

## 2019-07-31 God's provision for man



The readings are from our Pastor: The Holy Bible and the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", by Mary Baker Eddy.



### The Holy Bible

#### 1. Ex. 16:2, 3, 11–14, 15 2nd And

And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. ...

... ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God. And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host. And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* a small round thing, *as* small as the hoar frost on the ground.

... And Moses said unto them, This *is* the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

#### 2. Num. 20:2 (to :), 7–9, 11

And there was no water for the congregation: ...

... ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. ...

And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*.

#### 3. Isa. 34:1, 16; 35:1–7, 9, 10

Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. ...

... ¶ Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

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The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God. ¶ Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes. ...

No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

#### 4. Ps. 132:13–15

For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired *it* for his habitation. This *is* my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

#### 5. Luke 4:14

¶ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

#### 6. Luke 11:1–13

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

And I say unto you, 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. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

#### 7. Eph. 3:20, 21

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.



## Science and Health

#### 1. SH 530:5

In divine Science, man is sustained by God, the divine Principle of being. The earth, at God's command, brings forth food for man's use. Knowing this, Jesus once said, "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink," — presuming not on the prerogative of his creator, but recognizing God, the Father and Mother of all, as able to feed and clothe man as He doth the lilies.

Divine  
providence

#### 2. SH 275:10–17

To grasp the reality and order of being in its Science, you must begin by reckoning God as the divine Principle of all that really is. Spirit, Life, Truth, Love, combine as one, — and are the Scriptural names for God. All substance, intelligence, wisdom, being, immortality, cause, and effect belong to God. These are His attributes, the eternal manifestations of the infinite divine Principle, Love.

Divine  
synonyms

#### 3. SH 12:31

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

#### 4. SH 10:22–31

Experience teaches us that we do not always receive the blessings we ask for in prayer. There is some misapprehension of the source and means of all goodness and blessedness, or we should certainly receive that for which we ask. The Scriptures say: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." That which we desire and for which we ask, it is not always best for us to receive. In this case infinite Love will not grant the request.

Asking  
amiss

**5. SH 2:4–28; 3:20–24**

Are we benefited by praying? Yes, the desire which goes forth hungering after righteousness is blessed of our Father, and it does not return unto us void.

Right  
motives

God is not moved by the breath of praise to do more than He has already done, nor can the infinite do less than bestow all good, since He is unchanging wisdom and Love. We can do more for ourselves by humble fervent petitions, but the All-loving does not grant them simply on the ground of lip-service, for He already knows all.

Deity  
unchangeable

Prayer cannot change the Science of being, but it tends to bring us into harmony with it. Goodness attains the demonstration of Truth. A request that God will save us is not all that is required. The mere habit of pleading with the divine Mind, as one pleads with a human being, perpetuates the belief in God as humanly circumscribed, — an error which impedes spiritual growth.

God is Love. Can we ask Him to be more? God is intelligence. Can we inform the infinite Mind of anything He does not already comprehend? Do we expect to change perfection? Shall we plead for more at the open fount, which is pouring forth more than we accept? ...

God's  
standard

... We plead for unmerited pardon and for a liberal outpouring of benefactions. Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more.

Prayerful  
ingratitude

**6. SH 322:3**

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. This must be the climax before harmonious and immortal man is obtained and his capabilities revealed. It is highly important — in view of the immense work to be accomplished before this recognition of divine Science can come — to turn our thoughts towards divine Principle, that finite belief may be prepared to relinquish its error.

Standpoints  
changed

**7. SH 60:29–31**

Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind, and happiness would be more readily attained and would be more secure in our keeping, if sought in Soul.

**8. SH 467:1–10, 13, 29–3**

Question. — What are the demands of the Science of Soul?

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 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.” It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love. ... Having no other gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ. ...

Two chief  
commands

Reasoning from cause to effect in the Science of Mind, we begin with Mind, which must be understood through the idea which expresses it and cannot be learned from its opposite, matter. Thus we arrive at Truth, or intelligence, which evolves its own unerring idea and never can be coordinate with human illusions.

Sinlessness of  
Mind, Soul

**9. SH 276:17–28**

If God is admitted to be the only Mind and Life, there ceases to be any opportunity for sin and death. When we learn in Science how to be perfect even as our Father in heaven is perfect, thought is turned into new and healthy channels, — towards the contemplation of things immortal and away from materiality to the Principle of the universe, including harmonious man.

Perfection  
requisite

Material beliefs and spiritual understanding never mingle. The latter destroys the former. Discord is the *nothingness* named error. Harmony is the *somethingness* named Truth.

**10. SH 510:9**

Truth and Love enlighten the understanding, in whose “light shall we see light;” and this illumination is reflected spiritually by all who walk in the light and turn away from a false material sense.

**11. SH 169:27**

Only the action of Truth, Life, and Love can give harmony.

**12. SH 578:5, 13**

[DIVINE LOVE] is my shepherd; I shall not want. ...

[LOVE] prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: [LOVE] anointeth my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**13. SH vii:1–2**

TO those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings.



**Hymns**

**1. Hymn. 519:1-4**

Lean on the sustaining infinite / And blessings will be yours. / Lean not on person,  
place, or thing, / Or economic laws; / But lean upon all-blessing God / Who will all  
needs supply / And give to all abundant good / That money cannot buy. /

Let the healing reign of Truth and Life, / The reign of Love divine, / Be now  
established within me / To show Soul's clear design / Of Oneness, indivisible— / Of  
God and me as one— / As water is to ocean wave, / As sunbeam is to sun. /

Love with a heart of tenderness / Your enemies and friends; / However hard this may  
appear, / This quality just mends. / For Love is God in action true, / A presence that is  
felt; / A healing and a saving power / That will all discord melt. /

So lean, and let, and love; / This is the balanced Way. / It's free from self-will, pressure,  
stress; / It welcomes in God's day. / The leaning is so gentle; / The letting is so free. /  
And loving is the only way / To think, and speak, and be.

## 2. Hymn. 148:1-3

In heavenly Love abiding, / No change my heart shall fear; / And safe is such  
confiding, / For nothing changes here. / The storm may roar without me, / My heart  
may low be laid; / But God is round about me, / And can I be dismayed? /

Wherever He may guide me, / No want shall turn me back; / My Shepherd is beside  
me, / And nothing can I lack. / His wisdom ever waketh, / His sight is never dim; / He  
knows the way He taketh, / And I will walk with Him. /

Green pastures are before me, / Which yet I have not seen; / Bright skies will soon be  
o'er me, / Where darkest clouds have been. / My hope I cannot measure, / My path in  
life is free; / My Father has my treasure, / And He will walk with me.

## 3. Hymn. 224:1-3

O Lord, I would delight in Thee, / And on Thy care depend; / To Thee in every trouble  
flee, / My best, my ever Friend. / When all material streams are dried, / Thy fullness is  
the same; / May I with this be satisfied, / And glory in Thy name. /

All good, where'er it may be found, / Its source doth find in Thee; / I must have all  
things and abound, / While God is God to me. / O that I had a stronger faith, / To look  
within the veil, / To credit what my Saviour saith, / Whose word can never fail. /

He that has made my heaven secure, / Will here all good provide; / While Christ is  
rich, can I be poor? / What can I want beside? / O God, I cast my care on Thee; / I  
triumph and adore; / Henceforth my great concern shall be / To love and praise Thee  
more.