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SUBJECT—ADAM AND FALLEN MAN

GOLDEN TEXT: JOB 15 : 7

“Art thou the first man that was born? or wast thou made before the hills?”

RESPONSIVE READING: **John 1 : 1, 3, 13**
Genesis 2 : 6, 7, 21, 22
Genesis 4 : 1

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
3. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
6. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.
7. 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.
21. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
22. And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.
1. And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

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LESSON SERMON

The Bible

1. Isaiah 2 : 22

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

2. Proverbs 8 : 22, 23, 25–30, 32 (to :)

22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

30 Then I was by him, as one brought up *with him*: and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him;

32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children:

3. Job 14 : 1, 6 (to 1st ,)

1 Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.

6 Turn from him,

4. I Corinthians 15 : 22, 45, 47, 49

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.

47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

5. **John 3 : 1-7**

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

6. **John 8 : 2, 13 (to), 25 (Who), 38, 41 (Then), 42, 44, 45, 51**

2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him,

25 Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even *the same* that I said unto you from the beginning.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

41 Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.

51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

7. John 12 : 37, 39 (to said), 40, 43

37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said ...

40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

8. Galatians 1 : 1, 6, 10, 15, 16

1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace,

16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

9. I John 2 : 1 (to 1st .), 13 (1st ye) (to 1st .), 13 (3rd ye), 16, 17, 20 (1st ye), 24

1 My little children,

- 13 ...ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. ... ye have known the Father.
- 16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
- 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.
- 20 ...ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.
- 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

Science and Health

1. 502 : 24-27

The infinite has no beginning. This word *beginning* is employed to signify *the only*, — that is, the eternal verity and unity of God and man, including the universe.

2. 288 : 25 (the)-26

...the spiritual real man has no birth, no material life, and no death.

3. 258 : 27-30

Never born and never dying, it were impossible for man, under the government of God in eternal Science, to fall from his high estate.

4. 223 : 3-6, 8-9

Sooner or later we shall learn that the fetters of man's finite capacity are forged by the illusion that he lives in body instead of in Soul, in matter instead of in Spirit.

If Spirit is *all* and is everywhere, what and where is matter?

5. 490 : 28-30

Sleep and mesmerism explain the mythical nature of material sense. Sleep shows material sense as either oblivion, nothingness, or an illusion or dream.

6. 491 : 28-6

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? For right reasoning there should be but one fact before the thought, namely, spiritual existence. In reality there is no other existence, since Life cannot be united to its unlikeness, mortality.

7. 306 : 32-2

The parent of all human discord was the Adam-dream, the deep sleep, in which originated the delusion that life and intelligence proceeded from and passed into matter.

8. 552 : 13-19

Human experience in mortal life, which starts from an egg, corresponds with that of Job, when he says, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." Mortals must emerge from this notion of material life as all-in-all. They must peck open their shells with Christian Science, and look outward and upward.

9. 538 : 27-3

As both mortal man and sin have a beginning, they must consequently have an end, while the sinless, real man is eternal. Eve's declaration, "I have gotten a man from the Lord," supposes God to be the author of sin and sin's progeny. This false sense of existence is fratricidal. In the words of Jesus, it (evil, devil) is "a murderer from the beginning."

10. 554 : 20-28

Jesus defined this opposite of God and His creation better than we can, when he said, "He is a liar, and the father of it." Jesus also said, "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" This he said of Judas, one of Adam's race. Jesus never intimated that God made a devil, but he did say, "Ye are of your father, the devil." All these sayings were to show that mind in matter is the author of itself, and is simply a falsity and illusion.

11. 214 : 9-14

Adam, represented in the Scriptures as formed from dust, is an object-lesson for the human mind. The material senses, like Adam, originate in matter and return to dust, — are proved non-intelligent. They go out as they came in, for they are still the error, not the truth of being.

12. 281 : 20-2

When we put off the false sense for the true, and see that sin and mortality have neither Principle nor permanency, we shall learn that sin and mortality are without actual origin or rightful existence. They are native nothingness, out of which error would simulate creation through a man formed from dust.

Divine Science does not put new wine into old bottles, Soul into matter, nor the infinite into the finite. Our false views of matter perish as we grasp the facts of Spirit. The old belief must be cast out or the new idea will be spilled, and the inspiration, which is to change our standpoint, will be lost. Now, as of old, Truth casts out evils and heals the sick.

13. 544 : 7-12

Birth, decay, and death arise from the material sense of things, not from the spiritual, for in the latter Life consisteth not of the things which a man eateth. Matter cannot change the eternal fact that man exists because God exists. Nothing is new to the infinite Mind.

14. 463 : 6-9 (to), 12-13

To attend properly the birth of the new child, or divine idea, you should so detach mortal thought from its material conceptions, ... A spiritual idea has not a single element of error, and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive.

15. 528 : 31 (in)-4

...in human history, when the forbidden fruit was bringing forth fruit of its own kind, there came a suggestion of change in the *modus operandi*, — that man should be born of woman, not woman again taken from man.

16. 529 : 6-12

Another change will come as to the nature and origin of man, and 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. 557 : 18 (Divine)-21

Divine Science rolls back the clouds of error with the light of Truth, and lifts the curtain on man as never born and as never dying, but as coexistent with his creator.

THE DAILY DUTIES

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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.

Church Manual, Article VIII, Sect. 1

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.”

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