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## SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2019

## SUBJECT—UNREALITY

GOLDEN TEXT: EPHESIANS 5:14

"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

## RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 60: 1-4, 18-20

- 1. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
- 2. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
- 3. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
- **4.** Lift up thine eyes round about, and see.
- 18. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.
- 19. The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.
- 20. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

#### LESSON SERMON

## The Bible

- 1. Genesis 1:1, 26 (to:), 27, 31 (to 1st.)
- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:
- So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good.
- 2. Genesis 2:6,7,21 (to:)
- But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.
- And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
- And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept:
- 3. Proverbs 6: 9, 20, 22, 23 (to 1st;)
- How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
- My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
- When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
- For the commandment *is* a lamp;
- 4. Isaiah 52:1 (to 2nd,), 2 (to 1st,), 5, 6
- Awake, awake; put on thy strength,
- <sup>2</sup> Shake thyself from the dust; arise,

- Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day *is* blasphemed.
- Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, *it is* I.

## 5. John 11: 1, 4 (to 2nd,), 11 (Our)-15, 17, 32-34, 38-44

- Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.
- When Jesus heard *that*, he said,
- Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.
- Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.
- Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.
- Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
- And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.
- Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already.
- Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.
- When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,
- And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.
- Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

- Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.
- Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?
- Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
- And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.
- And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.
- And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.
- 6. Acts 26: 8, 16 (rise) (to:), 18 (open) (to 1st.), 18 (turn) (to 2nd.), 27 (I)
- Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?
- ...rise, and stand upon thy feet:
- ...open their eyes, ...turn *them* from darkness to light,
- I know that thou believest.
- 7. I Corinthians 15: 22, 33 (to:), 34 (to:), 45, 47, 49, 51 (We)
- For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
- Be not deceived:
- Awake to righteousness, and sin not;
- And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.
- The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

- And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.
- We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

## 8. Romans 13: 1, 11, 12

- Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
- And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.
- The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

## Science and Health

## 1. 516:9 *only*

God fashions all things, after His own likeness.

## 2. 249 : 21 (God)-22

God never slumbers, and His likeness never dreams.

## **3.** 556 : 18-24

Sleep is darkness, but God's creative mandate was, "Let there be light." In sleep, cause and effect are mere illusions. They seem to be something, but are not. Oblivion and dreams, not realities, come with sleep. Even so goes on the Adam-belief, of which mortal and material life is the dream.

## 4. 230 : 4 (awakening)-8

...awakening from this mortal dream, or illusion, will bring us into health, holiness, and immortality. This awakening is the forever coming of Christ, the advanced appearing of Truth, which casts out error and heals the sick.

## 5. 493:24-2

That man is material, and that matter suffers, — these propositions can only seem real and natural in illusion. Any sense of soul in matter is not the reality of being.

If Jesus awakened Lazarus from the dream, illusion, of death, this proved that the Christ could improve on a false sense. Who dares to doubt this consummate test of the power and willingness of divine Mind to hold man forever intact in his perfect state, and to govern man's entire action?

## **6. 75**: 12-20

Jesus said of Lazarus: "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep." Jesus restored Lazarus by the understanding that Lazarus had never died, not by an admission that his body had died and then lived again. Had Jesus believed that Lazarus had lived or died in his body, the Master would have stood on the same plane of belief as those who buried the body, and he could not have resuscitated it.

## 7. 76:18-21

Suffering, sinning, dying beliefs are unreal. When divine Science is universally understood, they will have no power over man, for man is immortal and lives by divine authority.

## 8. 472:26-30

Therefore the only reality of sin, sickness, or death is the awful fact that unrealities seem real to human, erring belief, until God strips off their disguise. They are not true, because they are not of God.

#### 9. 417:20-26

To the Christian Science healer, sickness is a dream from which the patient needs to be awakened. Disease should not appear real to the physician, since it is demonstrable that the way to cure the patient is to make disease unreal to him. To do this, the physician must understand the unreality of disease in Science.

