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The Lesson is to be studied daily during the week prior to the Sunday date.

SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2023

SUBJECT—GOD THE ONLY CAUSE AND CREATOR

GOLDEN TEXT: PSALM 124:8

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth."

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 148:1-6

- 1. Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.
- **2.** Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.
- 3. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
- **4.** Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that *be* above the heavens.
- 5. Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.
- **6.** He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

LESSON SERMON

The Bible

- 1. Psalm 89: 8, 9, 11, 12 (to:), 52
- O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?
- Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.
- The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: *as for* the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.
- The north and the south thou hast created them:
- Blessed *be* the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.
- 2. Genesis 1 : 1-31 (*to 1st* .)
- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
- ⁴ And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
- And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.
- And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
- And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so.
- And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

- And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.
- And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.
- And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
- And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.
- And the evening and the morning were the third day.
- And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:
- And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.
- And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.
- And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,
- And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.
- And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
- And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.
- And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.
- And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

- And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
- And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.
- And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.
- And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
- And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.
- And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.
- And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good.

3. Amos 4: 13

For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what *is* his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, *is* his name.

4. **Revelation 4 : 11**

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Science and Health

1. 583:20-25

CREATOR. Spirit; Mind; intelligence; the animating divine Principle of all that is real and good; self-existent Life, Truth, and Love; that which is perfect and eternal; the opposite of matter and evil, which have no Principle; God, who made all that was made and could not create an atom or an element the opposite of Himself.

2. 295:5-8

God creates and governs the universe, including man. The universe is filled with spiritual ideas, which He evolves, and they are obedient to the Mind that makes them.

3. 479: 18-26

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." (Genesis i. 1, 2.) In the vast forever, in the Science and truth of being, the only facts are Spirit and its innumerable creations. Darkness and chaos are the imaginary opposites of light, understanding, and eternal harmony, and they are the elements of nothingness.

4. 140:23-32

The Jewish tribal Jehovah was a man-projected God, liable to wrath, repentance, and human changeableness. The Christian Science God is universal, eternal, divine Love, which changeth not and causeth no evil, disease, nor death. It is indeed mournfully true that the older Scripture is reversed. In the beginning God created man in His, God's, image; but mortals would procreate man, and make God in their own human image. What is the god of a mortal, but a mortal magnified?

5. 512:4-16

Genesis i. 21. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Spirit is symbolized by strength, presence, and power, and also by holy thoughts, winged with Love. These angels of His presence, which have the holiest charge, abound in the spiritual atmosphere of Mind, and consequently reproduce their own characteristics. Their individual

forms we know not, but we do know that their natures are allied to God's nature; and spiritual blessings, thus typified, are the externalized, yet subjective, states of faith and spiritual understanding.

6. 516: 24-14

Genesis i. 27. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

To emphasize this momentous thought, it is repeated that God made man in His own image, to reflect the divine Spirit. It follows that *man* is a generic term. Masculine, feminine, and neuter genders are human concepts. In one of the ancient languages the word for *man* is used also as the synonym of *mind*. This definition has been weakened by anthropomorphism, or a humanization of Deity. The word *anthropomorphic*, in such a phrase as "an anthropomorphic God," is derived from two Greek words, signifying *man* and *form*, and may be defined as a mortally mental attempt to reduce Deity to corporeality. The life-giving quality of Mind is Spirit, not matter. The ideal man corresponds to creation, to intelligence, and to Truth. The ideal woman corresponds to Life and to Love. In divine Science, we have not as much authority for considering God masculine, as we have for considering Him feminine, for Love imparts the clearest idea of Deity.

7. 294: 19-27 (to 2nd.)

The lines of demarcation between immortal man, representing Spirit, and mortal man, representing the error that life and intelligence are in matter, show the pleasures and pains of matter to be myths, and human belief in them to be the father of mythology, in which matter is represented as divided into intelligent gods. Man's genuine selfhood is recognizable only in what is good and true. Man is neither self-made nor made by mortals. God created man.

