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Our Shepherd

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

#### The Bible

#### 1. Ps 79:13 we

we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

## 2. Ps 80:1, 3

- 1 GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth.
- 3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

#### 3. Ps. 74:1, 2

- O GoD, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever? *why* doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?
- 2 Remember thy congregation, *which* thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

# 4. Ezek. 34:1 1st the, 2, 4, 5 (to:), 11-16 Behold, 23-31 I

- 1 the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GoD unto the shepherds; Woe *be* to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?
- 4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.
- 5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd:
- Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.
- As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
- 13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.
- I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.
- I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.

- I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.
- I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.
- And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken *it*.
- 25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.
- 26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.
- And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.
- And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make *them* afraid.
- 29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.
- Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God *am* with them, and *that* they, *even* the house of Israel, *are* my people, saith the Lord GoD.
- And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, *are* men, *and* I *am* your God, saith the Lord God.

## 5. John 1:29 John, 43

- John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
- ¶ The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

#### 6. John 10:1-9, 11, 14-16

- VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
- 2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
- 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.
- 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

- And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know
- 5 not the voice of strangers.
- 6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.
- Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.
- 8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.
- 9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
- I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.
- I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.
- 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.
- 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

#### 7. Matt 18:11-14 the

- the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.
- 12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?
- And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that *sheep*, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.
- Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

# 8. Ps. 95:7 he (to .)

7 he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

# 9. Heb. 13:20, 21

- Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
- 21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

# Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1. SH vii:2-4, 10

vii:1 The wakeful shepherd beholds

- the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the full radiance of a risen day. The Wisemen were led to behold and to follow this daystar of
- divine Science, lighting the way to eternal harmony.

# 2. SH 332:4-5 Father-Mother

Father-Mother is the name for Deity, which indicates His tender relationship to His spiritual creation.

#### 3. SH 514:18-19

Tenderness accompanies all the might imparted by Spirit.

#### 4. SH 590:9-10

9 **Lamb of God.** The spiritual idea of Love; self-immolation; innocence and purity; sacrifice.

# 5. SH 53:8-11

The reputation of Jesus was the very opposite of his

9 character. Why? Because the divine Principle and practice of Jesus were misunderstood. He was at work in divine Science.

Reputation and character

## 6. SH 127:26

Science is an emanation of

divine Mind, and is alone able to interpret God aright.

It has a spiritual, and not a material origin. It is a divine utterance, — the Comforter which leadeth into all truth.

## 7. SH 54:8-13, 17

Who is ready to follow his teaching and example? All

- 9 must sooner or later plant themselves in Christ, the true idea of God. That he might liberally pour his dear-bought treasures into empty or sin-
- 12 filled human storehouses, was the inspiration of Jesus' intense human sacrifice. His hearers
- understood neither his words nor his works. They would not accept his meek interpretation of life nor follow his example.

# 8. SH 192:27-29, 30

We walk in the footsteps of Truth and Love by following the example of our Master in the understanding of divine metaphysics. Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power.

#### 9. SH 326:3

If we wish to follow Christ, Truth, it must be in the way of God's appointing. Jesus said, "He that believeth

Inspiration of sacrifice

on me, the works that I do shall he do also."

- He, who would reach the source and find the divine remedy for every ill, must not try to climb the hill of Science by some other road. All nature teaches God's
- love to man, but man cannot love God supremely and set his whole affections on spiritual things, while loving the material or trusting in it more than in the spiritual.

#### 10. SH 266:24-27

Mortals must follow Jesus' sayings and his demonstrations, which dominate the flesh. Perfect and infinite Mind enthroned is heaven. The evil beliefs

which originate in mortals are hell.

# 11. SH 224:4, 22

As the crude footprints of the past disappear from the dissolving paths of the present, we shall better understand

- the Science which governs these changes, and shall plant our feet on firmer ground. Every sensuous pleasure or pain is self-destroyed through suffering. There should
- be painless progress, attended by life and peace instead of discord and death.

A higher and more practical Christianity, demonstrating justice and meeting the needs of mortals in sickness and in health, stands at the door of this age, knocking for admission. Will you open or close the door upon this angel visitant, who cometh in the quiet of meekness, as he came of old to the patriarch at noonday?

## 12. SH 225:5, 21

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You may know when first Truth leads by the few-

- 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,
- 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
- always some tumult, but there is a rallying to truth's standard.

Love

is the liberator.

#### 13. SH 578:8

[LOVE] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]: [LOVE] leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

## 14. SH 567:31-5

Divine Science shows how the Lamb slays the wolf.

Loving God supremely

Beatific presence

Truth's ordeal

568:1 Innocence and Truth overcome guilt and error. Ever since the foundation of the world, ever since error would

establish material belief, evil has tried to slay the Lamb; but Science is able to destroy this lie, called evil.

Warfare with error

#### 15. SH 582:14-16

**Bride.** Purity and innocence, conceiving man in the

idea of God; a sense of Soul, which has spiritual bliss and enjoys but cannot suffer.

## 16. SH 594:12-13

12 **SHEEP.** Innocence; inoffensiveness; those who follow their leader.

## 17. SH 577:4

The Lamb's

wife presents the unity of male and female as no longer

- two wedded individuals, but as two individual natures in one; and this compounded spiritual individuality reflects God as Father-Mother, not as a corporeal being.
- In this divinely united spiritual consciousness, there is no impediment to eternal bliss, — to the perfectibility of God's creation.

# 18. SH 564:12-14

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Revelator speaks of Jesus as the Lamb of God and of the dragon as warring against innocence.

# 19. SH 561:8

The Revelator

- beheld the spiritual idea from the mount of vision.
   Purity was the symbol of Life and Love. The Revelator saw also the spiritual ideal as a woman clothed in light, a
- bride coming down from heaven, wedded to the Lamb of Love. To John, "the bride" and "the Lamb" represented the correlation of divine Principle and spiritual idea,
- 15 God and His Christ, bringing harmony to earth.

# 20. SH 494:15 (only), 10-11

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need.

The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love.

# Hymns 534, 469, 148

534

My shepherd is the living God,
There's nothing that I need;
In pastures fair, near pleasant streams,
I settle down to feed.
You bring my wandering spirit back
When I forsake Your ways.
And lead me for Your mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Your presence is my stay;
A word of Your supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
Lays out my table's spread;
And fills my cup to overflow,
Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;
O may Your house be my abode,
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others come and go —
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.

#### 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.

#### 148

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?

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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.

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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.

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