

2020-03-04 Heal the sick



First Hymn

1. Hymn. 388

When like a stranger on our sphere / The lowly Jesus sojourned here, / Where'er he
went affliction fled, / The sick were healed, the hungry fed. /

With bounding steps the halt and lame / To hail their great deliverer came; / For him
the grave could hold no dread, / He spoke the word and raised the dead. /

Through paths of loving-kindness led, / Where Jesus triumphed we would tread; / To
all with willing hands dispense / The gifts of our benevolence.



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

Matt. 10:8

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have
received, freely give.



The Holy Bible

1. James 5:13 (to 1st .), 14–16

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. ...

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over
him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save
the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be
forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may
be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

2. John 4:46, 47, 50–53

So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judæa into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. ...

Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

3. Matt. 8:2, 3

And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4. Matt. 14:14

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

5. John 5:19–27

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

6. John 14:10–14

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

7. Matt. 10:1, 5–8, 16

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, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And 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. ...

... ¶ Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

8. Acts 5:12 (to ;), 15–20

¶ And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; ...

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. 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. ¶ 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, And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

9. Rom. 8:31

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

10. Rom. 14:16, 18

Let not then your good be evil spoken of: ...

For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.



Science and Health

1. SH 347:14–17

Christ, as the spiritual or true idea of God, comes now as of old, preaching the gospel to the poor, healing the sick, and casting out evils.

Essential
element of
Christianity

2. SH 473:10–12

Christ is the ideal Truth, that comes to heal sickness and sin through Christian Science, and attributes all power to God.

3. SH 380:28–7

Nothing is more disheartening than to believe that there is a power opposite to God, or good, and that God endows this opposing power with strength to be used against Himself, against Life, health, harmony.

Every law of matter or the body, supposed to govern man, is rendered null and void by the law of Life, God. Ignorant of our God-given rights, we submit to unjust decrees, and the bias of education enforces this slavery. Be no more willing to suffer the illusion that you are sick or that some disease is developing in the system, than you are to yield to a sinful temptation on the ground that sin has its necessities.

Ignorance
of our rights

4. SH 184:27–21

A woman, whom I cured of consumption, always breathed with great difficulty when the wind was from the east. I sat silently by her side a few moments. Her breath came gently. The inspirations were deep and natural. I then requested her to look at the weather-vane. She looked and saw that it pointed due east. The wind had not changed, but her thought of it had and so her difficulty in breathing had gone. The wind had not produced the difficulty. My metaphysical treatment changed the action of her belief on the lungs, and she never suffered again from east winds, but was restored to health.

No system of hygiene but Christian Science is purely mental. Before this book was published, other books were in circulation, which discussed “mental medicine” and “mind-cure,” operating through the power of the earth's magnetic currents to regulate life and health. Such theories and such systems of so-called mind-cure, which have sprung up, are as material as the prevailing systems of medicine. They have their birth in mortal mind, which puts forth a human conception in the name of Science to match the divine Science of immortal Mind, even as the necromancers of Egypt strove to emulate the wonders wrought by Moses. Such theories have no relationship to Christian Science, which rests on the conception of God as the only Life, substance, and intelligence, and excludes the human mind as a spiritual factor in the healing work.

A so-called
mind-cure

5. SH 186:5

Christian Science destroys material beliefs through the understanding of Spirit, and the thoroughness of this work determines health. Erring human mind-forces can work only evil under whatever name or pretence they are employed; for Spirit and matter, good and evil, light and darkness, cannot mingle.

6. SH 251:15–30; 252:4–14

We must learn how mankind govern the body, — whether through faith in hygiene, in drugs, or in will-power. We should learn whether they govern the body through a belief in the necessity of sickness and death, sin and pardon, or

Mortal
mind's
disappearance

govern it from the higher understanding that the divine Mind makes perfect, acts upon the so-called human mind through truth, leads the human mind to relinquish all error, to find the divine Mind to be the only Mind, and the healer of sin, disease, death. This process of higher spiritual understanding improves mankind until error disappears, and nothing is left which deserves to perish or to be punished.