## 10. 396: 26-32

Keep distinctly in thought that man is the offspring of God, not of man; that man is spiritual, not material; that Soul is Spirit, outside of matter, never in it, never giving the body life and

sensation. It breaks the dream of disease to understand that sickness is formed by the human mind, not by matter nor by the divine Mind.

#### **11. 71:10-20**

Close your eyes, and you may dream that you see a flower, — that you touch and smell it. Thus you learn that the flower is a product of the so-called mind, a formation of thought rather than of matter. Close your eyes again, and you may see landscapes, men, and women. Thus you learn that these also are images, which mortal mind holds and evolves and which simulate mind, life, and intelligence. From dreams also you learn that neither mortal mind nor matter is the image or likeness of God, and that immortal Mind is not in matter.

## 12. 250: 14-27 (to 2nd.)

Mortal body and mind are one, and that one is called man; but a mortal is not man, for man is immortal. A mortal may be weary or pained, enjoy or suffer, according to the dream he entertains in sleep. When that dream vanishes, the mortal finds himself experiencing none of these dream-sensations. To the observer, the body lies listless, undisturbed, and sensationless, and the mind seems to be absent.

Now I ask, Is there any more reality in the waking dream of mortal existence than in the sleeping dream? There cannot be, since whatever appears to be a mortal man is a mortal dream. Take away the mortal mind, and matter has no more sense as a man than it has as a tree. But the spiritual, real man is immortal.

## 13. 491: 21-23, 28-2

Science reveals material man as never the real being. The dream or belief goes on, whether our eyes are closed or open.

When we are awake, we dream of the pains and pleasures of matter. Who will say, even though he does not understand Christian Science, that this dream — rather than the dreamer — may not be mortal man? Who can rationally say otherwise, when the dream leaves mortal man intact in body and thought, although the so-called dreamer is unconscious?

## 14. 223:25-31

Peals that should startle the slumbering thought from its erroneous dream are partially unheeded; but the last trump has not sounded, or this would not be so. Marvels, calamities, and sin will

much more abound as truth urges upon mortals its resisted claims; but the awful daring of sin destroys sin, and foreshadows the triumph of truth.

#### **15. 347** : **26-27**

The dream that matter and error are something must yield to reason and revelation.

## 16. 529:8 (this)-12

...this revelation will destroy the *dream* of existence, reinstate reality, usher in Science and the glorious fact of creation, that both man and woman proceed from God and are His eternal children, belonging to no lesser parent.

## **17. 218**: **32-2**

When we wake to the truth of being, all disease, pain, weakness, weariness, sorrow, sin, death, will be unknown, and the mortal dream will forever cease.

## THE DAILY DUTIES

by Mary Baker Eddy

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## SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 2019

## SUBJECT—ARE SIN, DISEASE, AND DEATH REAL?

GOLDEN TEXT: PROVERBS 12:28

"In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death."

## RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalm 51:1, 10-13, 15**

- 1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
- **10.** Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
- 12. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
- 13. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
- 15. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

## **LESSON SERMON**

## The Bible

## 1. Jeremiah 31 : 33 (this)-34

- ...this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

## 2. Luke 19:1 (Jesus)-10

- <sup>1</sup> Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.
- And, behold, *there was* a man named Zacchæus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.
- And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.
- And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that *way*.
- And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.
- And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.
- And when they saw *it*, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.
- And Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold.

- And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.
- For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

## 3. Matthew 4 : 23 (Jesus)-25

- Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
- And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.
- And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, and *from* Jerusalem, and *from* Judæa, and *from* beyond Jordan.