8. 507:15-23

The universe of Spirit reflects the creative power of the divine Principle, or Life, which reproduces the multitudinous forms of Mind and governs the multiplication of the compound idea man. The tree and herb do not yield fruit because of any propagating power of their own, but because they reflect the Mind which includes all. A material world implies a mortal mind and man a creator. The scientific divine creation declares immortal Mind and the universe created by God.

9. 502:27-5

The creative Principle — Life, Truth, and Love — is God. The universe reflects God. There is but one creator and one creation. This creation consists of the unfolding of spiritual ideas and

their identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind and forever reflected. These ideas range from the infinitesimal to infinity, and the highest ideas are the sons and daughters of God.

10. 205:7-13

When will the error of believing that there is life in matter, and that sin, sickness, and death are creations of God, be unmasked? When will it be understood that matter has neither intelligence, life, nor sensation, and that the opposite belief is the prolific source of all suffering? God created all through Mind, and made all perfect and eternal.

11. 265:31-5

The pains of sense are salutary, if they wrench away false pleasurable beliefs and transplant the affections from sense to Soul, where the creations of God are good, "rejoicing the heart." Such is the sword of Science, with which Truth decapitates error, materiality giving place to man's higher individuality and destiny.

THE DAILY DUTIES

by Mary Baker Eddy

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.

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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

Take Notice

"Christian Scientists, be a law to yourselves that mental malpractice cannot harm you either when asleep or when awake."

(S&H, p. 442)

SUNDAY JUNE 11, 2023

SUBJECT—GOD THE PRESERVER OF MAN

GOLDEN TEXT: PSALM 46:1

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 46: 2-6, 10

- 2. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea:
- **3.** Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.
- **4.** There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.
- **5.** God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early.
- **6.** The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.
- **10.** Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

LESSON SERMON

The Bible

- 1. Psalm 31:23 (to 2nd,)
- O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful,
- 2. Isaiah 35 : 3-5, 10
- 3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.
- Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you.
- Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
- And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
- 3. Joel 2: 12, 13, 25 (to 1st ,), 26 (to :), 32
- Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:
- And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.
- And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten,
- And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you:
- And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

- 4. II Kings 4: 8 (to 1st.), 9 (to 3rd.), 10 (to 1st.), 10 (and it shall), 11, 12 (to 1st.), 14 (What), 15 (And when), 16 (to 1st.), 17-21, 25 (to 1st.), 25 (he said) (to 1st.), 26, 30, 32, 33, 34 (and he stretched), 35 (and the child sneezed), 37
- And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread.
- And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God,
- Let us make a little chamber, ... and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.
- And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.
- And he said to Gehazi his servant,
- What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.
- And when he had called her, she stood in the door.
- And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son.
- And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.
- And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.
- And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.
- And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.
- And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

- So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. ... he said to Gehazi his servant,
- Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with the husband? *is it* well with the child? And she answered, *It is* well.
- And the mother of the child said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.
- And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.
- He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.
- ...and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.
- ...and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.
- Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

5. II Kings 6 : 25 (to :)

And there was a great famine in Samaria:

6. II Kings 8 : 1-5, 6 (So)

- Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.
- And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.
- And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.
- And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.

- And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her son, whom Elisha restored to life.
- So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that *was* hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

7. Isaiah 54 : 14, 17

- In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.
- No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

Science and Health

1. 530:5-6

In divine Science, man is sustained by God, the divine Principle of being.

2. 139:4-9

From beginning to end, the Scriptures are full of accounts of the triumph of Spirit, Mind, over matter. Moses proved the power of Mind by what men called miracles; so did Joshua, Elijah, and Elisha. The Christian era was ushered in with signs and wonders.

3. 494:10-19

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need. It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love. 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.

