

Background: *Wednesday evening meetings in Christian Science churches include readings from the King James Version of The Bible and passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Then, the congregation is invited to participate and share accounts of healing and spiritual insights. The meetings also include prayer and hymn singing from the "Christian Science Hymnal."*

The Bible is central to Christian Science. "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" is a companion to the Bible that explains the scientific system of Christian healing. You can find out more about Christian Science and spiritual healing at <http://www.christianscience.com>, a website of The Christian Science Publishing Society, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Readings Topic: Your Worth is Beyond Measure

The Bible

1. Ps 39:4 (to :), 5 verily (to .)

4 Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is:

5 verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

2. Zech 2:1-5

1 I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.

3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

5 For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

3. Isa 40:1

1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

4. Deut 32:18

18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

5. Gen 1:27 God created man

27 God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

6. Prov 31:10, 18, 27, 28

10 ¶ Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

7. Prov 12:2 (to :), 5 (to :), 17 (to :), 27 the substance

2 A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord:

5 The thoughts of the righteous are right:

17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness:

27 the substance of a diligent man is precious.

8. Ex 3:1, 2 (to :), 7, 8 (to :), 10-12

1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush:

7 ¶ And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey;

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

9. Ex 4:10-12

10 ¶ And Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord?

12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

10. Ex 3:18 (to :)

18 And they shall hearken to thy voice:

11. Isa 43:1 now, 4 (to :)

1 now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee:

12. Luke 12:6, 7

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

13. Deut 33:12 The

12 The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

14. Heb 2:7

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

15. Deut 32:9-12

9 For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

12 So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

16. Deut 33:29 (to !)

29 Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency!

17. I Pet 2:3-5 the

3 the Lord is gracious.

4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

18. Matt 3:16 Jesus, 17

16 Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

19. Matt 18:11-13 the

11 the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

20. Matt 13:34, 44-46 the

34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

44 the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 ¶ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

21. Col 1:10 walk, 12

10 walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures

1. 190:14

Human birth, growth, maturity, and decay are as the

15 grass springing from the soil with beautiful green blades, afterwards to wither and return to its native nothingness. This mortal seeming is temporal;

18 it never merges into immortal being, but finally disappears, and immortal man, spiritual and eternal, is found to be the real man.

2. 544:24-25

Man is the likeness of Spirit, but a material personality is not this likeness.

3. 337:20-24 The

The true idea of man, as the reflection of the

21 invisible God, is as incomprehensible to the limited senses as is man's infinite Principle. The visible universe and material man are the poor counter-

24 feits of the invisible universe and spiritual man.

4. 28:15-18

15 Neither the origin, the character, nor the work of Jesus was generally understood. Not a single component part of his nature did the material

18 world measure aright.

5. 30:5-8

Born of a woman, Jesus' advent in the flesh partook

6 partly of Mary's earthly condition, although he was endowed with the Christ, the divine Spirit, with-Jesus the out measure.

6. **333:26-9**

The divine image, idea, or Christ was, is, and
27 ever will be inseparable from the divine Principle, God.
Jesus referred to this unity of his spiritual identity thus:
"Before Abraham was, I am," "I and my Father are
30 one;" "My Father is greater than I." The one Spirit
includes all identities.

XIV. By these sayings Jesus meant, not that the hu-
1 man Jesus was or is eternal, but that the divine idea or
Christ was and is so and therefore antedated Abraham;
3 not that the corporeal Jesus was one with the
Spiritual
Father, but that the spiritual idea, Christ,
dwells forever in the bosom of the Father, God, from
6 which it illumines heaven and earth; not that the Father
is greater than Spirit, which is God, but greater, infinitely
greater, than the fleshly Jesus, whose earthly career was
9 brief.

7. **281:14**

The one Ego, the one Mind or Spirit called God, is
15 infinite individuality, which supplies all form and come-
liness and which reflects reality and divinity in individual
spiritual man and things.

8. **282:11**

Eternal
12 Mind and temporary material existence never unite in
figure or in fact.

9. **336:14-15**

The spiritual man's consciousness
15 and individuality are reflections of God.

10. **519:14-16**

Mortals
15 can never know the infinite, until they throw off the old
man and reach the spiritual image and likeness.

