

Wednesday Noon Meeting

JANUARY 13, 2021

“ALIVE FOR EVER MORE”

The Bible

Hymns: 253, 374, 136

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Psalms 8: 3-5

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

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies. Psalms 103: 3

And it came to pass that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out. The only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And they glorified God, saying, that a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judea, and throughout all the region round about. Luke 7: 11-17

And the disciples of John shewed him all these things. And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying Art thou he that should come? Or look we for another? And in the same hour Jesus cured many of their infirmities and plagues and of evil spirits and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. And the messengers of John departed. Luke 7: 11-24

These words spake Jesus, Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. Verily, verily, I say unto you, 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. And I will pray the father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. John 14: 16

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

“This is life eternal,” says Jesus,---*is*, not *shall be*: and then he defines everlasting life as a present knowledge of his Father and of himself,--the knowledge of Love, Truth, and Life. 410: 4-7

What is man? Brain, heart, blood, bones, etc., the material structure? 172: 23-24

Anatomy declares man to be structural. Physiology continues this explanation, measuring human strength by bones and sinews, and human life by material law. Man is spiritual, individual, and eternal; material structure is mortal. 173: 17

Every function of the real man is governed by the divine Mind. The human mind has no power to kill or to cure, and it has no control over God's man. 151: 20-23

A woman, whom I cured of consumption, always breathed with great difficulty when the wind was from the east. I sat silently by her side a few moments. Her breath came gently. The inspirations were deep and natural. I then requested her to look at the weather-vane. She looked and saw that it pointed due east. The wind had not changed, but her thought of it had and so her difficulty in breathing had gone. The wind had not produced the difficulty. My metaphysical treatment changed the action of her belief on the lungs, and she never suffered again from east winds, but was restored to health. 184: 27-5

Fear never stopped being and its action. The blood, heart, lungs, brain, etc. have nothing to do with Life, God. The divine Mind that made man maintains His own image and likeness. All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal. The straight and narrow way is to see and acknowledge this fact, yield to this power, and follow the leadings of truth. 151: 18

Man in the likeness of God as revealed in Science cannot help being immortal. Though the grass seemeth to wither and the flower to fade, they reappear. 81: 17-19

Because man-made systems insist that man becomes sick and useless, suffers and dies, all in consonance with the laws of God, are we to believe it? Are we to believe an authority which denies God's spiritual command relating to perfection---an authority which Jesus proved to be false? 168: 15-20

A blundering dispatch, mistakenly announcing the death of a friend, occasions the same grief that the friend's real death would bring. You think that your anguish is occasioned by your loss. Another dispatch, correcting the mistake, heals your grief, and you learn that your suffering was merely the result of your belief. Thus it is with all sorrow, sickness, and death. You will learn at length that there is no cause for grief, and divine wisdom will then be understood. Error not Truth produces all the suffering on earth.

If a Christian Scientist had said, while you were laboring under the influence of the belief of grief, "Your sorrow is without cause," you would not have understood him, although the correctness of the assertion might afterwards be proved to you. So, when our friends pass from our sight and we lament, that lamentation is needless and causeless. We shall perceive this to be true when we grow into the understanding of Life, and know that there is no death. 386: 16-2

A change in human belief changes all the physical symptoms, and determines a case for better or for worse. When one's false belief is corrected, Truth sends a report of health over the body. 194: 6

The Scriptures say, "In Him we live, and move, and have our being." You embrace your body in your thought, and you should delineate upon it thoughts of health, not of sickness. 208: 5-6, 29-31

Correct material belief by spiritual understanding, and Spirit will form you anew. You will never fear again except to offend God, and you will never believe that heart or any portion of the body can destroy you. 425: 24

Man and woman as coexistent and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality, the infinite Father-Mother God. 516: 21

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.

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. 21: 1-5, 9

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