4. 476:28-5

When speaking of God's children, not the children of men, Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you;" that is, Truth and Love reign in the real man, showing that man in God's image is unfallen and eternal. Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy.

5. 470 : 32-5

The relations of God and man, divine Principle and idea, are indestructible in Science; and Science knows no lapse from nor return to harmony, but holds the divine order or spiritual law, in which God and all that He creates are perfect and eternal, to have remained unchanged in its eternal history.

6. 471 : 13-21

The facts of divine Science should be admitted, — although the evidence as to these facts is not supported by evil, by matter, or by material sense, — because the evidence that God and man coexist is fully sustained by spiritual sense. Man is, and forever has been, God's reflection. God is infinite, therefore ever present, and there is no other power nor presence. Hence the spirituality of the universe is the only fact of creation. "Let God be true, but every [material] man a liar."

7. 131:6-11

When once destroyed by divine Science, the false evidence before the corporeal senses disappears. Hence the opposition of sensuous man to the Science of Soul and the significance of the Scripture, "The carnal mind is enmity against God." The central fact of the Bible is the superiority of spiritual over physical power.

8. 410 : 14-21

Every trial of our faith in God makes us stronger. The more difficult seems the material condition to be overcome by Spirit, the stronger should be our faith and the purer our love. The Apostle John says: "There is no fear in Love, but perfect Love casteth out fear. ... He that feareth is not made perfect in Love." Here is a definite and inspired proclamation of Christian Science.

9. 66:10-16

Trials are proofs of God's care. Spiritual development germinates not from seed sown in the soil of material hopes, but when these decay, Love propagates anew the higher joys of Spirit, which have no taint of earth. Each successive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine goodness and love.

10. 540:11-16

In moral chemicalization, when the symptoms of evil, illusion, are aggravated, we may think in our ignorance that the Lord hath wrought an evil; but we ought to know that God's law uncovers so-called sin and its effects, only that Truth may annihilate all sense of evil and all power to sin.

11. 285:27-31

As mortals reach, through knowledge of Christian Science, a higher sense, they will seek to learn, not from matter, but from the divine Principle, God, how to demonstrate the Christ, Truth, as the healing and saving power.

12. 304:9-15

This is the doctrine of Christian Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind nor life result in death. The perfect man — governed by God, his perfect Principle — is sinless and eternal.

13. 469:13 (The)-17

The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the *only* Mind, and that the suppositious opposite of infinite Mind — called *devil* or evil — is not Mind, is not Truth, but error, without intelligence or reality.

14. 393: 8-10 (to 2nd.), 12-15

Mind is the master of the corporeal senses, and can conquer sickness, sin, and death. Exercise this God-given authority. ... Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man.

15. 248 : **29-4**

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.

Let us accept Science, relinquish all theories based on sense-testimony, give up imperfect models and illusive ideals; and so let us have one God, one Mind, and that one perfect, producing His own models of excellence.

16. 340 : **23-29**

One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;" annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

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by Mary Baker Eddy

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SUNDAY JUNE 18, 2023

SUBJECT—IS THE UNIVERSE, INCLUDING MAN, EVOLVED BY ATOMIC FORCE?

GOLDEN TEXT: JOB 37:14

"Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God."

RESPONSIVE READING: Job 36:22

Job 37: 5, 6, 16, 17, 23

- **22.** Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him?
- **5.** God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.
- **6.** For he saith to the snow, Be thou *on* the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.
- **16.** Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?
- 17. How thy garments *are* warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south *wind*?
- **23.** *Touching* the Almighty, we cannot find him out: *he is* excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

LESSON SERMON

The Bible

- 1. Job 5: 8-13, 19-24 (to;)
- I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:
- Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:
- Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:
- To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.
- He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform *their* enterprise.
- He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.
- He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.
- In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.
- Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.
- At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.
- For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.
- And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle *shall be* in peace;
- 2. I Kings 18: 1, 2, 41-46 (to;)
- And it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.
- And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And *there was* a sore famine in Samaria.

