

2019-06-12 Seeing clearly



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The Holy Bible

1. Ps. 91:1, 2, 5, 8–10

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, *He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. ...*

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day; ...

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.*

2. II Kings 6:8–17

¶ Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp. And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man

of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us *is* for the king of Israel? And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. ¶ And he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan. Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

3. Ps. 20:7, 8

Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

4. Isa. 60:1–4

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.

5. Matt. 20:30–34

¶ And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* son of David. And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* son of David. And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion *on them*, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

6. Ps. 115:1–5, 8

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* now their God? But our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: ...

They that make them are like unto them; *so is* every one that trusteth in them.

7. I Cor. 2:12–15

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

8. Rev. 21:1, 3–7

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. ...

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, 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. 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. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

9. Ps. 27:4

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.



Science and Health

1. SH 247:21–24

Beauty is a thing of life, which dwells forever in the eternal Mind and reflects the charms of His goodness in expression, form, outline, and color.

The divine
loveliness

2. SH 512:21–25

From the infinite elements of the one Mind emanate all form, color, quality, and quantity, and these are mental, both primarily and secondarily. Their spiritual nature is discerned only through the spiritual senses.

Multiplication
of pure ideas

3. SH 586:3–6

EYES. Spiritual discernment, — not material but mental.

Jesus said, thinking of the outward vision, “Having eyes, see ye not?” (Mark viii. 18.)

4. SH 91:16

Absorbed in material selfhood we discern and reflect but faintly the substance of Life or Mind. The denial of material selfhood aids the discernment of man's spiritual and eternal individuality, and destroys the erroneous knowledge gained from matter or through what are termed the material senses.

5. SH 322:3–7

When understanding changes the standpoints of life and intelligence from a material to a spiritual basis, we shall gain the reality of Life, the control of Soul over sense, and we shall perceive Christianity, or Truth, in its divine Principle.

Standpoints
changed

6. SH 572:19–12

In Revelation xxi. 1 we read: —

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.

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. Through

what sense came this vision to St. John? Not through the material visual organs for seeing, for optics are inadequate to take in so wonderful a scene. Were this new heaven and new earth terrestrial or celestial, material or spiritual? They could not be the former, for the human sense of space is unable to grasp such a view. The Revelator was on our plane of existence, while yet beholding what the eye cannot see, — that which is invisible to the uninspired thought. This testimony of Holy Writ sustains the fact in Science, that the heavens and earth to one human consciousness, that consciousness 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 consciousness.

Man's present possibilities

7. SH 125:31

Thus matter will finally be proved nothing more than a mortal belief, wholly inadequate to affect a man through its supposed organic action or supposed existence. Error will be no longer used in stating truth. The problem of nothingness, or “dust to dust,” will be solved, and mortal mind will be without form and void, for mortality will cease when man beholds himself God's reflection, even as man sees his reflection in a glass.

Mortal nothingness

8. SH 214:26–28, 32

How transient a sense is mortal sight, when a wound on the retina may end the power of light and lens! But the real sight or sense is not lost. ... Spirit's senses are without pain, and they are forever at peace. Nothing can hide from them the harmony of all things and the might and permanence of Truth.

9. SH 396:14, 26

The refutation of the testimony of material sense is not a difficult task in view of the conceded falsity of this testimony. The refutation becomes arduous,

not because the testimony of sin or disease is true,
but solely on account of the tenacity of belief in its truth, due to the force of education and the overwhelming weight of opinions on the wrong side, — all teaching that the body suffers, as if matter could have sensation.

False testimony
refuted

... Keep distinctly in thought that man is the offspring of God, not of man; that man is spiritual, not material; that Soul is Spirit, outside of matter, never in it, never giving the body life and sensation. It breaks the dream of disease to understand that sickness is formed by the human mind, not by matter nor by the divine Mind.

10. SH 347:26–27

The dream that matter and error are something must yield to reason and revelation.

11. SH 264:3–20, 28

The crude creations of mortal thought must finally give place to the glorious forms which we sometimes behold in the camera of divine Mind, when the mental picture is spiritual and eternal. Mortals must look beyond fading, finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things. Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm of Mind? We must look where we would walk, and we must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being.

Mind's true
camera

As mortals gain more correct views of God and man, multitudinous

objects of creation, which before were invisible, will become visible. When we realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of matter, this understanding will expand into self-completeness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other consciousness.

Self-completeness

Spirit and its formations are the only realities of being. ...

When we learn the way in Christian Science and recognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and understand God's creation, — all the glories of earth and heaven and man.

12. SH 476:32

Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy. Man is not a material habitation for Soul; he is himself spiritual. Soul, being Spirit, is seen in nothing imperfect nor material.

13. SH 39:18–25; 40:2–5

“Now,” cried the apostle, “is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation,” — meaning, not that now men must prepare for a future-world salvation, or safety, but that now is the time in which to experience that salvation in spirit and in life. Now is the time for so-called material pains and material pleasures to pass away, for both are unreal, because impossible in Science. ...

Present salvation

... The advanced thinker and devout Christian, perceiving the scope and tendency of Christian healing and its Science, will support them.

Sin and penalty

14. SH 323:9

Beholding the infinite tasks of
truth, we pause, — wait on God. Then we push onward,
until boundless thought walks enraptured, and
conception unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory.

A bright
outlook



Hymns

1. Hymn. 210:1-5

O gentle presence, peace and joy and power; / O Life divine, that
owns each waiting hour, / Thou Love that guards the nestling's
faltering flight! / Keep Thou my child on upward wing tonight. /

Love is our refuge; only with mine eye / Can I behold the snare, the
pit, the fall: / His habitation high is here, and nigh, / His arm
encircles me, and mine, and all. /

O make me glad for every scalding tear, / For hope deferred,
ingratitude, disdain! / Wait, and love more for every hate, and fear /
No ill,—since God is good, and loss is gain. /

Beneath the shadow of His mighty wing; / In that sweet secret of the
narrow way, / Seeking and finding, with the angels sing: / “Lo, I am
with you always,”—watch and pray. /

No snare, no fowler, pestilence or pain; / No night drops down upon
the troubled breast, / When heaven's aftersmile earth's tear-drops
gain, / And mother finds her home and heav'nly rest.

2. Hymn. 85:1-3

God of Truth, eternal good, / Lift our hearts to revelation, / That
Thou mayst be understood, / Thou, the Rock of our salvation; / All

Thy love we have for loving, / All Thy truth is ours for proving. /

Open now our eyes to see, / As the clouds of sense are riven, / We
behold reality, / Know the glory of Thy heaven; / So we seek Thy
perfect healing / Through the Truth of Thy revealing. /

All the way that we must go / We will take at Thy direction, / Where
the floods of trouble flow / Find Thy perfect, calm reflection; / On
the path that has no turning, / Patience, courage, meekness learning.

3. Hymn. 438:1-4

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, / That saved a soul like me. /
I once was lost, but now am found, / Was blind, but now I see. /

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, / And grace my fears
relieved; / How precious did that grace appear / The hour I first
believed! /

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, / I have already come; /
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, / And grace will lead me
home. /

The Lord has promised good to me, / His word my hope secures; /
He will my shield and portion be / As long as life endures.