form, or good in evil, will be destroyed. Then it will be understood that Spirit never entered matter and was therefore never
12 raised from matter. When advanced to spiritual being and the understanding of God, man can no longer commune with matter; neither can he return to it, any more
15 than a tree can return to its seed. Neither will man seem to be corporeal, but he will be an individual consciousness, characterized by the divine Spirit as idea, not matter.
18 Suffering, sinning, dying beliefs are unreal. When divine Science is universally understood, they will have no power over man, for man is immortal and lives by
21 divine authority.

Real Life
is God

The sinless joy, — the perfect harmony and immortality of Life, possessing unlimited divine beauty and goodness
24 without a single bodily pleasure or pain, — constitutes the only veritable, indestructible man, whose being is spiritual.

Immaterial
pleasure

4. SH 14:9–22, 25–16:6, 20

20 To be "with the Lord" is to be in obedience to the law of God, to be absolutely governed by divine Love, — by Spirit, not by matter.

12 Become conscious for a single moment that Life and intelligence are purely spiritual, — neither in nor of matter, — and the body will then utter no
15 complaints. If suffering from a belief in sickness, you will find yourself suddenly well. Sorrow is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spir-
18 itual Life, Truth, and Love. Hence the hope of the promise Jesus bestows: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; . . . because I
21 go unto my Father," — [because the Ego is absent from the body, and present with Truth and Love.]

Spiritualized
consciousness

Entirely separate from the belief and dream of material living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual under-
27 standing and the consciousness of man's dominion over the whole earth. This understanding casts out error and heals the sick, and with it you can speak
30 "as one having authority."

"When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and,

when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.”

So spake Jesus. The closet typifies the sanctuary of Spirit, the door of which shuts out sinful sense but lets in Truth, Life, and Love. Closed to error, it is open to Truth, and vice versa.

Spiritual
sanctuary

The Father in secret is unseen to the physical senses, but He knows all things and rewards according to motives, not according to speech. To enter into the heart of prayer, the door of the erring senses must be closed. Lips must be mute and materialism silent, that man may have audience with Spirit, the divine Principle, Love, which destroys all error.

In order to pray aright, we must enter into the closet and shut the door. We must close the lips and silence the material senses. In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings, we must deny sin and plead God's allness. We must resolve to take up the cross, and go forth with honest hearts to work and watch for wisdom, Truth, and Love. We must “pray without ceasing.” Such prayer is answered, in so far as we put our desires into practice. The Master's injunction is, that we pray in secret and let our lives attest our sincerity.

Effectual
invocation

Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden from the world, but known to God. Self-forgetfulness, purity, and affection are constant prayers.

Practice not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings. Trustworthiness is the foundation of enlightened faith. Without a fitness for holiness, we cannot receive holiness.

Trustworthy
beneficence

A great sacrifice of material things must precede this advanced spiritual understanding. The highest prayer is not one of faith merely; it is demonstration. Such prayer heals sickness, and must destroy sin and death. It distinguishes between Truth that is sinless and the falsity of sinful sense.

Loftiest
adoration

Only as we rise above all material sensuousness and sin, can we reach the heaven-born aspiration and spiritual consciousness, which is indicated in the Lord's Prayer and which instantaneously heals the sick.

5. SH 577:32–18

18 In the following Psalm one word shows, though faintly,
1 the light which Christian Science throws on the Scriptures
by substituting for the corporeal sense, the incorporeal
3 or spiritual sense of Deity: —

PSALM XXIII

[Divine love] is my shepherd; I shall not want.

6 [Love] maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
[love] leadeth me beside the still waters.

[Love] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]: [love] lead-
9 eth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil: for [love] is with me; [love's]
12 rod and [love's] staff they comfort me.

[Love] prepareth a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies: [love] anointeth my head with oil; my cup

runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [love] for ever.

Hymns

1. Hymn. 541:1-3

O God, my Friend and Guardian, In all my times of need I yield me to Your guiding, And follow where You lead. No shadows of the darkness Will dim the light You send, And night becomes the morning By Your divine command.

Forever Father-Mother, Your children everywhere Are cherished in Your loving, Your kind, Your perfect care. All-knowing and all-seeing, All-powerful, divine— I know Your ever-presence Is healing humankind.

You sent Your Son as Savior That joy and health increase; Your justice and Your mercy Will give the world its peace. And when I humbly listen, I know my Guide is wise; The pathway may seem rugged, But heaven is its prize.

2. Hymn. 465:1-5

Dear Shepherd, You are Love divine, You meet my every need. Where fields are green and waters still I rest, I drink, I feed.

Your love restores my thirsty soul, And leads me from the wild To walk in ways of Truth and Life As Your beloved child.

And even when the shade of death Suggests that we can part, No fear of evil enters here; Your strength and guidance, ever near, Bring comfort to my heart.

Your goodness spreads before my eyes; No enemy You know. Your oil is poured upon my head; My cup, it overflows.

Your grace and mercy every day Bring blessings from above. I'm living in the house of God, The consciousness of Love.

3. Hymn. 58:1-3

Father, we Thy loving children Lift our hearts in joy today, Knowing well that Thou wilt keep us Ever in Thy blessed way. Thou art Love and Thou art wisdom, Thou art Life and Thou art All; In Thy Spirit living, moving, We shall neither faint nor fall.

Come we daily then, dear Father, Open hearts and willing hands, Eager ears, expectant, joyful, Ready for Thy right commands. We would hear no other voices, We would heed no other call; Thou alone art good and gracious, Thou our Mind and Thou our All.

In Thy house securely dwelling, Where Thy children live to bless, Seeing only Thy creation, We can share Thy happiness, Share Thy joy and spend it freely. Loyal hearts can feel no fear; We Thy children know Thee, Father, Love and Life forever near.

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