

## Gift of Healing

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Hymns 392,362,417

Pro 17:8

- 8 A gift *is as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

1Tim 4:14-16

- 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
- 15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.
- 16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

Ps 107:15, 20

- 15 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!
- 20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.

Mal 3:1, 10

- 1 BEHOLD, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there*

*shall not be room enough to receive it.*

Matt 10:1, 5-8

- 1 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matt 7:7-12

- 7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
- 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?
- 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
- 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?
- 12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Acts 3:1-8

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of  
1 prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*.  
2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they  
laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of  
them that entered into the temple;  
3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.  
4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.  
5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.  
6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I  
thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.  
7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately  
his feet and ankle bones received strength.  
8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the  
temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

1Cor 12:1, 4-9, 11

1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.  
4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.  
5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.  
6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which  
worketh all in all.  
7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.  
8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word  
of knowledge by the same Spirit;  
9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the  
same Spirit;  
11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every  
man severally as he will.

James 2:18-20

- 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.
- 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
- 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

James 1:17, 18, 22-25

- 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- 18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
- 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:
- 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.
- 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

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vii:1-10

- vii:1 To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings. The wakeful shepherd beholds
- 3 the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the full radiance of a risen day. So shone the pale star to the prophet-

shepherds; yet it traversed the night, and came where, in  
6 cradled obscurity, lay the Bethlehem babe, the human  
herald of Christ, Truth, who would make plain to be-  
nighted understanding the way of salvation through Christ  
9 Jesus, till across a night of error should dawn the morn-  
ing beams and shine the guiding star of being.

135:26

Christianity as Jesus taught it was not  
27 a creed, nor a system of ceremonies, nor a special gift  
from a ritualistic Jehovah; but it was the demonstration  
of divine Love casting out error and healing the sick,  
30 not merely in the *name* of Christ, or Truth, but in demon-  
stration of Truth, as must be the case in the cycles of  
divine light.

570:14-18, 23-24

Millions of unprejudiced minds — simple seekers for  
15 Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert — are wait-  
ing and watching for rest and drink. Give  
them a cup of cold water in Christ's name,  
18 and never fear the consequences. Those ready for the blessing  
24 you impart will give thanks.

Receptive hearts

366:30

30 If we would open their prison doors for the sick, we  
must first learn to bind up the broken-hearted. If we  
would heal by the Spirit, we must not hide the talent  
367:1 of spiritual healing under the napkin of its form, nor  
bury the *morale* of Christian Science in the grave-clothes  
3 of its letter. The tender word and Christian  
encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience  
with his fears and the removal of them, are better than

Genuine healing

6 hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed  
speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so  
many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame  
9 with divine Love.

110:25

Jesus demonstrated the power of Christian Science to  
heal mortal minds and bodies. But this power was lost  
27 sight of, and must again be spiritually dis-  
cerned, taught, and demonstrated according  
to Christ's command, with "signs following."  
30 Its Science must be apprehended by as many as believe  
on Christ and spiritually understand Truth.

The  
demonstration  
lost and found

136:1-6

136:1 Jesus established his church and maintained his mission  
on a spiritual foundation of Christ-healing. He taught  
3 his followers that his religion had a divine  
Principle, which would cast out error and heal  
both the sick and the sinning. He claimed no intelli-  
6 gence, action, nor life separate from God.

The Christ-  
mission

28:9

9 While respecting all that is good in the Church or out  
of it, one's consecration to Christ is more on the ground  
of demonstration than of profession. In conscience, we  
12 cannot hold to beliefs outgrown; and by understanding  
more of the divine Principle of the deathless Christ, we  
are enabled to heal the sick and to triumph over sin.

145:32-2

Our Master's first article of faith propounded  
146:1 to his students was healing, and he proved his faith by

his works. The ancient Christians were healers.

138:27-2

27 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. It is his theology in this book and the spiritual meaning of this theology, which 139:1 heals the sick and causes the wicked to “forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts.”

Healthful  
theology

494:30-2

30 Our Master cast out devils (evils) and healed the sick. It should be said of his followers also, that they cast fear and all evil out of themselves and others and heal the sick. 495:1 God will heal the sick through man, whenever man is governed by God.

