

Supplement: Selected Correlative References from the Christian Science Periodicals

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Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth

Golden Text: Psalm 119

From the Christian Science periodicals:

McKenzie, William P., "Living Witnesses", Sentinel Vol. 20 (15 June 1918), p. 830. JSH-Online: http://sentinel.christianscience.com/issues/1918/6/20-42/living-witnesses

• Acquaintance with the truth of being enabled the psalmist to say, "Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth." He was able to see also how not distance but discord separated blessing from man, saying, "Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes."

All His works are done in truth

Responsive Reading: Psalm 33

From the Christian Science periodicals:

"Bible Notes", Sentinel Vol. 37 (29 December 1934), p. 353.

JSH-Online: http://sentinel.christianscience.com/issues/1934/12/37-18/bible-notes

• "All his works are done in truth" (Ps. 33:4)—It is of interest to note that the Hebrew term "'emunah," which is here rendered "truth," is translated "faith" in Habakkuk 2:4. The literal meaning of "'emunah" is "firmness, steadfastness, fidelity," while it also suggest "trust and stability" (cf. Brown, Driver, Briggs: Hebrew Lexicon, p. 53), in addition to "honesty, security, conscientiousness" (Feyerabend: Hebrew Dictionary, p. 20). "'Emunah" comes from the same Hebrew root as our word "Amen." Smith suggests: "All his work is faithful;" and Moffatt: "All he does is loyally done."

Seeking Truth

Section 1: S&H 254; 241; 285

From the Christian Science periodicals:

Blye, Wilbert Fred, "Perfection, The Standard Of Truth", Journal Vol. 46 (March 1929), p. 660. JSH-Online: http://journal.christianscience.com/issues/1929/3/46-12/perfection-the-standard-of-truth

- Our revered Leader, Mrs. Eddy, following in the footsteps of the Master, manifested in her life the perfect standard of Truth, acknowledging no reality or power in evil or imperfection.
- To those seeking Truth and endeavoring to practice its requirements, the words of Jesus and of our Leader are life-giving and inspiring. Since we are all desirous of health and happiness, our first step in progress is to realize that these abide only in God, perfect Mind, Spirit. It is useless to look for harmony in imperfection, for only discord is to be found there. Only the spiritual understanding of God can bring into our experience the Godlike attributes of harmony and health, the reflection of divine Love, the evidence that our lives are being conformed to the perfect standard of Truth.

Prayer of Daniel; Angels Gabriel and Michael

Section 2: Daniel 9 & 10

From the Christian Science periodicals:

Sutherland, Myrtle Timmons, "Gabriel And Michael", Sentinel Vol. 31 (20 October 1928), p. 144. JSH-Online: http://sentinel.christianscience.com/issues/1928/10/31-8/gabriel-and-michael

- Daniel was assisted by both Michael and Gabriel. At one time, when he had spent three entire weeks in "mourning," an angel visitant, or divine message, came to him, telling him of support received from Michael, and revealing the details of the final contest between good and evil, indicating the necessity of the recognition and denial of evil up to the point of its complete elimination even as pretense. Upon another occasion, Daniel had seen a heavenly vision which he was unable to understand. As he was earnestly seeking the meaning, he heard a voice which said, "Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision." Thus we see Gabriel, true to his office of "man of God," quietly answering the prayer for understanding. Later, Gabriel himself appeared to Deaniel thus: "And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding." It was Gabriel who announced the coming of John the Baptist, and the coming of Jesus.
- In every Christian Science treatment there is the Michael element, the denial of error, and the Gabriel element, the affirmation of Truth.

Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Section 3: Luke 18

From the Christian Science periodicals:

Dunn, John Randall, "Pharisee Or Publican", Sentinel Vol. 49 (26 July 1947), p. 1295. JSH-Online: http://sentinel.christianscience.com/issues/1947/7/49-30/pharisee-or-publican

- The Pharisees were a self-righteous Jewish sect, who, according to the historian Josephus, were "supposed to excel others in the accurate knowledge of the laws of their country." The name Pharisee derives from a primitive Hebrew root meaning to separate; and the members of this sect certainly considered themselves separate and apart from the rank and file of Jewry.
- Certainly Christ Jesus in this incomparable parable indicates the first important step in the scientific handling of a problem of sin. It must first be uncovered and acknowledged as a false claim. Then,