## 4. John 21 : 4 (when)-14

- 4 ...when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.
- Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.
- And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.
- Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt *his* fisher's coat *unto him*, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.
- And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.
- As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.
- Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

- Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.
- Jesus saith unto them, Come *and* dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.
- Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.
- This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

## 5. Psalm 116 : 1-9

- I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications.
- Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live.
- The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.
- Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
- Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.
- The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.
- <sup>7</sup> Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.
- For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.
- I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

## 6. Revelation 21 : 1-4

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

- And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.
- And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

## Science and Health

## 1. 99:23-29

The calm, strong currents of true spirituality, the manifestations of which are health, purity, and self-immolation, must deepen human experience, until the beliefs of material existence are seen to be a bald imposition, and sin, disease, and death give everlasting place to the scientific demonstration of divine Spirit and to God's spiritual, perfect man.

## 2. 248:26-32

We must form perfect models in thought and look at them continually, or we shall never carve them out in grand and noble lives. Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.

#### 3. 166: 23-32

Failing to recover health through adherence to physiology and hygiene, the despairing invalid often drops them, and in his extremity and only as a last resort, turns to God. The invalid's faith in the divine Mind is less than in drugs, air, and exercise, or he would have resorted to Mind first. The balance of power is conceded to be with matter by most of the medical systems; but when Mind at last asserts its mastery over sin, disease, and death, then is man found to be harmonious and immortal.

#### 4. 317:16-23

The individuality of man is no less tangible because it is spiritual and because his life is not at the mercy of matter. The understanding of his spiritual individuality makes man more real, more

formidable in truth, and enables him to conquer sin, disease, and death. Our Lord and Master presented himself to his disciples after his resurrection from the grave, as the self-same Jesus whom they had loved before the tragedy on Calvary.

## 5. 494:15 (Jesus)-24

Jesus demonstrated the inability of corporeality, as well as the infinite ability of Spirit, thus helping erring human sense to flee from its own convictions and seek safety in divine Science. Reason, rightly directed, serves to correct the errors of corporeal sense; but sin, sickness, and death will seem real (even as the experiences of the sleeping dream seem real) until the Science of man's eternal harmony breaks their illusion with the unbroken reality of scientific being.

## **6.** 429:31-11

Jesus said (John viii. 51), "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." That statement is not confined to spiritual life, but includes all the phenomena of existence. Jesus demonstrated this, healing the dying and raising the dead. Mortal mind must part with error, must put off itself with its deeds, and immortal manhood, the Christ ideal, will appear. Faith should enlarge its borders and strengthen its base by resting upon Spirit instead of matter. When man gives up his belief in death, he will advance more rapidly towards God, Life, and Love. Belief in sickness and death, as certainly as belief in sin, tends to shut out the true sense of Life and health.

## **7.** 543 : 8-16

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.

#### 8. 395:6-14

Like the great Exemplar, the healer should speak to disease as one having authority over it, leaving Soul to master the false evidences of the corporeal senses and to assert its claims over mortality and disease. The same Principle cures both sin and sickness. When divine Science overcomes faith in a carnal mind, and faith in God destroys all faith in sin and in material methods of healing, then sin, disease, and death will disappear.

## 9. 253:9-17

I hope, dear reader, I am leading you into the understanding of your divine rights, your heaven-bestowed harmony, — that, as you read, you see there is no cause (outside of erring, mortal,

material sense which is not power) able to make you sick or sinful; and I hope that you are conquering this false sense. Knowing the falsity of so-called material sense, you can assert your prerogative to overcome the belief in sin, disease, or death.

## 10. 572:19-25

In Revelation xxi. 1 we read: —

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

The Revelator had not yet passed the transitional stage in human experience called death, but he already saw a new heaven and a new earth.

## 11. 573:19 (St.)-2

St. John's corporeal sense of the heavens and earth had vanished, and in place of this false sense was the spiritual sense, the subjective state by which he could see the new heaven and new earth, which involve the spiritual idea and consciousness of reality. This is Scriptural authority for concluding that such a recognition of being is, and has been, possible to men in this present state of existence, — that we can become conscious, here and now, of a cessation of death, sorrow, and pain. This is indeed a foretaste of absolute Christian Science. Take heart, dear sufferer, for this reality of being will surely appear sometime and in some way. There will be no more pain, and all tears will be wiped away. When you read this, remember Jesus' words, "The kingdom of God is within you." This spiritual consciousness is therefore a present possibility.

