

SUNDAY MARCH 6, 2016

SUBJECT—MAN

GOLDEN TEXT: ROMANS 1 : 9

“God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son.”

RESPONSIVE READING: **I Timothy 4 : 10, 11, 13-16**
I Timothy 6 : 20

- 10.** For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.
- 11.** These things command and teach.
- 13.** Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
- 14.** Neglect not the gift that is in thee.
- 15.** Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.
- 16.** Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.
- 20.** Keep that which is committed to thy trust.

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LESSON SERMON

The Bible

1. I Corinthians 7 : 24

24 Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

2. I Chronicles 28 : 9 (know) (to 2nd :)

9 ...know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts:

3. Psalm 37 : 5, 6

5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

4. I Corinthians 12 : 1, 4, 6, 8-12, 14, 24 (God)-27

1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

- 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.
- 14 For the body is not one member, but many.
- 24 ...God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked:
- 25 That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another.
- 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
- 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

5. Luke 19 : 1, 11 (and spake) (to 1st .), 12-22 (to 1st .), 23, 24, 26

- 1 And *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho.
- 11 ...and spake a parable,
- 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.
- 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.
- 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this *man* to reign over us.
- 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.
- 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.
- 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

- 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.
- 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.
- 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, *here is* thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:
- 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.
- 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, *thou* wicked servant.
- 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?
- 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give *it* to him that hath ten pounds.
- 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

6. Matthew 9 : 15 (to said)

- 15 And Jesus said...

7. Matthew 10 : 7 (as), 8, 16, 22, 38 (he)-40

- 7 ...as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
- 16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.
- 22 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.
- 38 ...he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

8. Matthew 5 : 10-16

10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

9. Philippians 2 : 13

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

Science and Health

1. 470 : 23-24

Man is the expression of God's being.

2. 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.

3. 258 : 9-18, 21-24, 31-14

Man is more than a material form with a mind inside, which must escape from its environments in order to be immortal. Man reflects infinity, and this reflection is the true idea of God.

God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis. Mind manifests all that exists in the infinitude of Truth. We know no more of man as the true divine image and likeness, than we know of God.

The human capacities are enlarged and perfected in proportion as humanity gains the true conception of man and God.

Through spiritual sense you can discern the heart of divinity, and thus begin to comprehend in Science the generic term *man*. Man is not absorbed in Deity, and man cannot lose his individuality, for he reflects eternal Life; nor is he an isolated, solitary idea, for he represents infinite Mind, the sum of all substance.

In divine Science, man is the true image of God. The divine nature was best expressed in Christ Jesus, who threw upon mortals the truer reflection of God and lifted their lives higher than their poor thought-models would allow, — thoughts which presented man as fallen, sick, sinning, and dying. The Christlike understanding of scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea, — perfect God and perfect man, — as the basis of thought and demonstration.

4. 265 : 10-15

This scientific sense of being, forsaking matter for Spirit, by no means suggests man's absorption into Deity and the loss of his identity, but confers upon man enlarged individuality, a wider sphere of thought and action, a more expansive love, a higher and more permanent peace.

5. 317 : 18-20

The understanding of his spiritual individuality makes man more real, more formidable in truth, and enables him to conquer sin, disease, and death.

6. 323 : 13-18

In order to apprehend more, we must put into practice what we already know. We must recollect that Truth is demonstrable when understood, and that good is not understood until

demonstrated. If "faithful over a few things," we shall be made rulers over many; but the one unused talent decays and is lost.

7. 6 : 5-10

God is not separate from the wisdom He bestows. The talents He gives we must improve. Calling on Him to forgive our work badly done or left undone, implies the vain supposition that we have nothing to do but to ask pardon, and that afterwards we shall be free to repeat the offence.

8. 238 : 15-21

Unimproved opportunities will rebuke us when we attempt to claim the benefits of an experience we have not made our own, try to reap the harvest we have not sown, and wish to enter unlawfully into the labors of others. Truth often remains unsought, until we seek this remedy for human woe because we suffer severely from error.

9. 317 : 6-15

Whosoever lives most the life of Jesus in this age and declares best the power of Christian Science, will drink of his Master's cup. Resistance to Truth will haunt his steps, and he will incur the hatred of sinners, till "wisdom is justified of her children." These blessed benedictions rest upon Jesus' followers: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you;" "Lo, I am with you alway," — that is, not only in all time, but in *all ways* and conditions.

10. 5 : 15-18

The followers of Christ drank his cup. Ingratitude and persecution filled it to the brim; but God pours the riches of His love into the understanding and affections, giving us strength according to our day.

11. 238 : 6-9

To obey the Scriptural command, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate," is to incur society's frown; but this frown, more than flatteries, enables one to be Christian. Losing her crucifix, the Roman Catholic girl said, "I have nothing left but Christ."

12. 253 : 32-6

The divine demand, "Be ye therefore perfect," is scientific, and the human footsteps leading to perfection are indispensable. Individuals are consistent who, watching and praying, can "run,

and not be weary; . . . walk, and not faint," who gain good rapidly and hold their position, or attain slowly and yield not to discouragement.

13. 254 : 10-12, 27-32

When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our path.

If you launch your bark upon the ever-agitated but healthful waters of truth, you will encounter storms. Your good will be evil spoken of. This is the cross. Take it up and bear it, for through it you win and wear the crown. Pilgrim on earth, thy home is heaven; stranger, thou art the guest of God.

14. 367 : 17-23

A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period of which Jesus spoke to his disciples, when he said: "Ye are the salt of the earth." "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt lose not its saltiness, and that this light be not hid, but radiate and glow into noontide glory.

15. 496 : 9 (Ask)-19

Ask yourself: Am I living the life that approaches the supreme good? Am I demonstrating the healing power of Truth and Love? If so, then the way will grow brighter "unto the perfect day." Your fruits will prove what the understanding of God brings to man. Hold perpetually this thought, — that it is the spiritual idea, the Holy Ghost and Christ, which enables you to demonstrate, with scientific certainty, the rule of healing, based upon its divine Principle, Love, underlying, overlying, and encompassing all true being.

THE DAILY DUTIES

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Daily Prayer

It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to pray each day: "Thy kingdom come;" let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin; and may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!

Church Manual, Article VIII, Sect. 4

A Rule for Motives and Acts

Neither animosity nor mere personal attachment should impel the motives or acts of the members of The Mother Church. In Science, divine Love alone governs man; and a Christian Scientist reflects the sweet amenities of Love, in rebuking sin, in true brotherliness, charitableness, and forgiveness. The members of this Church should daily watch and pray to be delivered from all evil, from prophesying, judging, condemning, counseling, influencing or being influenced erroneously.

Church Manual, Article VIII, Sect. 1

Alertness to Duty

It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to defend himself daily against aggressive mental suggestion, and not be made to forget nor to neglect his duty to God, to his Leader, and to mankind. By his works he shall be judged, — and justified or condemned.

Church Manual, Article VIII, Sect. 6