

## 2019-09-25 Discipleship



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. Ps. 119:12, 33–35

Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes. ...

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

#### 2. John 13:31 Jesus (to 3rd ), 34, 35; 14:2–6

... Jesus said, ...

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. ...

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

#### 3. Luke 12:22, 30–32

¶ And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. ...

For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. ¶ But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

#### 4. Matt. 18:1–5

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

#### 5. Matt. 5:1, 2, 5, 7–9, 13–16

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, ...

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. ...

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. ...

... ¶ Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

#### 6. Luke 5:27–32, 36–39

¶ And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me. And he left all, rose up, and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them. But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners? And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. ...

... ¶ And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

#### 7. Mark 8:34, 35

¶ And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and

follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

**8. John 8:31, 32**

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**9. Matt. 10:1, 5 (to 3rd ), 7 as, 8**

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. ...

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, ...

... as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

**10. Mark 16:15, 17, 18**

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ...

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.



## Science and Health

**1. SH 145:32–2 (to 2nd )**

Our Master's first article of faith propounded to his students was healing, and he proved his faith by his works. The ancient Christians were healers.

**2. SH 138:18–22, 27–31**

Christians are under as direct orders now, as they were then, to be Christlike, to possess the Christ-spirit, to follow the Christ-example, and to heal the sick as well as the sinning. ...

New era  
in Jesus

Our Master said to every follower: “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature! . . . Heal the sick! . . . Love thy neighbor as thyself!” It was this theology of Jesus which healed the sick and the sinning.

Healthful  
theology

**3. SH 328:14–17, 28 (only), 32–1**

This understanding of man's power, when he is equipped by God, has sadly disappeared from Christian history. For centuries it has been dormant, a lost element of Christianity. ...

Promise  
perpetual

Jesus' promise is perpetual. ... Its Principle is infinite, reaching beyond the pale of a single period or of a limited following.

**4. SH 147:24–29**

Our Master healed the sick, practised Christian healing, and taught the generalities of its divine Principle to his students; but he left no definite rule for demonstrating this Principle of healing and preventing disease. This rule remained to be discovered in Christian Science.

A definite rule  
discovered

**5. SH 329:12**

In Science we can use only what we understand. We must prove our faith by demonstration.

**6. SH 341:11–1; 342:21–26; 343:14**

In Christian Science mere opinion is valueless. Proof is essential to a due estimate of this subject. Sneers at the application of the word *Science* to Christianity cannot prevent that from being scientific which is based on divine Principle, demonstrated according to a divine given rule, and subjected to proof. The facts are so absolute and numerous in support of Christian Science, that misrepresentation and denunciation cannot overthrow it. ...

Supported  
by facts

Christian Science awakens the sinner, reclaims the infidel, and raises from the couch of pain the helpless invalid. It speaks to the dumb the words of Truth, and they answer with rejoicing. It causes the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, and the blind to see. ...

Argument of  
good works

Jesus strips all disguise from error, when his teachings are fully understood. By parable and argument he explains the impossibility of good producing evil; and he also scientifically demonstrates this great fact, proving by what are wrongly called miracles, that sin, sickness, and death are beliefs — illusive errors — which he could and did destroy.

Proof from  
miracles

**7. SH 147:32–4**

Jesus never spoke of disease as dangerous or as difficult to heal. When his students brought to him a case they had failed to heal, he said to them, “O faithless generation,” implying that the requisite power to heal was in Mind.

Jesus' own  
practice

**8. SH 271:7, 26–30; 272:3**

Jesus instructed his disciples whereby to heal the sick through Mind instead of matter. He knew that the philosophy, Science, and proof of Christianity were in Truth, casting out all inharmony. ...

Those, who are willing to leave their nets or to cast them on the right side for Truth, have the opportunity now, as aforetime, to learn and to practise Christian healing. The Scriptures contain it. The spiritual import of the Word imparts this power. ...

Modern  
evangel

The spiritual sense of truth must be gained before Truth can be understood. This sense is assimilated only as we are honest, unselfish, loving, and meek. In the soil of an "honest and good heart" the seed must be sown; else it beareth not much fruit, for the swinish element in human nature uproots it. Jesus said: "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures." The spiritual sense of the Scriptures brings out the scientific sense, and is the new tongue referred to in the last chapter of Mark's Gospel.

Spirituality  
of Scripture

#### 9. 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

#### 10. SH 462:1

Some individuals assimilate truth more readily than others, but any student, who adheres to the divine rules of Christian Science and imbibes the spirit of Christ, can demonstrate Christian Science, cast out error, heal the sick, and add continually to his store of spiritual understanding, potency, enlightenment, and success.

Rapidity of  
assimilation

#### 11. SH 459:24

To mortal sense Christian Science seems abstract, but the process is simple and the results are sure if the Science is understood. The tree must be good, which produces good fruit. Guided by divine Truth and not guesswork, the *theologus* (that is, the student — the Christian and scientific expounder — of the divine law) treats disease with more certain results than any other healer on the globe. The Christian Scientist should understand and adhere strictly to the rules of divine metaphysics as laid down in this work, and rest his demonstration on this sure basis.

Certainty  
of results

#### 12. SH 462:9

If the student goes away to practise Truth's teachings only in part, dividing his interests between God and mammon and substituting his own views for Truth, he will inevitably reap the error he sows. Whoever would demonstrate the healing of Christian Science must abide strictly by its rules, heed every statement, and advance from the rudiments laid down. There is nothing difficult nor

Divided  
loyalty

toilsome in this task, when the way is pointed out; but self-denial, sincerity, Christianity, and persistence alone win the prize, as they usually do in every department of life.

### 13. SH 367:17

A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period of which Jesus spoke to his disciples, when he said: “Ye are the salt of the earth.” “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.” Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt lose not its saltness, and that this light be not hid, but radiate and glow into noontide glory.

The salt of  
the earth



## Hymns

### 1. Hymn. 573

Shepherd, show me how to go / O'er the hillside steep, / How to gather, how to sow, —  
/ How to feed Thy sheep; / I will listen for Thy voice, / Lest my footsteps stray; / I will  
follow and rejoice / All the rugged way. /

Thou wilt bind the stubborn will, / Wound the callous breast, / Make self-righteousness  
be still, / Break earth's stupid rest. / Strangers on a barren shore, / Lab'ring long and  
lone, / We would enter by the door, / And Thou know'st Thine own; /

So, when day grows dark and cold, / Tear or triumph harms, / Lead Thy lambkins to  
the fold, / Take them in Thine arms; / Feed the hungry, heal the heart, / Till the  
morning's beam; / White as wool, ere they depart, / Shepherd, wash them clean.

### 2. Hymn. 387

When Jesus our great Master came / To teach us in his Father's name, / In every act, in  
every thought, / He lived the precepts which he taught. /

So let our lips and lives express / The holy gospel we profess; / So let our works and  
virtues shine, / To prove the doctrine all divine. /

Thus shall we best proclaim abroad, / The honors of our Saviour, God, / When His  
salvation reigns within, / And grace subdues the claim of sin.

### 3. Hymn. 481

Go to the world! Go into every place! / Go live the word of God's redeeming grace; /  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. / Alleluia! /

Go to the world! Go comfort, bless, and pray. / The nights of tears give way to joyful  
day. / In serving God, we follow Christ's own way. / Alleluia! /

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, / For I am with you till the ages end, / When all  
the hosts of glory cry, “Amen!” / Alleluia!

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