

2019-02-06 Walking with God

Wednesday



Let us listen to readings from our Pastor: the Holy Bible and the Christian Science textbook. Today we look at what it means to walk with God.



Holy Bible

1. Isa. 42:5–8

¶ Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

2. Ps. 84:1, 2, 4 (to 1st .), 5, 8 (to 1st .), 9–12

How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. ...

Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. ...

Blessed is the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways of *them*. ...

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. ...

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

3. Ps. 118:19–22

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD: This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter. I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. The stone *which* the builders refused *is* become the head *stone* of the corner.

4. Deut. 28:1–3, 6, 8, 9, 14

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field. ...

Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out. ...

The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. ...

And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, *to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.*

5. Gal. 3:1–9

O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain. He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

6. Rev. 3:6–8

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no

man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

7. Rev. 1:8

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

8. Matt. 7:7, 8, 12

¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

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Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

9. Rev. 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.



Science and Health

1. SH 113:5

The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science, is Love. Without this, the letter is but the dead body of Science, — pulseless, cold, inanimate.

2. SH 451:8

Students of Christian Science, who start with its letter and think to succeed without the spirit, will either make shipwreck of their faith or be turned sadly

awry. They must not only seek, but strive, to enter the narrow path of Life, for “wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.” Man walks in the direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affections are spiritual, they come from above, not from beneath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

Treasure
in heaven

3. SH 222:31–3

We must destroy the false belief that life and intelligence are in matter, and plant ourselves upon what is pure and perfect. Paul said, “Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”

Life only
in Spirit

4. SH 323:13

In order to apprehend more, we must put into practice what we already know. We must recollect that Truth is demonstrable when understood, and that good is not understood until demonstrated. If “faithful over a few things,” we shall be made rulers over many; but the one unused talent decays and is lost. When the sick or the sinning awake to realize their need of what they have not, they will be receptive of divine Science, which gravitates towards Soul and away from material sense, removes thought from the body, and elevates even mortal mind to the contemplation of something better than disease or sin. The true idea of God gives the true understanding of Life and Love, robs the grave of victory, takes away all sin and the delusion that there are other minds, and destroys mortality.

Need and
supply

5. SH 264:10

We must look where we would walk, and we must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being.

6. SH 10:12–16

Christian Science reveals a necessity for overcoming the world, the flesh, and evil, and thus destroying all error.

Seeking is not sufficient. It is striving that enables us to enter. Spiritual attainments open the door to a higher understanding of the divine Life.

7. SH 223:3–9

Sooner or later we shall learn that the fetters of man's finite capacity are forged by the illusion that he lives in body instead of in Soul, in matter instead of in Spirit.

Matter does not express Spirit. God is infinite omnipresent Spirit. If Spirit is *all* and is everywhere, what and where is matter?

8. SH 278:1

Is Spirit the source or creator of matter? Science reveals nothing in Spirit out of which to create matter. Divine metaphysics explains away matter.

Spirit is the only substance and consciousness recognized by divine Science. The material senses oppose this, but there are no material senses, for matter has no mind. In Spirit there is no matter, even as in Truth there is no error, and in good no evil. It is a false supposition, the notion that there is real substance-matter, the opposite of Spirit. Spirit, God, is infinite, all. Spirit can have no opposite.

Substance
versus
supposition

9. SH 140:7–19

Not materially but spiritually we
know Him as divine Mind, as Life, Truth, and Love.

God invisible
to the senses

We shall obey and adore in proportion as we apprehend
the divine nature and love Him understandingly, warring no more
over the corporeality, but rejoicing in the affluence of our God.
Religion will then be of the heart and not of the head. Mankind will
no longer be tyrannical and proscriptive from lack of love, —
straining out gnats and swallowing camels.

We worship spiritually, only as we cease to worship materially.
Spiritual devoutness is the soul of Christianity. Worshipping through
the medium of
matter is paganism.

The true
worship

10. SH 262:17, 30

Job said: “I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear: but now
mine eye seeth Thee.” Mortals will echo Job's thought, when the
supposed pain and
pleasure of matter cease to predominate. They will then
drop the false estimate of life and happiness, of joy and
sorrow, and attain the bliss of loving unselfishly, working patiently,
and conquering all that is unlike God. Starting from a higher
standpoint, one rises spontaneously, even as light emits light without
effort; for “where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” ...

The true
sense

... Divine Mind is the only cause
or Principle of existence. Cause does not exist in matter,
in mortal mind, or in physical forms.

Mind the
only cause

11. SH 407:22 In

In Science, all being is eternal, spiritual, perfect, harmonious

Immortal
memory

in every action. Let the perfect model be present in your thoughts instead of its demoralized opposite. This spiritualization of thought lets in the light, and brings the divine Mind, Life not death, into your consciousness.

12. SH 8:28–30; 9:5

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

The test of all prayer lies in the answer to these questions: Do we love our neighbor better because of this asking? Do we pursue the old selfishness

, satisfied with having prayed for something better, though we give no evidence of the sincerity of our

Summit of
aspiration

requests by living consistently with our prayer? If selfishness has given place to kindness, 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 a cross to be taken up before we can enjoy the fruition of our hope and faith.

13. SH 224:22

A higher and more practical Christianity, demonstrating justice and meeting the needs of mortals in sickness and in health, stands at the door of this age, knocking for admission. Will you open or close the door upon this angel visitant, who cometh in the quiet of meekness, as he came of old to the patriarch at noonday?

14. SH 570:14–18

Millions of unprejudiced minds — simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert — are waiting and watching for rest and drink. Give

them a cup of cold water in Christ's name, and never fear the consequences.



Hymns

1. Hymn. 88:1-3

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: / I myself would gracious be, / And
with words that help and heal / Would Thy life in mine reveal; / And
with actions bold and meek / Christ's own gracious spirit speak. /

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: / I myself would truthful be, / And
with wisdom kind and clear / Let Thy life in mine appear; / And
with actions brotherly / Follow Christ's sincerity. /

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me: / I myself would mighty be, / Mighty,
that I may prevail / Where unaided man must fail; / Ever by
triumphant hope / Pressing on and bearing up.

2. Hymn. 201:1-4

O do not bar your mind / Against the light of good; / But open wide,
let in the Word, / And Truth will be your food. /

Truth will from error free / Your long enslaved mind, / And bring
the light of liberty / Where it shall be enshrined. /

Hid treasures it reveals / To all who know its power; / And all who
will may light receive / In this most gracious hour. /

Then open wide your heart / To Truth and Light and Love; / You
then shall know your life is hid / With Christ in God above.

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.