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Subject: 24

GOD THE PRESERVER OF MAN.

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-- Golden Text --

Isaiah 40:29

29 He giveth power to the faint;
and to them that have no might he
increaseth strength.

Responsive Reading

Genesis 21:9-11,14-20

9 #And Sarah saw the son of Hagar
the Egyptian, which she had born unto
Abraham, mocking.

10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham,
Cast out this bondwoman and her son:
for the son of this bondwoman shall
not be heir with my son, even with
Isaac.

11 And the thing was very grievous
in Abraham's sight because of his son.

14 And Abraham rose up early in the
morning, and took bread, and a bottle
of water, and gave it unto Hagar,
putting it on her shoulder, and the
child, and sent her away: and she
departed, and wandered in the
wilderness of Beersheba.

15 And the water was spent in the

bottle, and she cast the child under
one of the shrubs.

16 And she went, and sat her down
over against him a good way off, as
it were a bowshot: for she said, Let
me not see the death of the child.
And she sat over against him, and
lift up her voice, and wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the
lad; and the angel of God called to
Hagar out of heaven, and said unto
her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear
not; for God hath heard the voice of
the lad where he is.

18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold
him in thine hand; for I will make
him a great nation.

19 And God opened her eyes, and she
saw a well of water; and she went,
and filled the bottle with water, and
gave the lad drink.

20 And God was with the lad; and he
grew, and dwelt in the wilderness,
and became an archer.

Section 1

Psalms 34:17

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord
heareth, and delivereth them out of
all their troubles.

Isaiah 54:11-13,17

11 #O thou afflicted, tossed with
tempest, and not comforted, behold, I
will lay thy stones with fair

colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

13 And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

17 #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.

Matthew 8:1-3

1 When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.

2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 387:27

(Christian history)

The history of Christianity furnishes sublime proofs of the supporting influence and protecting power bestowed on man by his heavenly Father, omnipotent Mind, who gives man faith and

understanding whereby to defend himself, not only from temptation, but from bodily suffering.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 381:17

(No laws of matter) In infinite Life and Love there is no sickness, sin, nor death, and the Scriptures declare that we live, move, and have our being in the infinite God.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 385:7-11

(Benefit of philanthropy)

The spiritual demand, quelling the material, supplies energy and endurance surpassing all other aids, and forestalls the penalty which our beliefs would attach to our best deeds.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 482:26

(17) Question: Is it important to understand these explanations in order to heal the sick?

ADAM = Unreality as opposed to the great reality of spiritual existence and creation.

Topic: Probation after Death

(Sickness erroneous)

Sickness is part of the error which Truth casts out. Error will not expel error. Christian Science is the law of Truth, which heals the sick on the basis of the one Mind or God. It can heal in no other way, since the human, mortal mind so-called is not a healer, but causes the belief in disease.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 371:27

(Mind imparts purity, health, and beauty) The necessity for uplifting the race is father to the fact that Mind can do it; for Mind can impart

purity instead of impurity, strength instead of weakness, and health instead of disease. Truth is an alternative in the entire system, and can make it "every whit whole."

Section 2

Isaiah 54:14,15

14 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.

15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

Isaiah 14:3-5,7

3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve.

4 #That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

5 The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.

7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 371:11

(Ghost-stories inducing fear)

As frightened children look everywhere for the imaginary ghost, so sick humanity sees danger in every direction, and looks for relief in all ways except the right one. Darkness induces fear. The adult, in bondage to his beliefs, no more comprehends his real being than does the child; and the adult must be taken out of his darkness, before he can get rid of the illusive sufferings which through the gloaming. The way in divine Science is the only way out of this condition.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 304:3

(Man inseparable from Love)

It is ignorance and false belief, based on a material sense of things, which hide spiritual beauty and goodness. Understanding this, Paul said: "Neither death, nor life, . . . nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God." 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.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 388:1-4

(Christian history)

The Christian martyrs were prophets of Christian Science. Through the uplifting and consecrating power of divine Truth, they obtained a victory over the corporeal senses, a victory which Science alone can explain.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 243:4-13

(Ancient and modern miracles)

The divine Love, which made harmless the poisonous viper, which delivered men from the boiling oil, from the fiery furnace, from the jaws of the lion, can heal the sick in every age and triumph over sin and death. It crowned the demonstrations of Jesus with unsurpassed power and love. But the same "Mind . . . which was also in Christ Jesus" must always accompany the letter of Science in order to confirm and repeat the ancient demonstrations of prophets and apostles.

Section 3

Psalm 31:19,21,23,24

19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

21 Blessed be the Lord: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

23 O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

Luke 10:17-19

17 #And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through

thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Ezekiel 2:6

6 #And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 374:5-6,15

(Mind can destroy all ills)

Hatred and its effects on the body are removed by Love. Through immortal Mind, or Truth, we can destroy all ills which proceed from mortal mind.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 234:31-3

(Cleansing the mind)

Evil thoughts and aims reach no farther and do no more harm than one's belief permits. Evil thoughts, lusts, and malicious purposes cannot go forth, like wandering pollen, from one human mind to another, finding unsuspected lodgment, if virtue and truth build a strong defence.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 273:29-3

(Material knowledge illusive)

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.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 392:27

(Guarding the door) When the condition is present which you say induces disease, whether it be air, exercise, heredity, contagion, or accident, then perform your office as porter and shut out these unhealthy thoughts and fears. Exclude from mortal mind the offending errors; then the body cannot suffer from them. The issues of pain or pleasure must come through mind, and like a watchman forsaking his post, we admit the intruding belief, forgetting that through divine help we can forbid this entrance.

