WEDNESDAY EVENING READINGS

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“CRUMBS OF COMFORT FROM CHRIST’S TABLE”

PASSAGES FROM THE BIBLE
AND
SCIENCE & HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES
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MATTHEW

15:21 . . . Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.
15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried
unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is
grieviously vexed with a devil.
24 … he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house
of Israel.
25 … It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.
26 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their
masters' table.
27 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it
unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very
hour.

PSALMS

119:76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy
word unto thy servant.
77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

SH 234:4
Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love — be it song, sermon, or Science
— blesses the human family with crumbs of comfort from Christ's table, feeding
the hungry and giving living waters to the thirsty.

I THESSALONIANS

4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

SH 571:12 listen (only)
. . . listen and be wise.

SH 244:4 (only)
Divine Science reveals these grand facts.
GENESIS

1:27 … God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

MARK

12:29 … The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:
30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:

JOB

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

SH 471:18–19
God is infinite, therefore ever present, and there is no other power nor presence.

SH 1:1-4
The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God, — a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love.

I JOHN

4:8 … God is love.
7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear.

SH 567:7-8
To infinite, ever-present Love, all is Love, and there is no error, no sin, sickness, nor death.

DEUTERONOMY

32:3 … ascribe ye greatness unto our God.
4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

JOHN

14:6 . . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
12 … He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
17 Even the Spirit of truth;
8:32 … ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

SH 323:28-30
The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen as felt. It is the "still, small voice" of Truth uttering itself.

SH 167:30
Only through radical reliance on Truth can scientific healing power be realized.

ROMANS
6:23 … the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SH 200:9-13
Life is, always has been, and ever will be independent of matter; for Life is God, and man is the idea of God, not formed materially but spiritually, and not subject to decay and dust.

PHILIPPIANS
2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

LUKE
17:20 The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
21 … behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

SH 275:20-23
Divine metaphysics, as revealed to spiritual understanding, shows clearly that all is Mind, and that Mind is God, omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, — that is, all power, all presence, all Science.

SH 467:13
Having no other gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ.

SH 496:3-5 there
… there is but one Mind, and this ever-present omnipotent Mind is reflected by man and governs the entire universe.
... in Christian Science the first duty is to obey God, to have one Mind, and to love another as yourself.

**FROM JOHN IN THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE:**

4:24  God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

**SH 330:11-12**
God is infinite, the only Life, substance, Spirit, or Soul, the only intelligence of the universe, including man.

**SH 228:25-27**
There is no power apart from God. Omnipotence has all-power, and to acknowledge any other power is to dishonor God.

**SH 444:10**
Step by step will those who trust Him find that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

**PSALMS**

53:2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.
5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was:

**HABAKKUK**

1:12 ¶ Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One?
13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity:

**JOSHUA**

1:9  … Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

**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.

**DEUTERONOMY**

4:30 When thou art in tribulation, …. if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;
31. . . he will not forsake thee, . . .
II TIMOTHY

1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

ROMANS

12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

JAMES

5:16 … The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

SH 71:2
Evil has no reality. It is neither person, place, nor thing, but is simply a belief, an illusion of material sense.

SH 186:11
Evil is a negation, because it is the absence of truth. It is nothing, because it is the absence of something. It is unreal, because it presupposes the absence of God, the omnipotent and omnipresent. Every mortal must learn that there is neither power nor reality in evil.

SH 368:1-2
The greatest wrong is but a supposititious opposite of the highest right.

PSALMS

23:1 The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.

JAMES

1:17 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.

AND AS IT READS IN THE NEW LIVING TRANSLATION:

1:17 Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes, as a shifting shadow does.

MATTHEW

6:8 … your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
PHILIPPIANS

4:19 …my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

SH 180:25-27
When man is governed by God, the ever-present Mind who understands all things, man knows that with God all things are possible.

SH 494:10-11
Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need.

