# 2020-09-09 Kingdom of Heaven

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# First Hymn

#### 1. Hymn. 469

Eternal God, the Cause of all creation, Your goodness shines through all eternity. From age to age Your name has been exalted, Your glory fills the earth, the sky, and sea. Almighty One, creative Mind, our Maker, Which was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Dear God of love, eternal Father-Mother, Supply our need, our every need each day; Teach us to love the way You love Your children, Purge us from sin and self, with trust we pray: "Thy kingdom come," in all earth as in heaven, You are our light, our guide, our hope, our stay.

Your Word of truth is ever our companion; We are assured Your healing love is here. Help us to prove, as Jesus proved before us, Truth casts out sin, disease, and death, and fear. And may Your Word abide with us forever, O Lord of life, of truth, and love, most dear.

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:

# The Holy Bible

# 1. Mark 8:1 Jesus

1 ... Jesus called his disciples *unto him*, and saith unto them,

# 2. Luke 11:2 When (to 2nd.)

2 ... When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. ...

#### 3. John 3:1-7

- 1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
- <sup>2</sup> The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
- <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

- 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
- <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- <sup>7</sup> Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

# 4. Luke 17:20, 21

- <sup>20</sup> ¶ And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
- 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

#### 5. Matt. 21:28-32

- <sup>28</sup> ¶ But what think ye? A *certain* man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard.
- <sup>29</sup> He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.
- 30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I *qo*, sir: and went not.
- Whether of them twain did the will of *his* father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.
- <sup>32</sup> For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen *it*, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

# 6. I Cor. 15:50-54, 58

- Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
- 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
- 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

# 7. I Cor. 4:20, 21

- 20 For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power.
- 21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and *in* the spirit of meekness?

# 8. Luke 12:22, 30, 31

- <sup>22</sup> ¶ 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.
- <sup>30</sup> For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.
- 31 ¶ But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

# 9. Luke 11:14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 23

- ¶ And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.
- 15 But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils.
- 17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house *divided* against a house falleth.
- <sup>18</sup> If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.
- 20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.
- <sup>23</sup> He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

#### 10. Matt. 16:13-19

- 13 ¶ When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?
- 14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.
- 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
- <sup>16</sup> And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
- <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar–jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
- <sup>18</sup> And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
- 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

#### 11. Rom. 14:17-19

- 17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
- <sup>18</sup> For he that in these things serveth Christ *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men.
- 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

# 12. Luke 12:32

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

# Science and Health

# 1. SH 590:1

- 1 **K**INGDOM OF **H**EAVEN. The reign of harmony in divine Science; the realm of unerring, eternal, and omnipotent
- $_{\rm 3}$  Mind; the atmosphere of Spirit, where Soul is supreme.

# 2. SH 576:21

- 21 This kingdom of God "is within you," is within reach of man's consciousness here, and the spiritual idea reveals it. In divine Science, man possesses this
- <sup>24</sup> recognition of harmony consciously in proportion to his understanding of God.

# 3. SH 476:9, 28-13

God is the Principle of man, and man is the idea of God. Hence man is not mortal nor material. Mortals will disappear, and immortals, or the children of God, will appear as the only and eternal verities of man. Mortals are not fallen children of God. They never had a perfect state of being,
 which may subsequently be regained. They were, from the beginning of mortal history, "conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity." Mortality is finally swallowed up in immortality. Sin, sickness, and death must disappear to give place to the facts which belong to immortal man.

Mortals are not immortals

When speaking of God's children, not the children of men, Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you;"

30 that is, Truth and Love reign in the real man, showing that man in God's image is unfallen and eternal. Jesus beheld in Science the per
1 fect 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.

6 Man is not a material habitation for Soul; he is himself spiritual. Soul, being Spirit, is seen in nothing imperfect

The kingdom within

nor material.

Whatever is material is mortal. To the five corporeal senses, man appears to be matter and mind united; but Christian Science reveals man as the idea of

Material body never God's idea

Christian Science reveals man as the idea of God, and declares the corporeal senses to be mortal and erring illusions.

Basis of health and immortality

# 4. SH 339:20 As

... As the mythology of pagan Rome has yielded to a more spiritual idea of Deity, so will our material theories yield to spiritual ideas, until the finite gives place to the infinite, sickness to health, sin to holiness, and God's kingdom comes "in earth, as it is in heaven." The basis of all health, sinlessness, and immortality is the great fact that God is the only Mind; and this Mind must be not merely believed, but it must be understood. To get rid of sin through Science, is to divest sin of any supposed mind or reality, and never to admit that sin can have intelligence or power, pain or pleasure. You conquer error by denying its verity. Our various theories will never lose

their imaginary power for good or evil, until we lose our faith in them and make life its own proof of harmony
 and God.

