

Readings for 2/7/2018
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Hymns: 439, 176, 264

The Bible

PS 127:1 (to :)

¹ Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it:

Ezek 47:1-9

- ¹ Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.
- ² Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.
- ³ And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.
- ⁴ Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.
- ⁵ Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.
- ⁶ ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.
- ⁷ Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.
- ⁸ Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.
- ⁹ And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

Acts 2:41-47

- ⁴¹ ¶ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.
- ⁴² And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
- ⁴³ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.
- ⁴⁴ And all that believed were together, and had all things common;
- ⁴⁵ And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.
- ⁴⁶

- And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
- 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 4:31-33

- 31 ¶ And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.
- 32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.
- 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

1 pet 2:1-9

- 1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and all hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
- 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
- 4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,
- 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.
- 7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,
- 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.
- 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

mark 1:21-28

- 21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.
- 22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.
- 23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,
- 24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.
- 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.
- 26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.
- 27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.
- 28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

Rev 21:10-12, 21-22

- 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
 11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;
 12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.
 22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

ISA 2:5

- 5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Science and Health With Key To The Scriptures

SH 579:1-4 (to 1st .)

- 1 In Christian Science we learn that the substitution of the spiritual for the material definition of a Scrip-
 3 tural word often elucidates the meaning of the inspired writer.

SH 583:12-19

- 12 Church. The structure of Truth and Love; what- ever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle.
 The Church is that institution, which affords proof of
 15 its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the ap- prehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of
 18 divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and healing the sick.

SH 136:1-10

- 1 Jesus established his church and maintained his mission on a spiritual foundation of Christ-healing. He taught
 3 his followers that his religion had a divine Principle, which would cast out error and heal
 both the sick and the sinning. He claimed no intelli-
 6 gence, action, nor life separate from God. Despite the persecution this brought upon him, he used his divine power to save men both bodily and spiritually.
 9 The question then as now was, How did Jesus heal the sick? His answer to this question the world rejected.

The
 Christ-mission

SH 132:14-27

- The Pharisees of old thrust the spiritual idea and the
 15 man who lived it out of their synagogues, and retained their materialistic beliefs about God. Jesus' system of healing received no aid nor approval
 18 from other sanitary or religious systems, from doctrines of physics or of divinity; and it has not yet been gener- ally accepted. To-day, as of yore, unconscious of the
 21 reappearing of the spiritual idea, blind belief shuts the door upon it, and condemns the cure of the sick and sin- ning if it is wrought on any but a material and a doctrinal
 24 theory. Anticipating this rejection of idealism, of the true idea of God, — this salvation from all error, physi- cal and mental, — Jesus asked, "When the Son of man
 27 cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

Christ
 rejected

SH 41:14-32

The proofs of Truth, Life, and Love, which Jesus gave
 15 by casting out error and healing the sick, completed his
 earthly mission; but in the Christian Church
 this demonstration of healing was early lost,
 18 about three centuries after the crucifixion. No ancient
 school of philosophy, materia medica, or scholastic theol-
 ogy ever taught or demonstrated the divine healing of
 21 absolute Science.

Healing
 early lost

Jesus foresaw the reception Christian Science would have
 before it was understood, but this foreknowledge hindered
 24 him not. He fulfilled his God-mission, and
 then sat down at the right hand of the Father.

Immortal
 achieval

Persecuted from city to city, his apostles still went about
 27 doing good deeds, for which they were maligned and
 stoned. The truth taught by Jesus, the elders scoffed at.
 Why? Because it demanded more than they were willing
 30 to practise. It was enough for them to believe in a national
 Deity; but that belief, from their time to ours, has never
 made a disciple who could cast out evils and heal the sick.

SH 131:13-18

Must Christian Science come through the Christian
 churches as some persons insist? This Science has come
 15 already, after the manner of God's appoint-
 ing, but the churches seem not ready to re-
 ceive it, according to the Scriptural saying, "He came
 18 unto his own, and his own received him not."

SH 35:19-25 2nd Our

Our

church is built on the divine Principle, Love. We can
 21 unite with this church only as we are new-
 born of Spirit, as we reach the Life which
 is Truth and the Truth which is Life by bringing forth
 24 the fruits of Love, — casting out error and healing the
 sick.

Spiritual
 Eucharist

SH 65:1-2

1 Experience should be the school of virtue, and human
 happiness should proceed from man's highest nature.

SH 26:19-32

A musician demonstrates the beauty of the music he
 teaches in order to show the learner the way by prac-
 21 tice as well as precept. Jesus' teaching and
 practice of Truth involved such a sacrifice
 as makes us admit its Principle to be Love. This was
 24 the precious import of our Master's sinless career and
 of his demonstration of power over death. He proved
 by his deeds that Christian Science destroys sickness, sin,
 27 and death.

Proof in
 practice

Our Master taught no mere theory, doctrine, or belief.
 It was the divine Principle of all real being which he
 30 taught and practised. His proof of Christianity was no
 form or system of religion and worship, but Christian
 Science, working out the harmony of Life and Love.

SH 28:9

9 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
 12 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.

SH 595:7

Temple. Body; the idea of Life, substance, and intelligence; the superstructure of Truth; the shrine of
 9 Love; a material superstructure, where mortals congregate for worship.

SH 197:11

The less that is said of physical structure and laws, and
 12 the more that is thought and said about moral
 and spiritual law, the higher will be the stand-
 ard of living and the farther mortals will be re-
 15 moved from imbecility or disease.

Higher
 standard
 for mortals

SH 576:8-25

In Revelation xxi. 22, further describing this holy city,
 9 the beloved Disciple writes: —

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty
 and the Lamb are the temple of it.

12 There was no temple, — that is, no material structure
 in which to worship God, for He must be worshipped
 in spirit and in love. The word temple also

15 means body. The Revelator was familiar
 with Jesus' use of this word, as when Jesus spoke of his
 material body as the temple to be temporarily rebuilt

18 (John ii. 21). What further indication need we of the
 real man's incorporeality than this, that John saw
 heaven and earth with “no temple [body] therein”?

21 This kingdom of God “is within you,” — is within
 reach of man's consciousness here, and the spiritual
 idea reveals it. In divine Science, man possesses this

24 recognition of harmony consciously in proportion to his
 understanding of God.

The shrine
 celestial

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