- Christian Science teaches, it is to be repudiated and nullified by a consciousness of Love's sinlessness and allness.
- Let no Christian Scientist fail to read and ponder frequently this valuable instruction. Then let him watch and pray lest any Pharisaical smugness darken his thought and keep him from the publican's reward

He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also

Section 4: John 14

From the Christian Science periodicals:

Vosburgh, Rev. Arthur R., "Believing Unto Salvation", Journal Vol. 27 (February 1910), p. 641. JSH-Online: http://journal.christianscience.com/issues/1910/2/27-11/believing-unto-salvation

• When Jesus completed his earthly mission, when he reached the climax of his demonstration of divine power in his resurrection and ascension, the continuity of the belief in material life and law was broken; the resistance of evil to good was forever weakened, and it thus came about that the same degree of understanding, the same height of demonstration, would thereafter achieve greater results, not because greater power was to be realized, but because it would find less resistance to be overcome. And so there unfolds a limitless vista of divine possibility and divine achievement, opened to each and all because the Master "was faithful in all his house" and so spiritually endowed that he triumphantly opened and revealed the entire way that the sons of men must trace in going to the Father; and in this revealed the entire truth regarding God and man.

Peter and John heal a beggar at the Gate Beautiful

Section 5: Acts 3

From the Christian Science periodicals:

Streeter, Clara Schrader, *"The Gate Beautiful"*, <u>Journal</u> Vol. 45 (April 1927), p. 5. JSH-Online: http://journal.christianscience.com/issues/1927/4/45-1/the-gate-beautiful

- When Peter and John came to the temple, they were filled with the spirit of prayer and praise because of the Pentecostal blessings which they so recently had received. ... Then Peter said, "Look on us;" and to the uplifted thought there must have come the longing for heavenly riches, for he grasped the hand extended to raise him out of his helpless condition, and through the Beautiful gate of healing entered with the apostles into the temple.
- In each and every consciousness there is a gate called Beautiful; but as with the legendary knight of old searching for material treasures, or the cripple of Pentecostal days, years of sickness, suffering, possibly of wandering, may elapse before one learns to look away from perishable things, and to search in the straight and narrow way of spiritual living for the Beautiful gate which leads into the kingdom of heaven on earth. Sometimes this spiritual realization comes through prayer and consecration; sometimes through bravely facing the difficult places in daily life; often by breaking one's bread with another in need. At times one may see this Beautiful gate afar off and steadily advance towards it; or, again, he may come upon it suddenly at some bend of the road, and at once lose his former mistaken sense of values. Each one in his own way is advancing towards a gateway which some day he will call Beautiful, because it will lead him "at the hour of prayer" into the temple of God.
- Wherever Truth is revealed, the gateway opening to it is always beautiful, although at the time one may not be conscious of its loveliness.

Pharisee named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law

Section 6: Acts 5

From the Christian Science periodicals:

Gross, Willis F., "The Message And The Messenger", <u>Journal</u> Vol. 23 (October 1905), p. 421. JSH-Online: http://journal.christianscience.com/issues/1905/10/23-7/the-message-and-the-messenger

• The Jews thought to rid themselves of the teachings that were displeasing to them by persecuting those who boldly declared the truth and proved their words by their deeds. In the days of the apostles there was a learned Pharisee named Gamaliel. This man had learned to look farther than did his fellows. It was evident to him that it is not possible for a person to make or unmake the truth. A man might discover and declare the truth, or he might misrepresent the truth, he might even believe a lie to be the truth and so declare it, but nothing that he could say, think, or do could change or affect the truth. Gamaliel had also learned that sooner or later error would fall of its own weight, because it has no foundation.

Walk at Liberty

Section 7: Psalm 119

From the Christian Science periodicals:

Sinclair, Duncan, "And I Will Walk At Liberty", Sentinel Vol. 29 (23 July 1927), p. 931. JSH-Online: http://sentinel.christianscience.com/issues/1927/7/29-47/and-i-will-walk-at-liberty

• It is written in the hundred and nineteenth psalm: "So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts." The words tell the reader very simply, but very emphatically, that liberty is dependent upon obedience to God's precepts, God's law.

This week's benediction suggestion:

"Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love." -2 John 1:3

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