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## SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2019

## SUBJECT—DOCTRINE OF ATONEMENT

GOLDEN TEXT: GALATIANS 3:26

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

## RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 51: 1, 2, 6, 7, 10-12

- 1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
- 2. Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- **6.** Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
- 7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 10. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
- **12.** Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

#### LESSON SERMON

## The Bible

## 1. Matthew 3: 16, 17

- And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:
- And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

## 2. Matthew 5: 1, 2, 8, 16

- And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
- And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
- Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

#### 3. Matthew 16: 21-27

- From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.
- Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.
- But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.
- Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
- For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

- For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
- For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

## 4. Matthew 23 : 1-12

- Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,
- Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:
- All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.
- For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers.
- But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,
- And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,
- And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.
- But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ; and all ye are brethren.
- And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.
- Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ.
- But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

## 5. Matthew 26: 1, 2, 17-20, 26, 27

- And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples,
- Ye know that after two days is *the feast of* the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

- Now the first *day* of the *feast of* unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?
- And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.
- And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.
- Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.
- And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.
- And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it.

## 6. II Corinthians 6 : 1, 4-7

- We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.
- But in all *things* approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,
- In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;
- By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,
- By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

## 7. Romans 5 : 1-5, 8-11

- Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
- By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
- And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

- <sup>4</sup> And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
- And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.
- But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
- And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

## Science and Health

## 1. 18:3-9

Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated man's oneness with the Father, and for this we owe him endless homage. His mission was both individual and collective. He did life's work aright not only in justice to himself, but in mercy to mortals, — to show them how to do theirs, but not to do it for them nor to relieve them of a single responsibility.

## 2. 19:1-2,6-11

It was therefore Christ's purpose to reconcile man to God, not God to man. ... Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus' teachings, and this truer sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of Spirit, — the law of divine Love.

#### 3. 259:6-14

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. 25:13-31

Jesus taught the way of Life by demonstration, that we may understand how this divine Principle heals the sick, casts out error, and triumphs over death. Jesus presented the ideal of God better than could any man whose origin was less spiritual. By his obedience to God, he demonstrated more spiritually than all others the Principle of being. Hence the force of his admonition, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Though demonstrating his control over sin and disease, the great Teacher by no means relieved others from giving the requisite proofs of their own piety. He worked for their guidance, that they might demonstrate this power as he did and understand its divine Principle. Implicit faith in the Teacher and all the emotional love we can bestow on him, will never alone make us imitators of him. We must go and do likewise, else we are not improving the great blessings which our Master worked and suffered to bestow upon us. The divinity of the Christ was made manifest in the humanity of Jesus.

#### **5. 28:9-14**

While respecting all that is good in the Church or out of it, one's consecration to Christ is more on the ground of demonstration than of profession. In conscience, we cannot hold to beliefs outgrown; and by understanding more of the divine Principle of the deathless Christ, we are enabled to heal the sick and to triumph over sin.

## 6. 31:12-22 (to .)

First in the list of Christian duties, he taught his followers the healing power of Truth and Love. He attached no importance to dead ceremonies. It is the living Christ, the practical Truth, which makes Jesus "the resurrection and the life" to all who follow him in deed. Obeying his precious precepts, — following his demonstration so far as we apprehend it, — we drink of his cup, partake of his bread, are baptized with his purity: and at last we shall rest, sit down with him, in a full understanding of the divine Principle which triumphs over death.

## 7. 458: 25 (The)-8

The Christian Scientist wisely shapes his course, and is honest and consistent in following the leadings of divine Mind. He must prove, through living as well as healing and teaching, that Christ's way is the only one by which mortals are radically saved from sin and sickness.

