In support of Prison Awareness week



Hymns 8, 214, 458

The Bible

Ps. 7:9 (to;)

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; ...

Ps. 9:7-10 the

- 7 ... the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.
- 8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.
- 9 The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.
- 10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Prov. 12:3 (to:)

3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: ...

Ps. 142:5, 6 (to :), 7 (to :)

- ⁵ I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou *art* my refuge *and* my portion in the land of the living.
- 6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: ...
- ⁷ Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: ...

Ps. 79:11

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

Isa. 42:5-7

- ⁵ ¶ Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:
- ⁶ I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;
- ⁷ To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Matt. 3:16, 17

- And 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.

Matt. 5:1 (to 1st :), 2, 17, 18, 21–25

- 1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: ...
- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
- 17 ¶ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
- 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.
- ²¹ ¶ Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:
- ²² But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.
- 23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee;
- ²⁴ Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.
- ²⁵ Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

Luke 13:10-17

- 10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
- 11 ¶ And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*.
- 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.
- 13 And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.
- 14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.
- 15 The Lord then answered him, and said, *Thou* hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or *his* ass from the stall, and lead *him* away to watering?
- And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?
- 17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

Eph. 4:1-3, 17-24, 32

- ¹ I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- ² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- ³ Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,
- 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:
- 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with

greediness.

- 20 But ye have not so learned Christ;
- 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:
- ²² That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts:
- 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
- 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
- 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

SH 227:17 All

All men should

18 be free. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Love and Truth make free, but evil and error lead into captivity.

Native freedom

SH 205:7-12, 22-3

When will the error of believing that there is life in matter, and that sin, sickness, and death are creations of 9 God, be unmasked? When will it be understood that matter has neither intelligence, life, nor sensation, and that the opposite belief is the prolific source of all suffering?

Creation perfect

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

24 whereas a belief in many ruing minds ninders man's normal drift towards the one Mind, one God, and leads human thought into opposite channels where selfishness reigns.

Redemption from selfishness

Selfishness tips the beam of human existence towards the side of error, not towards Truth. Denial of the one-30 ness of Mind throws our weight into the scale, not of Spirit, God, good, but of matter.

When we fully understand our relation to the Divine, 1 we can have no other Mind but His, — no other Love, wisdom, or Truth, no other sense of Life, and no con-3 sciousness of the existence of matter or error.

SH 202:6-13

- 6 If men would bring to bear upon the study of the Science of Mind half the faith they bestow upon the so-called pains and pleasures of material sense,
- 9 they would not go on from bad to worse,

Divine study

until disciplined by the prison and the scaffold; but the whole human family would be redeemed through 12 the merits of Christ, — through the perception and acceptance of Truth.

SH 11:17

Truth bestows no pardon upon error, but wipes it out in the most effectual manner. Jesus suffered for our sins, not to annul the divine sentence for an individual's sin, but because sin brings inevitable suffering.

SH 191:16-17

The human thought must free itself from self-imposed materiality and bondage.

SH 495:8 classify

... classify sickness and error as our Master did,
9 when he spoke of the sick, "whom Satan hath
bound," and find a sovereign antidote for error in the lifegiving power of Truth acting on human belief, a power
which opens the prison doors to such as are bound, and
sets the captive free physically and morally.

Destruction of all evil

SH 19:29-1

Jesus urged the commandment, "Thou shalt have no 30 other gods before me," which may be rendered: Thou shalt have no belief of Life as mortal; thou shalt not know evil, for there is one Life, — 1 even God, good.

Jesus' sinless career

SH 91:9-21

It is difficult for the sinner to accept divine Science, because Science exposes his nothingness; but the sooner error is reduced to its native nothingness, the
 sooner man's great reality will appear and his genuine being will be understood. The destruction of error is by no means the destruction of Truth or Life, but
 is the acknowledgment of them.

Man's genuine being

Absorbed in material selfhood we discern and reflect but faintly the substance of Life or Mind. The denial of 18 material selfhood aids the discernment of man's spiritual and eternal individuality, and destroys the erroneous knowledge gained from matter or through what are termed 21 the material senses.

SH 228:11-25

The enslavement of man is not legitimate. It will

12 cease when man enters into his heritage of freedom, his
God-given dominion over the material senses.

Mortals will some day assert their freedom in

15 the name of Almighty God. Then they will control their
own bodies through the understanding of divine Science.

Dropping their present beliefs, they will recognize har
18 mony as the spiritual reality and discord as the material
unreality.

If we follow the command of our Master, "Take no thought for your life," we shall never depend on bodily conditions, structure, or economy, but we shall be masters of the body, dictate its terms, and form and control it with Truth.

There is no power apart from God.

SH 5:29-32

An apostle says that the Son of God [Christ] came to "destroy the *works* of the devil." We should follow our divine Exemplar, and seek the destruction of all evil works, error and disease included.

SH 21:1-14

- If Truth is overcoming error in your daily walk and conversation, you can finally say, "I have fought a good fight . . . I have kept the faith," be-
- cause you are a better man. This is having our part in the at-one-ment with Truth and Love.
- ⁶ Christians do not continue to labor and pray, expecting because of another's goodness, suffering, and triumph, that they shall reach his harmony and reward.
- 9 If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striving to enter in. He constantly turns away from material sense, and looks towards the imperishable things
- of Spirit. If honest, he will be in earnest from the start, and gain a little each day in the right direction, till at last he finishes his course with joy.

SH 225:3

Truth makes man free.

God-given dominion

Diabolism destroyed

Moral victory

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