

Second Wednesday Readings July 11 2018 True Prophethood: The Axe Head and Elijah

Hymns

Hymn 42

Come, Thou all-transforming Spirit, Bless the sower and the seed; Let each heart Thy grace inherit; Raise the weak, the hungry feed; From the Gospel, from the Gospel Now supply Thy people's need.

O, may all enjoy the blessing Which Thy holy word doth give; Let us all, Thy love possessing, Joyfully Thy truth receive; And forever, and forever To Thy praise and glory live.

Hymn 229

O Love divine, whose constant beam Shines on the eyes that will not see, And waits to bless us while we dream, Nor leav'st us though we turn from Thee. Nor bounds, nor clime, nor creed Thou know'st, Wide as our need Thy favors fall; The white wings of the Holy Ghost Stoop unseen o'er the heads of all.

O Truth which sage and prophet saw, Long sought without, but found within. The rule of Love beyond all law, The Life o'ercoming death and sin, O shine on us with light which glowed Upon the waiting shepherd' way, Who saw the darkness overflowed With tides of everlasting day.

Hymn 311

So brightly burns Love's holy glow, So constant shines its light, That none can claim he doth not know The pathway through the night, For see, 'tis lit by Love divine To trace for us His wise design. The lambs who wander by the way, He taketh in His arm; For in the darkness they did stray Unconscious of their harm: So cometh He to all who roam,

To lead them safely, surely home. To God then praises let us sing With glad and willing mind For all the gifts His hand doth bring To us and all mankind: Forever doth His gift of love Pour warmth and radiance from above.

Holy Bible

1. Luke 11:1-4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." ² He said to them,

“When you pray, say:
‘Father, hallowed be Your name.
[Your kingdom come.

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‘Give us each day our [e]daily bread.

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‘And forgive us our sins,
For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us [who has
offended or wronged us].
And [f]lead us not into temptation [but rescue us from evil].”

2. Psalm 147: 1.3.-20

1PRAISE ye the LORD: for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God; for *it is* pleasant; *and* praise is comely.

3He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

4He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.

5reat *is* our Lord and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

6The LORD lifteth up the meek:

7Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

8Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

9He giveth to the beast his food, *and* to the young ravens which cry.

10He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

11The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

12Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

13For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

14He maketh peace *in* thy borders, *and* filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

15He sendeth forth his commandment *upon* earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

16He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

17He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

18He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

3. 2 Kings 6:1-7 Amplified Bible (AMP)

Now the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "Look now, the place where we live near you is too small for us. ² Please let us go to the Jordan [River] and let each man take from there a beam [for the building]; and let us make a place there for ourselves where we may live." And he answered, "Go." ³ Then one said, "Please be willing to go with your servants." So he answered, "I shall go." ⁴ So he went with them; and when they came to the Jordan, they cut down [some of] the trees. ⁵ But it happened that as one was cutting down a beam, the axe head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Oh no, my master! It was borrowed!"

4. Proverbs 22:2,4,7

² The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.

⁴ By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

⁷ The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

5. Matt 10:24-27 The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the servant above his lord.

It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord.

Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.

6. Amplified Bible

2 Kings 6:6 The man of God said, "Where did it fall?" When he showed him the place, Elisha cut off a stick and threw it in there, and made the iron [axe head] float.

⁷ He said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out with his hand and took it.

7. Prov 3:5,6 Amplified Bible

Trust in *and* rely confidently on the LORD with all your heart
And do not rely on your own insight *or* understanding.

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[b]In all your ways know *and* acknowledge *and* recognize Him,
And He will make your paths straight *and* smooth [removing obstacles
that block your way].

**8. Luke 18:27 (The) The things which are impossible with men
are possible with God.**

9. Acts17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being;

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

**1. SH 134:28-32 There is divine authority for believing in the superiority
of spiritual power over material resistance.**

A miracle fulfils God's law, but does not violate that law.

**SH 135:6-15 The miracle introduces no disorder, but unfolds the primal
order, establishing the Science of God's unchangeable law. Spiritual
evolution alone is worthy of the exercise of divine power.**

The same power which heals sin heals also sickness. This is "the beauty
of holiness," that when Truth heals the sick, it casts out evils, and when
Truth casts out the evil called disease, it heals the sick.

**2. SH 593:4-5 Prophet. A spiritual seer; disappearance of material sense
before the conscious facts of spiritual Truth.**

**3. SH 180:25 When man is governed by God, the ever-present Mind who
understands all things, man knows that with God all things
are possible. The only way to this living Truth, which heals the sick, is
found in the Science of divine Mind as taught and demonstrated by
Christ Jesus.**

**4. SH 3:17 How empty are our conceptions of Deity! We admit theoretically
that God is good, omnipotent, omnipresent, infinite, and then we try to
give information to this infinite Mind. We plead for unmerited pardon and
for a liberal outpouring of benefactions. Are we really grateful for the
good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we**

have, and thus be fitted to receive more. Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech.

