

God's plan

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Jer. 7:23 Obey

- 23 ... Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

Ex. 3:1–8 (to ;), 10

- 1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb.
- 2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.
- 3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.
- 4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.
- 5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground.
- 6 Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.
- 7 ¶ And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;
- 8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; ...
- 10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Josh. 22:5 take

- 5 ... take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deut. 5:33

- 33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and *that it may be* well with you, and *that ye may prolong your days* in the land which ye shall possess.

Jonah 1:1–7, 11, 12, 15, 17

- 1 Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.
3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.
4 ¶ But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.
5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that *were* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.
6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.
7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.
11 ¶ Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.
12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the

sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you.

15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

17 ¶ Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 2:1, 10

1 Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly,

10 ¶ And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

Jonah 3:1–3 (to 1st .)

1 And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. ...

Isa. 55:6, 7

6 ¶ Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Luke 4:14

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.

Luke 12:15–21

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and

there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry.

20 But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 So *is* he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Isa. 30:21

21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, *This is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

SH 254:10–12

When we wait

patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs

12 our path.

SH 8:28–30

We should examine ourselves and learn what is the affection and purpose of the heart, for in this way

30 only can we learn what we honestly are.

SH 337:14

XXVI. Christian Science demonstrates that none but
15 the pure in heart can see God, as the gospel teaches. In proportion to his purity is man perfect; and perfection is the order of celestial

18 being which demonstrates Life in Christ, Life's spiritual ideal.

Purity the
path to
perfection

SH 264:28

When we learn the way in Christian Science and recognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and under-

30 stand God's creation, — all the glories of earth and heaven and man.

SH 174:14

Whoever opens the way in Christian Science is
15 a pilgrim and stranger, marking out the path for generations yet unborn.

SH 38:24–26

24 Jesus
mapped out the path for others. He unveiled the Christ, the spiritual idea of divine Love.

Material pleasures

SH 326:3–5

3 If we wish to follow Christ, Truth, it must be in the way of God's appointing. Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also."

SH 542:19–21

Let Truth uncover and destroy error in God's own way, and let human justice pattern the
21 divine.

Retribution and remorse

SH 326:16–20

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained now. This point won, you have started as you should.
18 You have begun at the numeration-table of Christian Science, and nothing but wrong intention can hinder your advancement.

SH 225:5

You may know when first Truth leads by the few-
6 ness and faithfulness of its followers. Thus it is that the march of time bears onward freedom's banner. The powers of this world will fight,
9 and will command their sentinels not to let truth pass the guard until it subscribes to their systems; but Science, heeding not the pointed bayonet, marches on. There is
12 always some tumult, but there is a rallying to truth's standard.

Truth's ordeal

SH 506:18

18 Spirit, God, gathers unformed thoughts into their
proper channels, and unfolds these thoughts,
even as He opens the petals of a holy purpose
21 in order that the purpose may appear.

Unfolding
of thoughts

SH 276:12–14

12 The realization that all inharmony is unreal brings
objects and thoughts into human view in their true light,
and presents them as beautiful and immortal.

SH 454:5–9

The understanding,
6 even in a degree, of the divine All-power de-
stroys fear, and plants the feet in the true path,
— the path which leads to the house built without hands
9 “eternal in the heavens.”

Impotence
of hate

SH 25:13–16

Jesus taught the way of Life by demonstration, that
we may understand how this divine Principle heals
15 the sick, casts out error, and triumphs over
death.

Effective
triumph

SH 326:20–21

Working and praying with true motives,
21 your Father will open the way.

Hymn. 46:1–4

Day by day the manna fell:
O, to learn this lesson well.
Still by constant mercy fed,
Give me, Lord, my daily bread.

Day by day the promise reads,
Daily strength for daily needs:

Cast foreboding fears away;
Take the manna of today.

Lord, my times are in Thy hand:
All my sanguine hopes have planned,
To Thy wisdom I resign,
And would mold my will to Thine.

Thou my daily task shalt give;
Day by day to Thee I live;
So shall added years fulfill
Not my own, my Father's will.

Hymn. 188:1-3

No eye hath seen, nor tongue declared,
Nor hath it entered heart of man,
To know what God hath here prepared
For them that love and trust His plan.

But He whose Spirit searcheth deep
Hath sent His Word to all mankind,
The Word that bids them find and keep
The priceless treasures of His Mind.

O come and find, the Spirit saith,
The Truth that maketh all men free.
The world is sad with dreams of death.
Lo, I am Life, come unto Me.

Hymn. 349:3

We walk in freedom and in peace
Thy holy purpose to fulfill,
And Thou dost ever point the path
For loving servants of Thy will.

My. 59:7

It was above conception
that in less than forty years a new system of faith and
9 worship, as well as of healing, should number its adher-
ents by the hundreds of thousands and its tenets be
accepted wholly or in part by nearly every religious and
12 scientific body in the civilized world.

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