Christianity causes men to turn naturally from matter to Spirit, as the flower turns from darkness to light. Man then appropriates those things which "eye hath not seen nor ear heard." Paul and John had a clear apprehension that, as mortal man achieves no worldly honors except by

sacrifice, so he must gain heavenly riches by forsaking all worldliness. Then he will have nothing in common with the worldling's affections, motives, and aims.

### 8. 183:21-29

Divine Mind rightly demands man's entire obedience, affection, and strength. No reservation is made for any lesser loyalty. Obedience to Truth gives man power and strength. Submission to error superinduces loss of power.

Truth casts out all evils and materialistic methods with the actual spiritual law, — the law which gives sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, voice to the dumb, feet to the lame.

## 9. 149:11-16

The rule and its perfection of operation never vary in Science. If you fail to succeed in any case, it is because you have not demonstrated the life of Christ, Truth, more in your own life, — because you have not obeyed the rule and proved the Principle of divine Science.

## 10. 19:17-28

Every pang of repentance and suffering, every effort for reform, every good thought and deed, will help us to understand Jesus' atonement for sin and aid its efficacy; but if the sinner continues to pray and repent, sin and be sorry, he has little part in the atonement, — in the *atone-ment* with God, — for he lacks the practical repentance, which reforms the heart and enables man to do the will of wisdom. Those who cannot demonstrate, at least in part, the divine Principle of the teachings and practice of our Master have no part in God. If living in disobedience to Him, we ought to feel no security, although God is good.

## 11. 21:1-5,9-14

If Truth is overcoming error in your daily walk and conversation, you can finally say, "I have fought a good fight ... I have kept the faith," because you are a better man. This is having our part in the at-one-ment with Truth and Love.

If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striving to enter in. He constantly turns away from material sense, and looks towards the imperishable things of Spirit. If honest, he will be in earnest from the start, and gain a little each day in the right direction, till at last he finishes his course with joy.

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## SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2019

## SUBJECT—PROBATION AFTER DEATH

GOLDEN TEXT: PSALM 74:12

"For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth."

## RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 16:1, 5, 7-11

- **1.** Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.
- 5. The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.
- 7. I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.
- **8.** I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- **9.** Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.
- **10.** For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
- 11. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

#### LESSON SERMON

## The Bible

#### 1. Proverbs 6 : 20-23

- My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
- Bind them continually upon thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck.
- When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
- For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:

## 2. Micah 6:8

He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

## 3. Matthew 28: 18 (to 2nd,)

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying,

## 4. Luke 16: 19-31

- There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
- And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,
- And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
- And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
- And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

- And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
- But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
- And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.
- Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
- For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
- Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.
- And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
- And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

## 5. Matthew 13: 1, 3 (to 2nd ,), 47, 48

- The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.
- And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying,
- Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:
- Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

## 6. James 1 : 2-6 (to 1st.), 12

- My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
- Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

- But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
- If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.
- Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

## 7. Ephesians 2:1, 2, 4-10

- And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
- Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
- <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:
- That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
- For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:
- <sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

## 8. Philippians 2 : 12 (my beloved)-16 (*to*;)

12 ... my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

- For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.
- Do all things without murmurings and disputings:
- That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;
- Holding forth the word of life;

## 9. I Thessalonians 5: 8, 9, 21

- But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
- For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
- Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

## Science and Health

#### 1. 246:27-31

Life is eternal. We should find this out, and begin the demonstration thereof. Life and goodness are immortal. Let us then shape our views of existence into loveliness, freshness, and continuity, rather than into age and blight.

## 2. 495:25-31

Question. — How can I progress most rapidly in the understanding of Christian Science? Answer. — Study thoroughly the letter and imbibe the spirit. Adhere to the divine Principle of Christian Science and follow the behests of God, abiding steadfastly in wisdom, Truth, and Love.

#### 3. 4:3-5

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds.

## 4. 296: 4-9, 14-21

Progress is born of experience. It is the ripening of mortal man, through which the mortal is dropped for the immortal. Either here or hereafter, suffering or Science must destroy all illusions regarding life and mind, and regenerate material sense and self.

