

Wednesday 25th March 2020 - The certainty of divine Love

The Bible

1. Isa. 45:11, 13 (to :)

Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. ...

I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: ...

2. Prov. 22:17, 19 (to 1st), 21

Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. ...

That thy trust may be in the Lord, ...

That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

3. I Sam. 17:1 (to 1st), 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 16, 20 (to ;), 23, 24, 32, 33, 37-40, 42, 45, 46 (to 1st), 48, 49

Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, ...

And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. ...

... ¶ And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ...

And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. ...

When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid. ...

And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. ...

... ¶ And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; ...

And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them. And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. ...

... ¶ And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. ...

David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee. ¶ And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. ...

And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. ...

Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, ...

And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

4. Prov. 3:25, 26

Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

5. Ps. 37:3-6

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit

thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

1. SH 86:29–30

Mortal mind sees what it believes as certainly as it believes what it sees.

2. SH 153:25–31

We weep because others weep, we yawn because they yawn, and we have smallpox because others have it; but mortal mind, not matter, contains and carries the infection. When this mental contagion is understood, we shall be more careful of our mental conditions, and we shall avoid loquacious tattling about disease, as we would avoid advocating crime.

Source of contagion

3. SH 230:11–15, 19–20

It would be contrary to our highest ideas of God to suppose Him capable of first arranging law and causation so as to bring about certain evil results, and then punishing the helpless victims of His volition for doing what they could not avoid doing. ...

God never inconsistent

Does wisdom make blunders which must afterwards be rectified by man?

4. SH 353:3–12

The physical senses and Science have ever been antagonistic, and they will so continue, till the testimony of the physical senses yields entirely to Christian Science.

The real and the unreal

How can a Christian, having the stronger evidence of Truth which contradicts the evidence of error, think of the latter as real or true, either in the form of sickness or of sin? All must admit that Christ is “the way, the truth, and the life,” and that omnipotent Truth certainly does destroy error.

5. SH 13:20–24

If we pray to God as a corporeal person, this will prevent us from relinquishing the human doubts and fears which attend such a belief, and so we cannot grasp the wonders wrought by infinite, incorporeal Love, to whom all things are possible.

Corporeal ignorance

6. SH 445:5–8

No hypothesis as to the existence of another power should interpose a doubt or fear to hinder the demonstration of Christian Science.

Conforming to explicit rules

7. SH 95:28–32

Lulled by stupefying illusions, the world is asleep in the cradle of infancy, dreaming away the hours. Material sense does not unfold the facts of existence; but spiritual sense lifts human consciousness into eternal Truth.

Spiritual
awakening

8. SH 418:5–9

Stick to the truth of being in contradistinction to the error that life, substance, or intelligence can be in matter. Plead with an honest conviction of truth and a clear perception of the unchanging, unerring, and certain effect of divine Science.

Christian
pleading

9. SH 189:3–5, 8–13

If the eyes see no sun for a week, we still believe that there is solar light and heat. ...

In like manner mortals should no more deny the power of Christian Science to establish harmony and to explain the effect of mortal mind on the body, though the cause be unseen, than they should deny the existence of the sunlight when the orb of day disappears, or doubt that the sun will reappear.

10. SH 584:1, 4

DAY. The irradiance of Life; light, the spiritual idea of Truth and Love.

... The objects of time and sense disappear in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind measures time according to the good that is unfolded. This unfolding is God's day, and "there shall be no night there."

11. SH 231:21–25

To fear sin is to misunderstand the power of Love and the divine Science of being in man's relation to God, — to doubt His government and distrust His omnipotent care.

Superiority
to sickness
and sin

12. SH 495:16

Let neither fear nor doubt overshadow your clear sense and calm trust, that the recognition of life harmonious — as Life eternally is — can destroy any painful sense of, or belief in, that which Life is not. Let Christian Science, instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of being, and this understanding will supplant error with Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence discord with harmony.

Steadfast and
calm trust

13. SH 367:30

Because Truth is infinite, error should be known as nothing. Because Truth is omnipotent in goodness, error, Truth's opposite, has no might. Evil is but the counterpoise of nothingness.

The greatest wrong is but a supposititious opposite of the highest right. The confidence inspired by Science lies in the fact that Truth is real and error is unreal. Error is a coward before Truth. Divine Science insists that time will prove all this. Both truth and error have come nearer than ever before to the apprehension of mortals, and truth will become still clearer as error is self-destroyed.

Real and
counterfeit

14. SH 66:14

Each successive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine goodness and love.

15. SH 246:25

Each succeeding year unfolds wisdom, beauty, and holiness.

16. SH 306:21

The myriad forms of mortal thought, made manifest as matter, are not more distinct nor real to the material senses than are the Soul-created forms to spiritual sense, which cognizes Life as permanent. Undisturbed amid the jarring testimony of the material senses, Science, still enthroned, is unfolding to mortals the immutable, harmonious, divine Principle, — is unfolding Life and the universe, ever present and eternal.

Thought-
forms

17. SH 335:22

Only by losing the false sense of Soul can we gain the eternal unfolding of Life as immortality brought to light.

18. SH 361:22–23

Spiritual ideas unfold as we advance.

19. SH 506:18

Spirit, God, gathers unformed thoughts into their proper channels, and unfolds these thoughts, even as He opens the petals of a holy purpose in order that the purpose may appear.

Unfolding
of thoughts

Hymn. 361

Trust all to God, the Father, / Confide thou in none other, / He is thy sole defense; / He cares for thee past measure, / Seek Him who has thy treasure, / Thy helper is omnipotence. /

Behold His works of wonder, / Yea, all His doings ponder, / Else is thy toil in vain; / Thy caring and contriving, / Thy taking thought and striving / Are naught unless the Lord ordain. /

God lights the way of duty, / And gives, for ashes, beauty, / And naught His hand delays; / Who trusts in His providing, / All glad in this confiding, / Is he who without ceasing prays.

Hymn. 399

Ye timid saints, fresh courage take, / The clouds ye so much dread / Are big with mercy,
and will break / In blessings on your head. /

His mighty purpose ripens fast, / Unfolding every hour; / The bud may have a bitter taste, /
But sweet will be the flower. /

Blind unbelief is sure to err, / And scan His work in vain; / God is His own interpreter, /
And He will make it plain.

Hymn. 148

In heavenly Love abiding, / No change my heart shall fear; / And safe is such confiding, /
For nothing changes here. / The storm may roar without me, / My heart may low be laid; /
But God is round about me, / And can I be dismayed? /

Wherever He may guide me, / No want shall turn me back; / My Shepherd is beside me, /
And nothing can I lack. / His wisdom ever waketh, / His sight is never dim; / He knows the
way He taketh, / And I will walk with Him. /

Green pastures are before me, / Which yet I have not seen; / Bright skies will soon be o'er
me, / Where darkest clouds have been. / My hope I cannot measure, / My path in life is free;
/ My Father has my treasure, / And He will walk with me.