Followers of  
Jesus

271:11-16

In Latin the word rendered *disciple* signifies student; 12 and the word indicates that the power of healing was not a supernatural gift to those learners, but the result of their cultivated spiritual understand- 15 ing of the divine Science, which their Master demonstrated by healing the sick and sinning.

Studious  
disciples

138:18-22

Christians are under as direct orders now, as they were then, to be Christlike, to possess the Christ-spirit, to 21 follow the Christ-example, and to heal the sick as well as

New era in  
Jesus

the sinning.

19:6

Jesus aided in recon-  
ciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love,  
the divine Principle of Jesus' teachings, and this truer  
9 sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter,  
sin, and death by the law of Spirit, — the law of divine  
Love.

192:27

27 We walk in the footsteps of Truth and Love by follow-  
ing the example of our Master in the understanding of  
divine metaphysics. Christianity is the basis of true heal-  
30 ing. Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed  
love, receives directly the divine power.

342:21

21 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  
24 Truth, and they answer with rejoicing. It  
causes the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, and the blind  
to see. Who would be the first to disown the Christli-  
27 ness of good works, when our Master says, "By their  
fruits ye shall know them"?

Argument of  
good works

52:23

The high-  
24 est earthly representative of God, speaking of human  
ability to reflect divine power, prophetically said to his  
disciples, speaking not for their day only but for all time:  
27 "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do

also;” and “These signs shall follow them that believe.”

487:25-6

The Apostle James said, “Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.”

27 The understanding that Life is God, Spirit, lengthens our days by strengthening our trust in the deathless reality of Life, its almightiness and immortality.

30 This faith relies upon an understood Principle. This Principle makes whole the diseased, and brings out the  
488:1 enduring and harmonious phases of things. The result of our teachings is their sufficient confirmation. When,  
3 on the strength of these instructions, you are able to banish a severe malady, the cure shows that you understand this teaching, and therefore you re-  
6 ceive the blessing of Truth.

Confirmation by  
healing

54:8-17

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. In witness of his divine com-  
mission, he presented the proof that Life, Truth, and  
15 Love heal the sick and the sinning, and triumph over death through Mind, not matter. This was the highest proof he could have offered of divine Love.

Inspiration of  
sacrifice

46:25-8

Jesus was “the way;” that is, he marked the way for all men. In his final demonstration, called the ascen-

27 sion, which closed the earthly record of Jesus, he rose  
above the physical knowledge of his disciples, and the  
material senses saw him no more.

30 His students then received the Holy Ghost. By this is  
meant, that by all they had witnessed and suffered, they  
were roused to an enlarged understanding of divine Sci-  
47:1 ence, even to the spiritual interpretation and discernment  
of Jesus' teachings and demonstrations, which gave them  
3 a faint conception of the Life which is God.

They no longer measured man by material  
sense. After gaining the true idea of their glorified Master,  
6 they became better healers, leaning no longer on matter,  
but on the divine Principle of their work. The influx of  
light was sudden.

Pentecostal  
power

97:29-7

Christianity is again demonstrating the Life that is  
30 Truth, and the Truth that is Life, by the apos-  
tolic work of casting out error and healing the  
sick. Earth has no repayment for the persecutions which  
98:1 attend a new step in Christianity; but the spiritual recom-  
pense of the persecuted is assured in the elevation of ex-  
3 istence above mortal discord and in the gift of divine Love.

The prophet of to-day beholds in the mental horizon  
the signs of these times, the reappearance of the Chris-  
6 tianity which heals the sick and destroys error,  
and no other sign shall be given.

Christianity still  
rejected

Spiritual  
foreshadowings

55:15

15 Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries,  
gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning. My  
weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall

18 recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as  
himself, — when he shall realize God’s omnipotence and  
the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done  
21 and is doing for mankind. The promises will be ful-  
filled. The time for the reappearing of the divine healing  
is throughout all time; and whosoever layeth his earthly  
24 all on the altar of divine Science, drinketh of Christ’s  
cup now, and is endued with the spirit and power of  
Christian healing.