

## WEDNESDAY EVENING READINGS

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“PEACEABLE HABITATION”

### READINGS FROM THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE & HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES BY MARY BAKER EDDY

#### GENESIS

1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

#### SCIENCE AND HEALTH

##### SH 537:10-13

In the first chapter of Genesis, evil has no local habitation nor name. Creation is there represented as spiritual, entire, and good.

##### SH 470:19

Has God taken down His own standard, and has man fallen?

##### SH 444:27

Immortals, or God's children in divine Science, are one harmonious family; but mortals, or the "children of men" in material sense, are discordant and oftentimes false brethren.

##### SH 306:32-2

The parent of all human discord was the Adam-dream, the deep sleep, in which originated the delusion that life and intelligence proceeded from and passed into matter.

##### SH 476:13-15

Mortals are not fallen children of God. They never had a perfect state of being, which may subsequently be regained.

#### GENESIS

13:1 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

5 ¶And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together:

7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle:

8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

9 .... separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east:

14 ¶And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

## **ISAIAH**

32:1 . . . the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; . . .

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

### **SH 183:4**

To suppose that God constitutes laws of inharmony is a mistake; discords have no support from nature or divine law, however much is said to the contrary.

### **SH 273:29-30 (to ,)**

Science shows that material, conflicting mortal opinions and beliefs emit the effects of error at all times, . . .

### **SH 186:22-24**

If we concede the same reality to discord as to harmony, discord has as lasting a claim upon us as has harmony.

### **SH 130:11-12 Science (to ,)**

Science, when understood and demonstrated, will destroy all discord, . . .

### **SH 293:28**

Christian Science brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal harmony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness of evil.

### **SH 577:22 (only)**

All who are saved must walk in this light.

### **SH 255:3-6**

“Let there be light,” is the perpetual demand of Truth and Love, changing chaos into order and discord into the music of the spheres.

## **MATTHEW**

22:35 .... a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,  
36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?  
37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and  
with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.  
38 This is the first and great commandment.  
39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

### **SH 467:8-13 *Thou***

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love. Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact becomes apparent, war will cease and the true brotherhood of man will be established.

### **SH 201:17-18**

The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour in truth through flood-tides of Love.

### **SH 469:30-5**

With one Father, even God, the whole family of man would be brethren; and with one Mind and that God, or good, the brotherhood of man would consist of Love and Truth, and have unity of Principle and spiritual power which constitute divine Science.

### **SH 331:15-16 *in (to ;)***

. . . in Spirit all is harmony, and there can be no discord;

## **JAMES**

3:16 ... where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

4:1 From whence come wars and fightings among you?

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

## **II KINGS**

6.8 ... the king of Syria warred against Israel...

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 ¶And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them:

22 ... set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

## **EPHESIANS**

4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

## **PROVERBS**

20:3 It is an honour for a man to cease from strife:

## **SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

### **SH 571:15-18**

At all times and under all circumstances, overcome evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil.

### **SH 507:21**

A material world implies a mortal mind and man a creator. The scientific divine creation declares immortal Mind and the universe created by God.

### **SH 96:12**

This material world is even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord and dismay; on the other side there will be Science and peace. The breaking up of material beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want and woe, sin, sickness, and death, which assume new phases until their nothingness appears. These disturbances will continue until the end of error, when all discord will be swallowed up in spiritual Truth.

### **SH 451:2-5**

Christian Scientists must live under the constant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from the material world and be separate. They must renounce aggression, oppression and the pride of power.

### **SH 507:24 (only; to ,)**

Infinite Mind creates and governs all, . . .

**SH 340:23**

One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;" annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

**PSALMS**

133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

**II CORINTHIANS**

13:11 Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you

**JOB**

22:21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.

27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, ...

28 ... and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

**ISAIAH**

26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:

**SCIENCE AND HEALTH****SH 208:20**

Let us learn of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain forever unseen.

**SH 573:15-17 God**

God, the divine Principle of harmony, is ever with men, and they are His people.

**SH 355:11**

Let discord of every name and nature be heard no more, and let the harmonious and true sense of Life and being take possession of human consciousness.

**SH 578:16**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [love] for ever.

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*This prayer was offered by The Christian Science Board of Directors in response to President Bush's declaration of a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance on September 14, 2001:*

'Thy Kingdom come .... '

Three plain-spoken words from the prayer Jesus taught his disciples 2,000 years ago.

Today, in this time of prayer, our desire is to feel the comfort, safety, strength, and order of God's Kingdom here on earth. We trust our Father-Mother God to open our eyes to see the blessings of this spiritual Kingdom — right at hand. To give us the right to shed tears and dry them. To hold each other close and then let go, confidently. To wisely test — and come to trust. To restore all parts of all of our cities — according to the design of Thy Kingdom.

Then the declaration of the prophet Isaiah will ring out in God's Word:

*And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation,  
and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;*

Now, and forward, from this National Day of Prayer and Remembrance, we pray to understand the vision the Almighty has already given, and the spiritual resources He has spread upon us, to temper the winds of grief, and to enrich our capacities to live with each other in honor, trust, respect, and affection, day after day after day.

Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, guides our trust and prayers with these words:

*To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings.*

**—The Christian Science Board of Directors**