

**2nd Wed Readings Dec 12 2018 Shekinah: Lifting the Veil from Matter to  
Reveal Spirit**

**Hymns**

**Hymn. 297:2** Calm of Shekinah where hope anchors fast,  
Harbor of refuge till the storm be past;  
Sweet, secret place where God and men do meet,  
Horeb whereon we walk with unshod feet

**Hymn. 601:2** Of one accord, of one Mind, Our  
healing mission we find.

**We pray together—our lives in worship bind.**

**The Comforter is with us; Its  
presence here assures us:**

**“I am guiding you**

**And uniting you**

**Through the love of God's Son.**

**I am blessing you;**

**I am healing you; I**

**am making you one.**

**Hymn. 384:1** When God is seen with men to dwell,

**And all creation makes anew,**

**What tongue can half the wonders tell,**

**What eye the dazzling glories view?**

**Holy Bible**

**1. II Sam. 22:2-4** And he said, The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

**The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.**

**I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.**

**2. Hebrews 6:13-20** New Living Translation (NLT)

**For example, there was God's promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying:**

**“I will certainly bless you, and I will multiply your descendants beyond number.”<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>15</sup> Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised. <sup>16</sup> Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. <sup>17</sup> God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. <sup>18</sup> ...God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. <sup>19</sup> This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God’s inner sanctuary. <sup>20</sup> Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.**

**3. I John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

**4. John 14:9 Amplified Bible AMP Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.**

**5. Colossians 2:9 Amplified Bible (AMP) For in Him all the fullness of Deity (the Godhead) dwells in bodily form [completely expressing the divine essence of God].**

**6. I Pet. 5:4 when**

**...when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.**

**7. 1 Peter 5:10 New Living Translation (NLT)**

**<sup>10</sup> In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus... he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.**

**8. Ps. 68:5-10 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.**

**God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.**

**God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness;**

**The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

**Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.**

**Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.**

**9. Ex. 13:20-22 And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.**

**And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:**

**He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.**

**10. Job 10:12-13 Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.**

**And these things hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with thee.**

**11. Ps. 91:1-3 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

### **Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures**

- 1. SH 394:24-28 Are material means the only refuge from fatal chances? Is there no divine permission to conquer discord of every kind with harmony, with Truth and Love?**
- 2. SH 2:4 Yes, the desire which goes forth hungering after righteousness is blessed of our Father, and it does not return unto us void.**
- 3. SH 44:5-7 The lonely precincts of the tomb gave Jesus a refuge from his foes, a place in which to solve the great problem of being.**

4. **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.”
5. **SH 83:7-9** Mortals must find refuge in Truth in order to escape the error of these latter days.
6. **SH 40:31** The nature of Christianity is peaceful and blessed, but in order to enter into the kingdom, the anchor of hope must be cast beyond the veil of matter into the Shekinah into which Jesus has passed before us; and this advance beyond matter must come through the joys and triumphs of the righteous as well as through their sorrows and afflictions. Like our Master, we must depart from material sense into the spiritual sense of being.
7. **SH 122:1-7** The evidence of the physical senses often reverses the real Science of being, and so creates a reign of discord, — assigning seeming power to sin, sickness, and death; but the great facts of Life, rightly understood, defeat this triad of errors, contradict their false witnesses, and reveal the kingdom of heaven, — the actual reign of harmony on earth.
8. **SH 590:1** Kingdom of Heaven. The reign of harmony in divine Science; the realm of unerring, eternal, and omnipotent Mind; the atmosphere of Spirit, where Soul is supreme.
9. **SH 120:4** Soul, or Spirit, is God, unchangeable and eternal; and man coexists with and reflects Soul, God, for man is God's image.
10. **SH 560:10-15** Heaven represents harmony, and divine Science interprets the Principle of heavenly harmony. The great miracle, to human sense, is divine Love, and the grand necessity of existence is to gain the true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of heaven in man.
11. **SH 583:10** Christ: The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error.

12. **SH 497:13** We acknowledge Jesus' atonement as the evidence of divine, efficacious Love, unfolding man's unity with God through Christ Jesus the Way-shower; and we acknowledge that man is saved through Christ, through Truth, Life, and Love as demonstrated by the Galilean Prophet in healing the sick and overcoming sin and death.
13. **SH 303:28-5** Spiritual man is the image or idea of God, an idea which cannot be lost nor separated from its divine Principle. When the evidence before the material senses yielded to spiritual sense, the apostle declared that nothing could alienate him from God, from the sweet sense and presence of Life and Truth.  
It is ignorance and false belief, based on a material sense of things, which hide spiritual beauty and goodness.
14. **SH 320:24-3** The one important interpretation of Scripture is the spiritual. For example, the text, "In my flesh shall I see God," gives a profound idea of the divine power to heal the ills of the flesh, and encourages mortals to hope in Him who healeth all our diseases; whereas this passage is continually quoted as if Job intended to declare that even if disease and worms destroyed his body, yet in the latter days he should stand in celestial perfection before Elohim, still clad in material flesh, — an interpretation which is just the opposite of the true, as may be seen by studying the book of Job.
15. **SH 226:18** Human codes, scholastic theology, material medicine and hygiene, fetter faith and spiritual understanding. Divine Science rends asunder these fetters, and man's birthright of sole allegiance to his Maker asserts itself.
16. **SH 329:26** The pardon of divine mercy is the destruction of error. If men understood their real spiritual source to be all blessedness, they would struggle for recourse to the spiritual and be at peace; but the deeper the error into which mortal mind is plunged, the more intense the opposition to spirituality, till error yields to Truth.