# 5. SH 40:31

The nature of Christianity is peaceful and blessed, but in order to enter into the kingdom, the anchor of 1 hope must be cast beyond the veil of matter into the Shekinah into which Jesus has passed before us; and 3 this advance beyond matter must come through the joys and triumphs of the righteous as well as through their sorrows and afflictions.

<sup>6</sup> Like our Master, we must depart from material sense into the spiritual sense of being.

# 6. SH 93:22-4

In Christian Science, Spirit, as a proper noun, is the name of the Supreme Being.

24 It means quantity and quality, and applies exclusively to God. The modifying derivatives of the word spirit refer only to quality, not to God. Man is spiritual.

27 He is not God, Spirit. If man were Spirit, then men would be spirits, gods. Finite spirit would be mortal, and this is the error embodied in the belief that the infinite can be contained in the finite. This belief tends to becloud our apprehension of the kingdom of heaven and of the reign of harmony in the Science of being.

1 Jesus taught but one God, one Spirit, who makes man in the image and likeness of Himself, — of Spirit, not of matter. Man reflects infinite Truth, Life, and

7. SH 560:11-17

Love.

The great

miracle, to human sense, is divine Love, and the grand necessity of existence is to gain the true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of
 heaven in man. This goal is never reached while we hate our neighbor or entertain a false estimate of any-

one whom God has appointed to voice His Word.

8. SH 109:28-24

Jesus once said of his lessons: "My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me. If any man will do His will, 30 he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." (John vii. 16, 17.)

The three great verities of Spirit, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, — Spirit possessing all power, Within the veil

Derivatives of spirit

Scientific man

True estimate of God's messenger

filling all space, constituting all Science, — contradict

- 3 forever the belief that matter can be actual. These eternal verities reveal primeval existence as the radiant reality of God's creation,
- <sub>6</sub> in which all that He has made is pronounced by His wisdom good.

Thus it was that I beheld, as never before, the awful 9 unreality called evil. The equipollence of God brought to light another glorious proposition, — man's perfectibility and the establishment of the kingdom of heaven on 12 earth.

In following these leadings of scientific revelation, the Bible was my only textbook. The Scriptures were illumined; reason and revelation were reconciled, and afterwards the truth of Christian Science was demonstrated. No human pen nor tongue taught me the Science contained in this book, Science and Health; and neither tongue nor pen can overthrow it. This book may be distorted by shallow criticism or by careless or malicious students, and its ideas may be temporarily abused and misrepresented; but the Science and truth therein will forever remain to be dis-

9. SH 16:24-31

Here let me give what I understand to be the spiritual sense of the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father which art in heaven, 27 Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,

27 Our Futher Wiother God, an har

Hallowed be Thy name.

24 cerned and demonstrated.

Adorable One.

30 Thy kingdom come.

Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

# Second and Third Hymn

# 2. Hymn. 204

O Father, Thy kingdom is come upon earth, Thou rulest in all Thy creation; Thou sendest Thy witnesses, telling Thy worth, To call and entreat every nation, With news of Thy mighty salvation.

They lift up a light amid shadows of fear,

God's allness learned

Scriptural foundations

And Love is Thy banner above them; No trouble shall touch them, no foes that appear Shall e'er from their loyalty move them; 'Tis Thou dost uphold and approve them.

They go in Thy strength, and they speak in Thy name, With power of Thy promise forth faring, And during the battle the victory claim,—
Their trust in Thy truth is their daring,
Salvation to all men declaring.

# 3. Hymn. 10

All power is given unto our Lord,
On Him we place reliance;
With truth from out His sacred word
We bid our foes defiance.
With Him we shall prevail,
Whatever may assail;
He is our shield and tower,
Almighty is His power;
His kingdom is forever.

Rejoice, ye people, praise His name, His care doth e'er surround us. His love to error's thralldom came, And from its chains unbound us. Our Lord is God alone, No other power we own; No other voice we heed, No other help we need; His kingdom is forever.

O then give thanks to God on high, Who life to all is giving;
The hosts of death before Him fly,
In Him we all are living.
Then let us know no fear,
Our King is ever near;
Our stay and fortress strong,
Our strength, our hope, our song;
His kingdom is forever.

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