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-- Golden Text --

Nahum 1:7

7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

Responsive Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-17

7 #So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon

us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?

11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;

15 If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16 None of his sins that he hath

committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

17 #Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.

Section 1

Proverbs 3:19

19 The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

Isaiah 45:18

18 For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

Micah 7:18-20

18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

Psalm 96:10

10 Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 469:12-20

(10) Question: What is Mind?

ADAM = Nothingness.

Topic: Man

(True sense of infinitude)

Question. - What is Mind?

Answer. - Mind is God. The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the only Mind, and that the supposititious opposite of infinite Mind - called devil or evil - is not Mind, is not Truth, but error, without intelligence or reality. There can be but one Mind, because there is but one God; and if mortals claimed no other Mind and accepted no other, sin would be unknown.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 470:11-18

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(The divine standard of perfection)

Divine Science explains the abstract statement that there is one Mind by the following self-evident proposition: If God, or good, is real, then evil, the unlikeness of God, is unreal. And evil can only seem to be real by giving reality to the

unreal. The children of God have but one Mind. John 14:8-12
How can good lapse into evil, when God, the
Mind of man, never sins?

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being
(PLATFORM) - 330:19

(- MORTAL MIND - Mythology)

(-2- The deific definitions)

II. God is what the Scriptures declare Him to
be, - Life, Truth, Love. Spirit is divine Principle,
and divine Principle is Love, and Love is Mind,
and Mind is not both good and bad, for God is
Mind; therefore there is in reality one Mind only,
because there is one God.

Section 2

John 5:33,36,37

33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare
witness unto the truth.

36 #But I have greater witness than
that of John: for the works which the
Father hath given me to finish, the
same works that I do, bear witness of
me, that the Father hath sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which
hath sent me, hath borne witness of
me. Ye have neither heard his voice
at any time, nor seen his shape.
John 10:37,38

37 If I do not the works of my
Father, believe me not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe
not me, believe the works: that ye
may know, and believe, that the
Father is in me, and I in him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew
us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been
so long time with you, and yet hast
thou not known me, Philip? he that
hath seen me hath seen the Father;
and how sayest thou then, Shew us the
Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in
the Father, and the Father in me? the
words that I speak unto you I speak
not of myself: but the Father that
dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the
Father, and the Father in me: or else
believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that believeth on me, the works
that I do shall he do also; and
greater works than these shall he do;
because I go unto my Father.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 482:27(begin
Christian)

(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) 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 -

422:22-32(to 2nd .)

(Bone-healing by surgery)

Let us suppose two parallel cases of bone-disease, both similarly produced and attended by the same symptoms. A surgeon is employed in one case, and a Christian Scientist in the other. The surgeon, holding that matter forms its own conditions and renders them fatal at certain points, entertains fears and doubts as to the ultimate outcome of the injury. Not holding the reins of government in his own hands, he believes that something stronger than Mind - namely, matter - governs the case. His treatment is therefore tentative. This mental state invites defeat.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 423:8-26

(Scientific corrective)

The Christian Scientist, understanding scientifically that all is Mind, commences with mental causation, the truth of being, to destroy the error. This corrective is an alterative, reaching to every part of the human system. According to Scripture, it searches "the joints and marrow," and it restores the harmony of man.

(Coping with difficulties)

The matter-physician deals with matter as both his foe and his remedy. He regards the ailment as weakened or strengthened according to the evidence which matter presents. The metaphysician, making Mind his basis of operation irrespective of matter and regarding the truth and harmony of being as superior to error and discord, has rendered himself strong, instead of weak, to cope with the case; and he proportionately strengthens his patient with the stimulus of courage and conscious power. Both Science and consciousness are now at work in the economy of being according to the law of

Mind, which ultimately asserts its absolute supremacy.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 252:4

(Spiritual ignorance)

Human ignorance of Mind and of the recuperative energies of Truth occasions the only skepticism regarding the pathology and theology of Christian Science.