- And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for *there is* a sound of abundance of rain.
- So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,
- And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.
- And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.
- And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.
- And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah;

3. I Kings 19 : 9-12

- And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?
- And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.
- And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earth-quake; *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake:
- And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

4. Psalm 107 : 1-6

- O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

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- And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.
- They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.
- ⁵ Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.
- Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses.

5. Matthew 14: 14, 22-36

- And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.
- And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.
- And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.
- But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.
- And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.
- And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.
- But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.
- And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.
- And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.
- But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

- And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?
- And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.
- Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.
- And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.
- And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;
- And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

6. Amos 4:13

For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what *is* his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, *is* his name.

Science and Health

1. 171:12-13

Mind's control over the universe, including man, is no longer an open question, but is demonstrable Science.

2. 331 : 11 (The)-16 (to ;), 16-17

The Scriptures imply that God is All-in-all. From this it follows that nothing possesses reality nor existence except the divine Mind and His ideas. The Scriptures also declare that God is Spirit. Therefore in Spirit all is harmony, and there can be no discord; ... Everything in God's universe expresses Him.

3. 102:9-15

There is but one real attraction, that of Spirit. The pointing of the needle to the pole symbolizes this all-embracing power or the attraction of God, divine Mind.

The planets have no more power over man than over his Maker, since God governs the universe; but man, reflecting God's power, has dominion over all the earth and its hosts.

4. 369:5-13

In proportion as matter loses to human sense all entity as man, in that proportion does man become its master. He enters into a diviner sense of the facts, and comprehends the theology of Jesus as demonstrated in healing the sick, raising the dead, and walking over the wave. All these deeds manifested Jesus' control over the belief that matter is substance, that it can be the arbiter of life or the constructor of any form of existence.

5. 67:20 (through)-24

... through spiritual ascendency our Lord and Master healed the sick, raised the dead, and commanded even the winds and waves to obey him. Grace and Truth are potent beyond all other means and methods.

6. 192:11-26

Erring power is a material belief, a blind miscalled force, the offspring of will and not of wisdom, of the mortal mind and not of the immortal. It is the headlong cataract, the devouring flame, the tempest's breath. It is lightning and hurricane, all that is selfish, wicked, dishonest, and impure.

Moral and spiritual might belong to Spirit, who holds the "wind in His fists;" and this teaching accords with Science and harmony. In Science, you can have no power opposed to God, and the physical senses must give up their false testimony. Your influence for good depends upon the weight you throw into the right scale. The good you do and embody gives you the only power obtainable. Evil is not power. It is a mockery of strength, which erelong betrays its weakness and falls, never to rise.

7. 293:13-31

The material so-called gases and forces are counterfeits of the spiritual forces of divine Mind, whose potency is Truth, whose attraction is Love, whose adhesion and cohesion are Life, perpetuating the eternal facts of being. Electricity is the sharp surplus of materiality which counterfeits the true essence of spirituality or truth, — the great difference being that electricity is not intelligent, while spiritual truth is Mind.

There is no vapid fury of mortal mind — expressed in earthquake, wind, wave, lightning, fire, bestial ferocity — and this so-called mind is self-destroyed. The manifestations of evil, which counterfeit divine justice, are called in the Scriptures, "The anger of the Lord." In reality, they show the self-destruction of error or matter and point to matter's opposite, the strength and permanency of Spirit. Christian Science brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal harmony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness of evil.

8. 124:14-2

The universe, like man, is to be interpreted by Science from its divine Principle, God, and then it can be understood; but when explained on the basis of physical sense and represented as subject to growth, maturity, and decay, the universe, like man, is, and must continue to be, an enigma.

Adhesion, cohesion, and attraction are properties of Mind. They belong to divine Principle, and support the equipoise of that thought-force, which launched the earth in its orbit and said to the proud wave, "Thus far and no farther."