SH 199:21-22
The devotion of thought to an honest achievement makes the achievement possible.

PSALMS

91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

PROVERBS

3:5 ¶ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

ISAIAH

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

ROMANS

8:28 … all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

II CHRONICLES

20:15 … the battle is not yours, but God’s.

SH 266:14-15 man’s
"… man’s extremity is God's opportunity."
When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our path.

Every trial of our faith in God makes us stronger. The more difficult seems the material condition to be overcome by Spirit, the stronger should be our faith and the purer our love.

5:14 Ye are the light of the world.
16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

This is the doctrine of Christian Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind nor life result in death. The perfect man — governed by God, his perfect Principle — is sinless and eternal.

5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of god, that he may exalt you in due time:
7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

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.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings.
Publications Quotations
“No one is left out of God’s care”
By Candace Lynch
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The story of Jesus’ encounter with the woman from Canaan can seem confusing. Is he ignoring her request for healing for her daughter?

The coastal area of Tyre and Sidon, where this encounter took place, was one of the farthest locations of Jesus’ travels. The woman is described as coming out of those coasts to find him. In Mark’s Gospel she is called a Greek, a Syrophenician, meaning she is not Jewish but heathen.

In spite of this—and even after hearing his words, “I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel”—the woman persists in asking for help. When the woman comes closer and repeats her plea, Jesus answers, “It is not meet to take the children’s bread, and to cast it to dogs.” She undoubtedly understands that he is referring to the “children” as the Jews—God’s chosen people, who worshipped Him as the one Deity. Yet her faith is great, and she answers with an argument of her own. “Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” In other words, the dogs have a portion, too. She is within the circle of God’s blessings. She belongs to His household even though she is convinced she occupies a lower place.

And her faith is rewarded: “Be it unto thee even as thou wilt,” answers Jesus, and the “devil” that vexed her daughter departed.

God is the loving Shepherd who cares for His flock and tenderly watches over them.

Could we call upon the Christ and experience healings as they did?

Mrs. Eddy asks this question: “Does Deity interpose in behalf of one worshipper, and not help another who offers the same measure of prayer?” She answers: “In divine Science, where prayers are mental, all may avail themselves of God as ‘a very present help in trouble’” And Jesus once said, “. . . they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”

Any sincere seeker for a spiritual understanding of God and our relation to Him will learn that we are His beloved children, included in His universal family. He is a very present help no matter what challenge we may be facing. No one is excluded from His care.
"Be it song, sermon, or Science"
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One of the beautiful things about Christian Science is that the Christian Scientist needs no formulas. Every good thought comes from God, who is infinite good; and man reflects that infinitude of good. Therefore, no good thought can be limited by applying it to any one particular problem. It is just as absurd to think that a certain statement must be used to heal a certain disease or sin as it would be to think that one particular ray of sun ripens the apple, but another may not.

How wise Mrs. Eddy was when she compiled our Church Manual! And Article VIII, Section 9, in regard to the forbidding of formulas, requires as much study and use as do the other Rules and By-laws. Those who gladly accept each right thought which Christian Science supplies, and know that it will heal some wrong thought, progress rapidly.

In the Bible we read, "Every word of God is pure;" and in our textbook are the words: "Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love—be it song, sermon, or Science—blesses the human family with crumbs of comfort from Christ's table, feeding the hungry and giving living waters to the thirsty." We have here three avenues through which divine blessings come—"song, sermon, or Science;" but the condition which must be fulfilled is that these shall inspire "with wisdom, Truth, or Love."

If at times, therefore, we need to have our thoughts cleared with regard to this wonderful Science, there are many ways available. There are always the Bible, our Leader's writings, and the Christian Science periodicals, which may be read or purchased in the Christian Science Reading Rooms. Practitioners, teachers, and lecturers are ready to help us; and the church services on Sunday and the Wednesday evening testimony meetings also convey the healing message of Truth.