

WEDNESDAY NIGHT READINGS

“The Golden Rule”

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The Bible

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Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

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MATTHEW (J.B. Phillips)

7:12 Treat other people exactly as you would like to be treated by them—this is the essence of all true religion.

II SAMUEL

11:2...David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

3 And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bath-sheba, ...the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

4 And David sent messengers...and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

5 David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite.

14...And David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15...saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

11:26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned...

27 And when the mourning was past, David... fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

12:1-10 And the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he...said... There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds:

3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:

6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

7 And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man.

PSALMS

51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God...blot out my transgressions.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence;

SH 5:11

The measure ye mete "shall be measured to you again," and it will be full "and running over."

SH 449:7-8

The wrong done another reacts most heavily against one's self.

SH 234:27

The pampered hypocrite may have a flowery pathway here, but he cannot forever break the Golden Rule and escape the penalty due.

LUKE

10:30...A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

37 ...He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

LUKE

6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

HEBREWS

12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

SH 518:15-19

The rich in spirit help the poor in one grand brotherhood, all having the same Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another's good.

SH 192:23–24

The good you do and embody gives you the only power obtainable.

SH 138:27-30

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!”

SH 88:18-20

To love one's neighbor as one's self, is a divine idea; but this idea can never be seen, felt, nor understood through the physical senses.

SH 192:30

Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power.

SH 392:24

Stand porter at the door of thought.

SH 452:5

The wrong thought should be arrested before it has a chance to manifest itself.

SH 476:32-4

Jesus beheld in Science the perfect 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.

MATTHEW

18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

I JOHN

3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

SH 572:6-8

“Love one another” (I John, iii. 23), is the most simple and profound counsel of the inspired writer.

MATTHEW (J.B. Phillips)

7:3-5 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and fail to notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me get the speck out of your eye’, when there is a plank in your brother’s speck of dust.”

SH 455:10

If you are yourself lost in the belief and fear of disease or sin, and if, knowing the remedy, you fail to use the energies of Mind in your own behalf, you can exercise little or no power for others' help. "First cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

SH 448:2-3

Blindness and self-righteousness cling fast to iniquity.

SH 592:27

Pharisee. Corporeal and sensuous belief; self-righteousness; vanity; hypocrisy.

SH 234:12

We should love our enemies and help them on the basis of the Golden Rule; but avoid casting pearls before those who trample them under foot, thereby robbing both themselves and others.

SH 447:2-5

We have no authority in Christian Science and no moral right to attempt to influence the thoughts of others, except it be to benefit them.

SH 205:22

When we realize that there is one Mind, the divine law of loving our neighbor as ourselves is unfolded; whereas a belief in many ruling minds hinders man's normal drift towards the one Mind, one God, and leads human thought into opposite channels where selfishness reigns.

SH 9:11

If selfishness has given place to kindness, we shall regard our neighbor unselfishly, and bless them that curse us; but we shall never meet this great duty simply by asking that it may be done. There is a cross to be taken up before we can enjoy the fruition of our hope and faith.

SH 495:25-8

Question. — How can I progress most rapidly in the understanding of Christian Science?

Answer. — Study thoroughly the letter and imbibe the spirit. Adhere to the divine Principle of Christian Science and follow the behests of God, abiding steadfastly in wisdom, Truth, and Love. In the Science of Mind, you will soon ascertain that error cannot destroy error. You will also learn that in Science there is no transfer of evil suggestions from one mortal to another, for there is but one Mind, and this ever-present omnipotent Mind is reflected by man and governs the entire universe. You will learn that in Christian Science the first duty is to obey God, to have one Mind, and to love another as yourself.

I JOHN

4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

ROMANS

13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

JAMES (Living Bible)

1:26 Anyone who says he is a Christian but doesn't control his sharp tongue is just fooling himself, and his religion isn't worth much.

2:12 You will be judged on whether or not you are doing what Christ wants you to. So watch what you do and what you think;

13 for there will be no mercy to those who have shown no mercy. But if you have been merciful, then God's mercy toward you will win out over his judgment against you.

EPHESIANS

4:31-32 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,

LUKE

6:31 as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

GALATIANS

5:14 all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

SH 6:17-18

“God is Love.” More than this we cannot ask, higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go.

SH 113:5

The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian Science, is Love.

SH 276:4-9

When the divine precepts are understood, they unfold the foundation of fellowship, in which one mind is not at war with another, but all have one Spirit, God, one intelligent source, in

accordance with the Scriptural command: "Let this Mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

SH 8:28-30

We should examine ourselves and learn what is the affection and purpose of the heart, for in this way only can we learn what we honestly are.

SH 55:16-21

My weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall 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 and is doing for mankind.

SUPPLEMENTAL READING

"The Golden Rule"

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In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives us a rule which has since been called the Golden Rule "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," and he concludes with the powerful statement that "this is the law and the prophets." Our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, quotes or speaks of this Golden Rule at least thirty-five times in her writings...It is even found in the Tenets of Christian Science... "And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure."...

When we accept the Golden Rule as law, then we can declare and claim that we are under that and that nothing can oppose its operation in us...It is only when we begin to wake up to the fact that, regardless of what another may do to us, or how much cause we may feel we have for retaliation, we must always return good for evil, that we begin to understand the Golden Rule...if we fail to do unto another what we would want done unto us, the problem is not truly solved. Ultimately...we shall have to go back and work out the problem according to divine Principle. Hence it is essential to turn vigorously to the Golden Rule and see that because it is a divine demand it can be obeyed, and through its application the way will open to bless all concerned...