Spirit is the life, substance, and continuity of all things. We tread on forces. Withdraw them, and creation must collapse. Human knowledge calls them forces of matter; but divine Science declares that they belong wholly to divine Mind, are inherent in this Mind, and so restores them to their rightful home and classification.

The elements and functions of the physical body and of the physical world will change as mortal mind changes its beliefs.

9. 507:15-23

The universe of Spirit reflects the creative power of the divine Principle, or Life, which reproduces the multitudinous forms of Mind and governs the multiplication of the compound idea man. The tree and herb do not yield fruit because of any propagating power of their own, but because they reflect the Mind which includes all. A material world implies a mortal mind and man a creator. The scientific divine creation declares immortal Mind and the universe created by God.

10. 510 : 18-20, 28-6

Love alone can impart the limitless idea of infinite Mind. Geology has never explained the earth's formations; it cannot explain them.

Science reveals only one Mind, and this one shining by its own light and governing the universe, including man, in perfect harmony. This Mind forms ideas, its own images, subdivides and radiates their borrowed light, intelligence, and so explains the Scripture phrase, "whose seed is in itself." Thus God's ideas "multiply and replenish the earth." The divine Mind supports the sublimity, magnitude, and infinitude of spiritual creation.

11. 509:20-28

So-called mineral, vegetable, and animal substances are no more contingent now on time or material structure than they were when "the morning stars sang together." Mind made the "plant of the field before it was in the earth." The periods of spiritual ascension are the days and seasons of Mind's creation, in which beauty, sublimity, purity, and holiness — yea, the divine nature — appear in man and the universe never to disappear.

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by Mary Baker Eddy

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SUNDAY JUNE 25, 2023

SUBJECT—CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

GOLDEN TEXT: II TIMOTHY 2:15

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 119: 33-38, 40

- **33.** Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto* the end.
- **34.** Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.
- 35. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.
- **36.** Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
- **37.** Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way.
- **38.** Stablish thy word unto thy servant.
- **40.** Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

LESSON SERMON

The Bible

1. **Jeremiah 10: 2**

- Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.
- 2. Daniel 2: 1, 2 (to 1st.), 3-5, 10, 12, 13 (and they), 16, 19, 20 (and said), 21 (he giveth), 22, 23, 46 (to 2nd.), 47 (and said), 48
- And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.
- Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams.
- And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.
- Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.
- The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.
- The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.
- For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.
- ...and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.
- Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.
- Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.
- 20 ...and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

- 21 ...he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:
- He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.
- I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter.
- Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel,
- ...and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.
- Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise *men* of Babylon.

3. Matthew 4:23

And 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.

4. Matthew 9: 10-13

- And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.
- And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?
- But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.
- But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

5. Matthew 10 : 1

And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

6. Matthew 11 : 25 (and said), 28-30

- 25 ...and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.
- Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
- For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

7. Matthew 12: 14, 15, 23-28

- Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.
- But when Jesus knew *it*, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;
- And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?
- But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.
- And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:
- And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?
- And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges.
- But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

8. Matthew 21 : 22

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

9. John 14: 15-18, 25-27

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

- And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
- Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
- I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
- These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you.
- But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

10. II Timothy 3 : 14 (continue)-17

- ...continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;
- And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Science and Health

1. 3:14 (to)-16

...to understand God is the work of eternity, and demands absolute consecration of thought, energy, and desire.

2. 84:28-6

All we correctly know of Spirit comes from God, divine Principle, and is learned through Christ and Christian Science. If this Science has been thoroughly learned and properly digested, we can know the truth more accurately than the astronomer can read the stars or calculate an eclipse.

This Mind-reading is the opposite of clairvoyance. It is the illumination of the spiritual understanding which demonstrates the capacity of Soul, not of material sense. This Soul-sense comes to the human mind when the latter yields to the divine Mind.