17. **SH 241:24-27** We should strive to reach the Horeb height where God is revealed; and the corner-stone of all spiritual building is purity.
18. **SH 367:3** The tender word and Christian encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience with his fears and the removal of them, are better than hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame with divine Love.
19. **SH 417:10-19** Maintain the facts of Christian Science, — that Spirit is God, and therefore cannot be sick; that what is termed matter cannot be sick; that all causation is Mind, acting through spiritual law. Then hold your ground with the unshaken understanding of Truth and Love, and you will win. When you silence the witness against your plea, you destroy the evidence, for the disease disappears. The evidence before the corporeal senses is not the Science of immortal man.
20. **SH 14:31-18** “When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and, when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.”  
So spake Jesus. The closet typifies the sanctuary of Spirit, the door of which shuts out sinful sense but lets in Truth, Life, and Love. Closed to error, it is open to Truth, and vice versa. The Father in secret is unseen to the physical senses, but He knows all things and rewards according to motives, not according to speech. To enter into the heart of prayer, the door of the erring senses must be closed. Lips must be mute and materialism silent, that man may have audience with Spirit, the divine Principle, Love, which destroys all error.  
In order to pray aright, we must enter into the closet and shut the door. We must close the lips and silence the material senses. In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings, we must deny sin and plead God's allness.

21. **SH 543:8-18** In divine Science, the material man is shut out from the presence of God. The five corporeal senses cannot take cognizance of Spirit. They cannot come into His presence, and must dwell in dreamland, until mortals arrive at the understanding that material life, with all its sin, sickness, and death, is an illusion, against which divine Science is engaged in a warfare of extermination. The great verities of existence are never excluded by falsity.  
All error proceeds from the evidence before the material senses.
22. **SH 589:4** Jacob. A corporeal mortal embracing duplicity, repentance, sensualism. Inspiration; the revelation of Science, in which the so-called material senses yield to the spiritual sense of Life and Love.
23. **SH 135:5** Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.” 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.
24. **SH 333:23-26** Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and the prophets caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, or Christ, which baptized these seers in the divine nature, the essence of Love.
25. **SH 501:-5** And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty; but by My name Jehovah was I not known to them. — Exodus.
26. **SH 308:16-23** Jacob was alone, wrestling with error, — struggling with a mortal sense of life, substance, and intelligence as existent in matter with its false pleasures and pains, — when an angel, a message from Truth and Love, appeared to him and smote the sinew, or strength, of his error, till he saw its unreality; and Truth,

being thereby understood, gave him spiritual strength in this Peniel of divine Science.

27. **SH 308:32-9 (to 2nd .)**

Then Jacob questioned his deliverer, “Tell me, I pray thee, thy name;” but this appellation was withheld, for the messenger was not a corporeal being, but a nameless, incorporeal impartation of divine Love to man, which, to use the word of the Psalmist, restored his Soul, — gave him the spiritual sense of being and rebuked his material sense.

The result of Jacob's struggle thus appeared. He had conquered material error with the understanding of Spirit and of spiritual power. This changed the man.

28. **SH 12:1-8** “The prayer of faith shall save the sick,” says the Scripture. What is this healing prayer? A mere request that God will heal the sick has no power to gain more of the divine presence than is always at hand. The beneficial effect of such prayer for the sick is on the human mind, making it act more powerfully on the body through a blind faith in God.

29. **SH 566:1** As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides of human fear, — as they were led through the wilderness, walking wearily through the great desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised joy, — so shall the spiritual idea guide all right desires in their passage from sense to Soul, from a material sense of existence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for them who love God. Stately Science pauses not, but moves before them, a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, leading to divine heights.

30. **SH 514:18-31** Tenderness accompanies all the might imparted by Spirit.

31. **SH 125:12** As human thought changes from one stage to another of conscious pain and painlessness, sorrow and joy,—from fear to hope and from faith to understanding,—the visible manifestation will at last be man governed by Soul, not by material sense.