0004 Chapter 13: Teaching Christian Science - 462:25-31

(Anatomy defined)

The anatomy of Christian Science teaches when and how to probe the self-inflicted wounds of selfishness, malice, envy, and hate. It teaches the control of mad ambition. It unfolds the hallowed influences of unselfishness, philanthropy, spiritual love. It urges the government of the body both in health and in sickness.

Section 4

Galatians 3:13,14

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 5:1,16-18

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Romans 8:1,2

1 THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 380:32-4

(Ignorance of our rights)

Every law of matter or the body, supposed to govern man, is rendered null and void by the law of Life, God. Ignorant of our God-given rights, we submit to unjust decrees, and the bias of education enforces this slavery.

0030 Chapter 10: Science of Being - 273:21

(Spiritual law the only law)

God never ordained a material law to annul the spiritual law. If there were such a material law, it would oppose the supremacy of Spirit, God, and impugn the wisdom of the creator. Jesus walked on the waves, fed the multitude, healed the sick, and raised the dead in direct opposition to material laws. His acts were the demonstration of Science, overcoming the false claims of material sense or law.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 385:11

(Benefit of philanthropy)

Let us remember that the eternal law of right, though it can never annul the law which makes sin its own executioner, exempts man from all penalties but those due for wrong-doing.

0003 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 472:9

(11) Question: Are doctrines and creeds a benefit to man?

ADAM = The first god of mythology.

Topic: Substance

(God's law destroys evil) Sickness, sin, and death, being inharmonious, do not originate in

God nor belong to His government. His law, rightly understood, destroys them. Jesus furnished proofs of these statements.

0010 Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 381:12-15,27

(No laws of matter)

The so-called laws of mortal belief are destroyed by the understanding that Soul is immortal, and that mortal mind cannot legislate the times, periods, and types of disease, with which mortals die.

(God-given dominion) Let us banish sickness as an outlaw, and abide by the rule of perpetual harmony, - God's law. It is man's moral right to annul an unjust sentence, a sentence never inflicted by divine authority.

Section 5

Isaiah 19:19,20,22

19 In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord.

20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

22 And the Lord shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the Lord, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.

Ezekiel 36:25,26

25 #Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

I Peter 1:13,18,19,21

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 373:14

(Love frees from fear)

The fear of disease and the love of sin are the

sources of man's enslavement. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," but the Scriptures also declare, through the exalted thought of John, that "perfect Love casteth out fear."

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 294:28

(Mythical pleasure)

The inebriate believes that there is pleasure in intoxication. The thief believes that he gains something by stealing, and the hypocrite that he is hiding himself. The Science of Mind corrects such mistakes, for Truth demonstrates the falsity of error.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 404:9

(Appetites to be abandoned) A corrupt mind is manifested in a corrupt body. Lust, malice, and all sorts of evil are diseased beliefs, and you can destroy them only by destroying the wicked motives which produce them. If the evil is over in the repentant mortal mind, while its effects still remain on the individual, you can remove this disorder as God's law is fulfilled and reformation cancels the crime. The healthy sinner is the hardened sinner.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 407:10-20,24

(Universal panacea) If man is not victorious over the passions, they crush out happiness, health, and manhood. Here Christian Science is the sovereign panacea, giving strength to the weakness of mortal mind, - strength from the immortal and omnipotent Mind, - and lifting humanity above itself into purer desires, even into spiritual power and good-will to man.

Let the slave of wrong desire learn the lessons of Christian Science, and he will get the better of

that desire, and ascend a degree in the scale of health, happiness, and existence.

(Immortal memory)

Let the perfect model be present in your thoughts instead of its demoralized opposite. This spiritualization of thought lets in the light, and brings the divine Mind, Life not death, into your consciousness.

Section 6

John 11:25,26

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Acts 14:19,20

19 #And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

Acts 20:9,10,12

9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up

dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 275:26

(The divine completeness) The true understanding of God is spiritual. It robs the grave of victory. It destroys the false evidence that misleads thought and points to other gods, or other so-called powers, such as matter, disease, sin, and death, superior or contrary to the one Spirit.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 426:23-9

(Christian standard)

The relinquishment of all faith in death and also of the fear of its sting would raise the standard of health and morals far beyond its present elevation, and would enable us to hold the banner of Christianity aloft with unflinching faith in God, in Life eternal. Sin brought death, and death will disappear with the disappearance of sin. Man is immortal, and the body cannot die, because matter has no life to surrender. The human concepts named matter, death, disease, sickness, and sin are all that can be destroyed.

(Life not contingent on matter)

If it is true that man lives, this fact can never change in Science to the opposite belief that man dies. Life is the law of Soul, even the law of the spirit of Truth, and Soul is never without its representative. Man's individual being can no more die nor disappear in unconsciousness than

can Soul, for both are immortal. If man believes 24 6 - Christian standard
in death now, he must disbelieve in it when 24 6 - Life not contingent on matter
learning that there is no reality in death, since the 24 6 - Death but an illusion
truth of being is deathless.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 289:14

(Death but an illusion)

The fact that the Christ, or Truth, overcame and still overcomes death proves the "king of terrors" to be but a mortal belief, or error, which Truth destroys with the spiritual evidences of Life; and this shows that what appears to the senses to be death is but a mortal illusion, for to the real man and the real universe there is no death-process.

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