Section 3

Job 16:1,2,4,5

1 Then Job answered and said,

2 I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all.

4 I also could speak as ye do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.

Psalm 69:20,21

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Zechariah 10:2

2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

Psalms 23:1,4

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

ooo4 Chapter 13: Teaching Christian Science - 459:12-14

(Dangerous knowledge)

Any attempt to heal mortals with erring mortal mind, instead of resting on the omnipotence of the divine Mind, must prove abortive.

ooo4 Chapter 13: Teaching Christian Science - 457:24

(Backsliders and mistakes)

Departing from Christian Science, some learners commend diet and hygiene. They even practise these, intending thereby to initiate the cure which they mean to complete with Mind, as if the non-intelligent could aid Mind! The Scientist's demonstration rests on one Principle, and there must and can be no opposite rule. Let this Principle be applied to the cure of disease without exploiting other means.

o3oo Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine -

145:8-13

(The struggle and victory)

The struggle for the recovery of invalids goes on, not between material methods, but between mortal minds and immortal Mind. The victory will be on the patient's side only as immortal Mind through Christ, Truth, subdues the human belief in disease.

o2oo Chapter 7: Physiology - 179:5

(Absent patients)

Science can heal the sick, who are absent from their healers, as well as those present, since space is no obstacle to Mind. Immortal Mind heals what eye hath not seen; but the spiritual capacity to apprehend thought and to heal by the Truth-power, is won only as man is found, not in self-righteousness, but reflecting the divine nature.

ooo3 Chapter 14: Recapitulation - 487:19-21

(20b) Question: Who or what is it that believes? ADAM = The opposer of Truth, termed error. Topic: Soul and Body

(Understanding versus belief) Christian evidence is founded on Science or demonstrable Truth, flowing from immortal Mind, and there is in reality no such thing as mortal mind.

Section 4

Isaiah 44:24,25

24 Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth

forth the heavens alone; that
spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

25 That frustrateth the tokens of
the liars, and maketh diviners mad;
that turneth wise men backward, and
maketh their knowledge foolish;

James 3:13,16,17

13 Who is a wise man and endued
with knowledge among you? let him
shew out of a good conversation his
works with meekness of wisdom.

16 For where envying and strife is,
there is confusion and every evil
work.

17 But the wisdom that is from
above is first pure, then peaceable,
gentle, and easy to be intreated,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without partiality, and without
hypocrisy.

I Corinthians 14:33

33 For God is not the author of
confusion, but of peace, as in all
churches of the saints.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 205:22-31

(Redemption from selfishness)

When we realize that there is one Mind, the
divine law of loving our neighbor as ourselves is
unfolded; whereas a belief in many ruling minds
hinders man's normal drift towards the one Mind,
one God, and leads human thought into opposite
channels where selfishness reigns.

Selfishness tips the beam of human existence
towards the side of error, not towards Truth.
Denial of the oneness of Mind throws our weight
into the scale, not of Spirit, God, good, but of
matter.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 204:23

(Unscientific theories)

False and self-assertive theories have given
sinners the notion that they can create what God
cannot, - namely, sinful mortals in God's image,
thus usurping the name without the nature of the
image or reflection of divine Mind; but in
Science it can never be said that man has a mind
of his own, distinct from God, the all Mind.

o4oo Chapter 5: Animal Magnetism Unmasked -
103:25

(The genus of error) The truths of immortal
Mind sustain man, and they annihilate the fables
of mortal mind, whose flimsy and gaudy
pretensions, like silly moths, singe their own
wings and fall into dust.

oo3o Chapter 10: Science of Being - 285:17,27

(Material misconceptions)

The time has come for a finite conception of
the infinite and of a material body as the seat of
Mind to give place to a diviner sense of
intelligence and its manifestations, - to the better
understanding that Science gives of the Supreme
Being, or divine Principle, and idea.

(Salvation is through reform)

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.