11. **336:19 God is**

God is indivisible. A portion of God could
not enter man; neither could God's fulness be reflected
21 by a single man, else God would be manifestly
finite, lose the deific character, and become
less than God. Allness is the measure of the infinite, and
24 nothing less can express God.

12. **491:7-11**

Material man is made up of involuntary and voluntary
error, of a negative right and a positive wrong, the latter
9 calling itself right. Man's spiritual individual-
ity is never wrong. It is the likeness of man's
Maker.

13. **470:21-24**

21 God is the creator of man, and, the divine Principle
of man remaining perfect, the divine idea or reflection,
man, remains perfect. Man is the expression

24 of God's being.

14. **361:16**

As a drop of water is one with
the ocean, a ray of light one with the sun, even so God
18 and man, Father and son, are one in being. The Scrip-
ture reads: "For in Him we live, and move, and have
our being."

15. **306:8**

If God, who is Life, were parted for a
9 moment from His reflection, man, during that
moment there would be no divinity reflected.
The Ego would be unexpressed, and the Father would be
12 childless, — no Father.

16. **517:18-19**

God has countless ideas, and
they all have one Principle and parentage.

17. **550:5-7**

God is the Life, or intelligence, which forms
6 and preserves the individuality and identity
of animals as well as of men.

18. **246:4, 11-13, 17**

Life and its faculties are not measured by
calendars. The perfect and immortal are the eternal
6 likeness of their Maker. Man is by no means a material
germ rising from the imperfect and endeavoring to reach
Spirit above his origin. The stream rises no higher than
9 its source.

The radiant sun of virtue and truth
12 coexists with being. Manhood is its eternal noon, un-
dimmed by a declining sun.

Never record ages. Chronological data are no part
18 of the vast forever. Time-tables of birth and death are
so many conspiracies against manhood and Undesirable
womanhood. Except for the error of meas- records
21 uring and limiting all that is good and beautiful, man
would enjoy more than threescore years and ten and
still maintain his vigor, freshness, and promise. Man,
24 governed by immortal Mind, is always beautiful and
grand. Each succeeding year unfolds wisdom, beauty,
and holiness.

19. **367:17**

A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period
18 of which Jesus spoke to his disciples, when he said: "Ye
are the salt of the earth." "Ye are the light
of the world. A city that is set on an hill can-
21 not be hid." Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt
lose not its saltness, and that this light be not hid, but
radiate and glow into noontide glory.

Hymns

Hymn 382

Emily F. Seal

ST. CECILIA

Leighton G. Hayne

What is thy birthright, man,
Child of the perfect One;
What is thy Father's plan
For His beloved son?

Thou art Truth's honest child,
Of pure and sinless heart;
Thou treadest undefiled
In Christly paths apart.

Vain dreams shall disappear
As Truth dawns on the sight;
The phantoms of thy fear
Shall flee before the light.

Take then the sacred rod;
Thou art not error's thrall;
Thou hast the gift of God —
Dominion over all.

Hymn 15

Based on the Danish of
Bernhard S. Ingemann

FULFILLMENT

C. Christian Hoffman

As gold by fire is tested,
Its purity shown forth,
So cleansing fires of Truth may prove
To man his native worth.

And as a mirror shows us
A likeness clear and bright,
So God forever sees His child
Revealed in radiant light.

'Twas thus the loving Master
Saw man's perfection shine,
Beheld God's child forever pure
In radiance all divine.

Hymn 224

John Ryland

Adapted

ST. LEONARD

Henry Hiles

O Lord, I would delight in Thee,
And on Thy care depend;
To Thee in every trouble flee,
My best, my ever Friend.
When all material streams are dried,
Thy fullness is the same;
May I with this be satisfied,
And glory in Thy name.

All good, where'er it may be found,
Its source doth find in Thee;
I must have all things and abound,
While God is God to me.
O that I had a stronger faith,
To look within the veil,
To credit what my Saviour saith,
Whose word can never fail.

He that has made my heaven secure,
Will here all good provide;
While Christ is rich, can I be poor?
What can I want beside?
O God, I cast my care on Thee;
I triumph and adore;
Henceforth my great concern shall be
To love and praise Thee more.