

Readings for January 10, 2018

Hymns: 403, 416, 437

The Bible

1. Prov. 11:2

2 *When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom.

2. Prov. 16:18-24

- 18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.
- 19 Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- 20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy *is* he.
- 21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
- 22 Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly.
- 23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.
- 24 Pleasant words *are as* an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

3. Matt. 20:27, 28

- 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:
- 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

4. John 13:1-17

- 1 NOW before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.
- 2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray him;
- 3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;
- 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.
- 5 After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded.
- 6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
- 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.
- 8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.
- Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and
- 9 *my* head.

- 10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.
- 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.
- 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?
- 13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for *so* I am.
- 14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
- 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
- 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.
- 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

5. Luke 18:9-14

- 9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:
- 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.
- 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.
- 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.
- 13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.
- 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

6. Luke 6:39-45

- 39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?
- 40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.
- 41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?
- 42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.
- 43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather
- 44 figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

7. Luke 22:24-27

- 24 ¶ And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.
- 25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.
- 26 But ye *shall* not *be* so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.
- 27 For whether *is* greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? *is* not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

Science and Health With Key To The Scriptures

1. SH 31:1-3

- Pride and fear are unfit to bear the standard of Truth, and God will never place it in such hands.

2. SH 445:21

- Self-seeking, envy, passion, pride, hatred, and revenge are cast out by the divine Mind which heals disease. The human will which maketh and worketh a lie, hiding the divine Principle of harmony, is destructive to health, and is the cause of disease rather than its cure.

3. SH 64:8-10

- Pride, envy, or jealousy seems on most occasions to be the master of ceremonies, ruling out primitive Christianity.

Benevolence hindered

4. SH 68:2

- At present mortals progress slowly for fear of being thought ridiculous. They are slaves to fashion, pride, and sense. Sometime we shall learn how Spirit, the great architect, has created men and women in Science. We ought to weary of the fleeting and false and to cherish nothing which hinders our highest selfhood.

Basis of true religion

5. SH 142:18-24

- 18 As in Jesus' time, so to-day, tyranny and pride need to be whipped out of the temple, and humility and divine Science to be welcomed in. The strong cords of scientific demonstration, as twisted and wielded by Jesus, are still needed to purge the temples of their vain traffic in worldly worship and to make them meet dwelling-places for the Most High.

Temple cleansed

6. SH 270:22-1

The pride of priesthood is the prince of this world. It has nothing in Christ. Meekness and charity have divine authority. Mortals think wickedly; consequently they are wicked. They think sickly thoughts, and so become sick. If sin makes sinners, Truth and Love alone can unmake them. If a sense of disease produces suffering and a sense of ease antidotes suffering, disease is mental, not material. Hence the fact that the human mind alone suffers, is sick, and that the divine Mind alone heals.

The life of Christ Jesus was not miraculous, but it was indigenous to his spirituality, — the good soil wherein the seed of Truth springs up and bears much fruit.

7. SH 144:14 (only), 19-20, 25

Human will-power is not Science. It produces evil continually, and is not a factor in the realism of being.

Ignorance, pride, or prejudice closes the door to whatever is not stereotyped.

When the Science of being is universally understood, every man will be his own physician, and Truth will be the universal panacea.

8. SH 490:3-18

Will-power is but a product of belief, and this belief commits depredations on harmony. Human will is an animal propensity, not a faculty of Soul. Hence it cannot govern man aright. Christian Science reveals Truth and Love as the motive-powers of man. Will — blind, stubborn, and headlong — cooperates with appetite and passion. From this cooperation arises its evil. From this also comes its powerlessness, since all power belongs to God, good.

The Science of Mind needs to be understood. Until it is understood, mortals are more or less deprived of Truth. Human theories are helpless to make man harmonious or immortal, since he is so already, according to Christian Science. Our only need is to know this and reduce to practice the real man's divine Principle, Love.

Will-power an
animal
propensity

Theories helpless

9. SH 322:3

When understanding changes the standpoints of life and intelligence from a material to a spiritual basis, we shall gain the reality of Life, the control of Soul over sense, and we shall perceive Christianity, or Truth, in its divine Principle. This must be the climax before harmonious and immortal man is obtained and his capabilities revealed. It is highly important — in view of the immense work to be accomplished before this recog-

Standpoints
changed

11.5 nition of divine Science can come — to turn our thoughts

- 12 towards divine Principle, that finite belief may be prepared to relinquish its error.

10. SH 242:30

- 30 The finger-posts of divine Science show the way our Master trod, and require of Christians the proof which he gave, instead of mere profession. We may hide
243:1 spiritual ignorance from the world, but we can never succeed in the Science and demonstration of spiritual
3 good through ignorance or hypocrisy.

11. SH 372:26

- In Christian Science, a denial of Truth is fatal, while a just acknowledgment of Truth and of what it has done for us is an effectual help. If pride, superstition, or any error prevents the honest recognition of benefits received, this will be a hindrance to the recovery of the sick and the success of the student.

Recognition of
benefits

12. SH 33:18

- 18 When the human element in him struggled with the divine, our great Teacher said: “Not my will, but Thine, be done!” — that is, Let not the flesh,
21 but the Spirit, be represented in me. This is the new understanding of spiritual Love. It gives all for Christ, or Truth. It blesses its enemies, heals the
24 sick, casts out error, raises the dead from trespasses and sins, and preaches the gospel to the poor, the meek in heart.

The holy
struggle

13. SH 176:13-16

- When the mechanism of the human mind gives place to the divine Mind, selfishness and sin, disease and death, will lose their foothold.

14. SH 451:2-5

- Christian Scientists must live under the constant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from the material world and be separate. They must renounce aggression, oppression and the pride of power.