The so-called pleasures and pains of matter perish, and they must go out under the blaze of Truth, spiritual sense, and the actuality of being. Mortal belief must lose all satisfaction in error and sin in order to part with them.

Whether mortals will learn this sooner or later, and how long they will suffer the pangs of destruction, depends upon the tenacity of error.

## **5.** 213:11-12

Every step towards goodness is a departure from materiality, and is a tendency towards God, Spirit.

## **6.** 550 : 5-14

God is the Life, or intelligence, which forms and preserves the individuality and identity of animals as well as men. God cannot become finite, and be limited within material bounds. Spirit cannot become matter, nor can Spirit be developed through its opposite. Of what avail is it to investigate what is miscalled material life, which ends, even as it begins, in nameless nothingness? The true sense of being and its eternal perfection should appear now, even as it will hereafter.

## **7.** 324 : 4-18

The purification of sense and self is a proof of progress. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

Unless the harmony and immortality of man are becoming more apparent, we are not gaining the true idea of God; and the body will reflect what governs it, whether it be Truth or error, understanding or belief, Spirit or matter. Therefore "acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace." Be watchful, sober, and vigilant. The way is straight and narrow, which leads to the understanding that God is the only Life. It is a warfare with the flesh, in which we must conquer sin, sickness, and death, either here or hereafter, — certainly before we can reach the goal of Spirit, or life in God.

## 8. 492:7-12

Being is holiness, harmony, immortality. It is already proved that a knowledge of this, even in small degree, will uplift the physical and moral standard of mortals, will increase longevity, will purify and elevate character. Thus progress will finally destroy all error, and bring immortality to light.

## 9. 22:11-27, 30-31

"Work out your own salvation," is the demand of Life and Love, for to this end God worketh with you. "Occupy till I come!" Wait for your reward, and "be not weary in well doing." If your endeavors are beset by fearful odds, and you receive no present reward, go not back to error, nor become a sluggard in the race.

When the smoke of battle clears away, you will discern the good you have done, and receive according to your deserving. Love is not hasty to deliver us from temptation, for Love means that we shall be tried and purified.

Final deliverance from error, whereby we rejoice in immortality, boundless freedom, and sinless sense, is not reached through paths of flowers nor by pinning one's faith without works to another's vicarious effort.

Justice requires reformation of the sinner. Mercy cancels the debt only when justice approves.

### 10. 428:32-10

It is a sin to believe that aught can overpower omnipotent and eternal Life, and this Life must be brought to light by the understanding that there is no death, as well as by other graces of Spirit. We must begin, however, with the more simple demonstrations of control, and the sooner we begin the better. The final demonstration takes time for its accomplishment. When walking, we are guided by the eye. We look before our feet, and if we are wise, we look beyond a single step in the line of spiritual advancement.

## 11. 291:12-18

Universal salvation rests on progression and probation, and is unattainable without them. Heaven is not a locality, but a divine state of Mind in which all the manifestations of Mind are harmonious and immortal, because sin is not there and man is found having no righteousness of his own, but in possession of "the mind of the Lord," as the Scripture says.

## 12. 427:29-6

The dream of death must be mastered by Mind here or hereafter. Thought will waken from its own material declaration, "I am dead," to catch this trumpet-word of Truth, "There is no death, no inaction, diseased action, overaction, nor reaction."

Life is real, and death is the illusion. A demonstration of the facts of Soul in Jesus' way resolves the dark visions of material sense into harmony and immortality.

## **13. 74**: **10**-**12**

When here or hereafter the belief of life in matter is extinct, the error which has held the belief dissolves with the belief, and never returns to the old condition.

## 14. 336: 25 (God)-28, 29 (in)-30

God, the divine Principle of man, and man in God's likeness are inseparable, harmonious, and eternal. The Science of being furnishes the rule of perfection, and brings immortality to light. ... in the order of divine Science, God and man coexist and are eternal.

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