Ignorance, like intentional wrong, is not Science. Ignorance must be seen and corrected before we can attain harmony. ...

Human ignorance of Mind and of the recuperative energies of Truth occasions the only skepticism regarding the pathology and theology of Christian Science.

When false human beliefs learn even a little of their own falsity, they begin to disappear. A knowledge of error and of its operations must precede that understanding of Truth which destroys error, until the entire mortal, material error finally disappears, and the eternal verity, man created by and of Spirit, is understood and recognized as the true likeness of his Maker.

Eternal man
recognized

7. SH 379:25–5; 380:8

Fevers are errors of various types. The quickened pulse, coated tongue, febrile heat, dry skin, pain in the head and limbs, are pictures drawn on the body by a mortal mind. The images, held in this disturbed mind, frighten conscious thought. Unless the fever-picture, drawn by millions of mortals and imaged on the body through the belief that mind is in matter and discord is as real as harmony, is destroyed through Science, it may rest at length on some receptive thought, and become a fever case, which ends in a belief called death, which belief must be finally conquered by eternal Life. Truth is always the victor. Sickness and sin fall by their own weight. ...

Fevers the
effect of fear

Contending for the evidence or indulging the demands of sin, disease, or death, we virtually contend against the control of Mind over body, and deny the power of Mind to heal. This false method is as though the defendant should argue for the plaintiff in favor of a decision which the defendant knows will be turned against himself.

Misdirected
contention

8. SH 376:17–27

If the body is material, it cannot, for that very reason, suffer with a fever. Because the so-called material body is a mental concept and governed by mortal mind, it manifests only what that so-called mind expresses. Therefore the efficient remedy is to destroy the patient's false belief by both silently and audibly arguing the true facts in regard to harmonious being, — representing man as healthy instead of diseased, and showing that it is impossible for matter to suffer, to feel pain or heat, to be thirsty or sick. Destroy fear, and you end fever.

Remedy
for fever

9. SH 411:32

If you succeed in wholly removing the fear, your patient is healed. The great fact that God lovingly governs all, never punishing aught but sin, is your standpoint, from

which to advance and destroy the human fear of sickness. Mentally and silently plead the case scientifically for Truth. You may vary the arguments to meet the peculiar or general symptoms of the case you treat, but be thoroughly persuaded in your own mind concerning the truth which you think or speak, and you will be the victor.



Second and Third Hymn

2. Hymn. 565

Rise up and walk, take up your bed. / With these few words the sickness fled. / Stretch forth your hand. Receive your sight. / Jesus' commands reveal God's might. / You are God's purpose, His great design. / Beautiful, blameless, His child divine. / Holding your thought to the good and the true, / Spirit will form you anew. /

REFRAIN / Rise up and walk! God made you free, / Born of His liberty. / Carefree and strong, you are His song, / Perfect for all to see. / Mountains and seas, great rising trees, / Echo the joyous song: / Heaven is here, harmony's bliss / To everyone belongs. /

Cleanse the lepers, heal the sick. / Cast out demons. Raise the dead. / Truth is revealed in every place, / Throughout all time, throughout all space. / Right in this moment, doing God's will / "These works shall you do, and greater still." / Standing triumphant upon holy ground, / Songs of the angels resound. // REFRAIN

3. Hymn. 34

Christ comes again with holy power, / To lift our blinded eyes to see; / The sick are healed, the sinner blest, / As on that eve in Galilee. /

Once more the lonely heart is fed. / Who dwells with Love hath perfect ease, / Faith, hope, and joy are with us all; / Great are companions such as these. /

The weak and thirsty are refreshed, / Again each empty cup is filled; / The tender Christ is here to bless, / And all the storms of earth are stilled. /

In Truth there is no pain or death / Nor any shades of coming night; / The promise of our God still stands: / At eventide it shall be light.