5. SH 4:5-9 To keep the commandments of our Master and follow his example, is our proper debt to him and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has done
6. SH 17:4-7 Give us this day our daily bread; *Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;*
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors . *And Love is reflected in love;*
7. SH 11:27-31 Prayer cannot change the unalterable Truth, nor can prayer alone give us an understanding of Truth; but prayer, coupled with a fervent habitual desire to know and do the will of God, will bring us into all Truth.
8. SH 270:14 The prophets of old looked for something higher than the systems of their times; hence their foresight of the new dispensation of Truth. But they knew not what would be the precise nature of the teaching and demonstration of God, divine Mind, in His more infinite meanings, — the demonstration which was to destroy sin, sickness, and death, establish the definition of omnipotence, and maintain the Science of Spirit.
9. SH 139:4-9 From beginning to end, the Scriptures are full of accounts of the triumph of Spirit, Mind, over matter. Moses proved the power of Mind by what men called miracles; so did Joshua, Elijah, and Elisha. The Christian era was ushered in with signs and wonders.
10. SH 28:29-31 The trials encountered by prophet, disciple, and apostle, “of whom the world was not worthy,” await, in some form, every pioneer of truth.
11. SH xi:9 The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus’ time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness and disappear as

naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation. Now, as then, these mighty works are not supernatural, but supremely natural. They are the sign of Immanuel, or “God with us,” — a divine influence ever present in human consciousness and repeating itself, coming now as was promised aforetime, To preach deliverance to the captives [of sense], And recovering of sight to the blind, To set at liberty them that are bruised.

12. SH 84:3 The ancient prophets gained their foresight from a spiritual, incorporeal standpoint, not by foreshadowing evil and mistaking fact for fiction, — predicting the future from a groundwork of corporeality and human belief. When sufficiently advanced in Science to be in harmony with the truth of being, men become seers and prophets involuntarily, controlled not by demons, spirits, or demigods, but by the one Spirit. It is the prerogative of the ever-present, divine Mind, and of thought which is in rapport with this Mind, to know the past, the present, and the future.
13. SH 1:11-14 Desire is prayer; and no loss can occur from trusting God with our desires, that they may be moulded and exalted before they take form in words and in deeds.
14. SH 267:22-25 Thought is borrowed from a higher source than matter, and by reversal, errors serve as waymarks to the one Mind, in which all error disappears in celestial Truth
15. SH 295:5 God creates and governs the universe, including man. The universe is filled with spiritual ideas, which He evolves, and they are obedient to the Mind that makes them. Mortal mind would transform the spiritual into the material, and then recover man’s original self in order to escape from the mortality of this error. Mortals are not like immortals, created in God’s own image; but infinite Spirit being all, mortal consciousness will at last yield to the scientific fact and disappear, and the real sense of being, perfect and forever intact, will appear.
16. SH 206:28-29 Omnipotent and infinite Mind made all and includes all.
17. SH 208:2-4 Material sense defines all things materially, and has a finite sense of the infinite.
18. SH vii:1 To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings. The wakeful shepherd beholds 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 cradled obscurity, lay the Bethlehem babe, the human herald of Christ, Truth, who would make plain to benighted understanding the way of salvation through Christ Jesus, till across a night of error should dawn the morning beams and shine the guiding star of being. The Wisemen were led to behold and to follow this daystar of divine Science, lighting the way to eternal harmony.

19. SH 271:1-5 Christ's Christianity is the chain of scientific being reappearing in all ages, maintaining its obvious correspondence with the Scriptures and uniting all periods in the design of God.
20. SH 200:23-24 These so-called material senses must yield to the infinite Spirit, named God.
21. SH 35:30 The (only) The design of Love is to reform the sinner.
22. SH 209:25-30 Material substances or mundane formations, astronomical calculations, and all the paraphernalia of speculative theories, based on the hypothesis of material law or life and intelligence resident in matter, will ultimately vanish, swallowed up in the infinite calculus of Spirit.
23. SH 490:12 The Science of Mind needs to be understood. Until it is understood, mortals are more or less deprived of Truth. Human theories are helpless to make man harmonious or immortal, since he is so already, according to Christian Science. Our only need is to know this and reduce to practice the real man's divine Principle, Love.
24. SH 6:5-6 God is not separate from the wisdom He bestows.
25. SH 283:4 Mind is the source of all movement, and there is no inertia to retard or check its perpetual and harmonious action. Mind is the same Life, Love, and wisdom "yesterday, and to-day, and forever." Matter and its effects — sin, sickness, and death — are states of mortal mind which act, react, and then come to a stop. They are not facts of Mind. They are not ideas, but illusions. Principle is absolute. It admits of no error, but rests upon understanding.