Section 5

Psalm 139:1-4

1 O Lord, thou hast searched me,
and known me.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and
mine uprising, thou understandest my
thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my
lying down, and art acquainted with
all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my
tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest
it altogether.

Proverbs 20:12

12 The hearing ear, and the seeing
eye, the Lord hath made even both of
them.

Psalm 94:9,10

9 He that planted the ear, shall he
not hear? he that formed the eye,
shall he not see?

10 He that chastiseth the heathen,
shall not he correct? he that teacheth
man knowledge, shall not he know?

I Corinthians 4:4,5

4 For I know nothing by myself; yet
am I not hereby justified: but he
that judgeth me is the Lord.

5 Therefore judge nothing before
the time, until the Lord come, who
both will bring to light the hidden
things of darkness, and will make
manifest the counsels of the hearts:
and then shall every man have praise
of God.

1000 Chapter 4: Christian Science versus
Spiritualism - 84:19-23

(The Mind unbounded)

To understand that Mind is infinite, not
bounded by corporeality, not dependent upon the
ear and eye for sound or sight nor upon muscles
and bones for locomotion, is a step towards the
Mind-science by which we discern man's nature
and existence.

0100 Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth -
245:32(begin Mind)-6

(Man reflects God) Mind and its formations
can never be annihilated. Man is not a pendulum,
swinging between evil and good, joy and sorrow,
sickness and health, life and death. Life and its
faculties are not measured by calendars. The
perfect and immortal are the eternal likeness of
their Maker.

0300 Chapter 6: Science, Theology, Medicine -
120:17

(Health and the senses)

The Science of Mind-healing shows it to be
impossible for aught but Mind to testify truly or
to exhibit the real status of man. Therefore the
divine Principle of Science, reversing the
testimony of the physical senses, reveals man as
harmoniously existent in Truth, which is the only
basis of health; and thus Science denies all
disease, heals the sick, overthrows false

evidence, and refutes materialistic logic.

o2oo Chapter 7: Physiology - 187:22(begin The divine)-24

(Action of mortal mind) The divine Mind includes all action and volition, and man in Science is governed by this Mind.

Section 6

Psalm 66:8,9

8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

Psalm 67:4

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Isaiah 58:9-11

9 Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

11 And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Revelation 21:3,4

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

o1oo Chapter 8: Footsteps of Truth - 246:23

(Undesirable records)

Man, governed by immortal Mind, is always beautiful and grand. Each succeeding year unfolds wisdom, beauty, and holiness.

oo1o Chapter 12: Christian Science Practice - 374:15

(Mind can destroy all ills) Through immortal Mind, or Truth, we can destroy all ills which proceed from mortal mind.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 507:24

(Ever-appearing creation)

Infinite Mind creates and governs all, from the

mental molecule to infinity. This divine Principle of all expresses Science and art throughout His creation, and the immortality of man and the universe. Creation is ever appearing, and must ever continue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source. Mortal sense inverts this appearing and calls ideas material. Thus misinterpreted, the divine idea seems to fall to the level of a human or material belief, called mortal man. But the seed is in itself, only as the divine Mind is All and reproduces all - as Mind is the multiplier, and Mind's infinite idea, man and the universe, is the product. The only intelligence or substance of a thought, a seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it. Mind is the Soul of all. Mind is Life, Truth, and Love which governs all.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 513:6-10,17

(Spiritual spheres)

Advancing spiritual steps in the teeming universe of Mind lead on to spiritual spheres and exalted beings. To material sense, this divine universe is dim and distant, gray in the sombre hues of twilight; but anon the veil is lifted, and the scene shifts into light.

(Continuity of thoughts)

Spirit diversifies, classifies, and individualizes all thoughts, which are as eternal as the Mind conceiving them; but the intelligence, existence, and continuity of all individuality remain in God, who is the divinely creative Principle thereof.

ooo2 Chapter 15: Genesis - 517:7-10

(Ideal man and woman)

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.

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