3. 147:14-29

Although this volume contains the complete Science of Mind-healing, never believe that you can absorb the whole meaning of the Science by a simple *perusal* of this book. The book needs to be *studied*, and the demonstration of the rules of scientific healing will plant you firmly on the spiritual groundwork of Christian Science. This proof lifts you high above the perishing fossils of theories already antiquated, and enables you to grasp the spiritual facts of being hitherto unattained and seemingly dim.

Our Master healed the sick, practised Christian healing, and taught the generalities of its divine Principle to his students; but he left no definite rule for demonstrating this Principle of healing and preventing disease. This rule remained to be discovered in Christian Science.

4. 358: 9-13, 15-18

Christian Science, understood, coincides with the Scriptures, and sustains logically and demonstratively every point it presents. Otherwise it would not be Science, and could not present its proofs. ... It presents the calm and clear verdict of Truth against error, uttered and illustrated by the prophets, by Jesus, by his apostles, as is recorded throughout the Scriptures.

5. 372:17-21

Christian Science and Christianity are one. How, then, in Christianity any more than in Christian Science, can we believe in the reality and power of both Truth and error, Spirit and matter, and hope to succeed with contraries?

6. 349 : 7 (our)-12

...our Master annulled material law by healing contrary to it. We propose to follow the Master's example. We should subordinate material law to spiritual law. Two essential points of Christian Science are, that neither Life nor man dies, and that God is not the author of sickness.

7. 162 : 4-16

Christian Science brings to the body the sunlight of Truth, which invigorates and purifies. Christian Science acts as an alterative, neutralizing error with Truth. It changes the secretions, expels humors, dissolves tumors, relaxes rigid muscles, restores carious bones to soundness. The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind.

Experiments have favored the fact that Mind governs the body, not in one instance, but in every instance. The indestructible faculties of Spirit exist without the conditions of matter and also without the false beliefs of a so-called material existence.

8. 351:2-7

When we lose faith in God's power to heal, we distrust the divine Principle which demonstrates Christian Science, and then we cannot heal the sick. Neither can we heal through the help of Spirit, if we plant ourselves on a material basis.

9. 273: 29-10 (to 2nd,)

Science shows that material, conflicting mortal opinions and beliefs emit the effects of error at all times, but this atmosphere of mortal mind cannot be destructive to morals and health when it is opposed promptly and persistently by Christian Science. Truth and Love antidote this mental miasma, and thus invigorate and sustain existence. Unnecessary knowledge gained from the five senses is only temporal, — the conception of mortal mind, the offspring of sense, not of Soul, Spirit, — and symbolizes all that is evil and perishable. *Natural science*, as it is commonly called, is not really natural nor scientific, because it is deduced from the evidence of the material senses. Ideas, on the contrary, are born of Spirit,

10. 274:23-25

Divine Science is absolute, and permits no half-way position in learning its Principle and rule — establishing it by demonstration.

11. 457 : 19-24

Christian Science is not an exception to the general rule, that there is no excellence without labor in a direct line. One cannot scatter his fire, and at the same time hit the mark. To pursue other vocations and advance rapidly in the demonstration of this Science, is not possible.

12. 349:18-21

The elucidation of Christian Science lies in its spiritual sense, and this sense must be gained by its disciples in order to grasp the meaning of this Science.

13. 347:23-31

If Christian Science takes away the popular gods, — sin, sickness, and death, — it is Christ, Truth, who destroys these evils, and so proves their nothingness.

The dream that matter and error are something must yield to reason and revelation. Then mortals will behold the nothingness of sickness and sin, and sin and sickness will disappear from consciousness. The harmonious will appear real, and the inharmonious unreal.

14. 345:17-20

One who understands Christian Science can heal the sick on the divine Principle of Christian Science, and this practical proof is the only feasible evidence that one does understand this Science.

15. 412 : 13-15

The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy disease, sin, and death.

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