

Wednesday Readings
Blessed/Well-Pleased Identity

The Bible (ESV unless noted)

Matthew 3:17 This (NIV)

This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:17 chosen (MSG)

...chosen and marked by my love, delight of my life.

Luke 1:28 Rejoice (NKJV)

Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!

Luke 1:28 You're (to out) (MSG)

You're beautiful with God's beauty, Beautiful inside and out!

Psalms 139:1,

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Galatians 4:7 (MSG)

Doesn't that privilege of intimate conversation with God make it plain that you are not a slave, but a child? And if you are a child, you're also an heir, with complete access to the inheritance.

Romans 12:2 (MSG)

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Deuteronomy 32:9 God (to concern), 10 (MSG)

...GOD himself took charge of his people, took Jacob on as his personal concern.

He threw his arms around him, lavished attention on him, guarding him as the apple of his eye.

Psalm 8:1, 3-6

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

Psalm 48:11

Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

Luke 13:11-13

And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your disability.” And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.

Psalm 45:13

The king’s daughter is all glorious within

Isaiah 60:1, 2 the Lord (KJV)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ... the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

Matthew 5:14-15 (MSG)

You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine!

Psalm 37:37 (KJV)

“Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace”

John 5:2-9

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Ephesians 5:8-14 (MSG)

You groped your way through that murk once, but no longer. You're out in the open now. The bright light of Christ makes your way plain.

Don't waste your time on useless work, mere busywork, the barren pursuits of darkness. Expose these things for the sham they are. It's a scandal when people waste their lives on things they must do in the darkness where no one will see. Rip the cover off those frauds and see how attractive they look in the light of Christ.

Wake up from your sleep, Climb out of your coffins; Christ will show you the light!

2 Corinthians 13:5-6, 8

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

1 John 3:1 (to God), 2 (to God) (NKJV)

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Beloved, now we are children of God...

Luke 13:12

...Jesus...said to her, Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.

John 5:8 (NKJV)

Jesus said to him, Rise, take up your bed, and walk.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures (unless noted)

516:21

Man and woman as coexistent and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality, the infinite Father-Mother God.

No 17:7-12 (to ;), 13-14 God

“In Him we live, and move, and have our being;” consequently it is impossible for the true man — who is a spiritual and individual being, created in the eternal Science of being — to be conscious of aught but good. God’s image and likeness can never be less than a good man;

God is not without an ever-present witness, testifying of Himself.

Mis. 14:2-5 (to facts)

Divest your thought, then, of the mortal and material view which contradicts the ever-presence and all-power of good; take in only the immortal facts...

Mis. 99:1-5

Science is absolute and final. It is revolutionary in its very nature; for it upsets all that is not upright. It annuls false evidence, and saith to the five material senses, “Having eyes ye see not, and ears ye hear not; neither can you understand.”

Un. 8:6-12

What you see, hear, feel, is a mode of consciousness, and can have no other reality than the sense you entertain of it.

It is dangerous to rest upon the evidence of the senses, for this evidence is not absolute, and therefore not real, in our sense of the word.

259:6

The divine nature was best expressed in Christ Jesus, who threw upon mortals the truer reflection of God and lifted their lives higher than their poor thought-models would allow,—thoughts which presented man as fallen, sick, sinning, and dying.

91:16

Absorbed in material selfhood we discern and reflect but faintly the substance of Life or Mind. The denial of 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 the material senses.

68:6

We ought to weary of the fleeting and false and to cherish nothing which hinders our highest selfhood.

294:25

Man's genuine selfhood is recognizable only in what is good and true. Man is neither self-made nor made by mortals. God created man.

Mis. 183:24-31

Asserting a selfhood apart from God, is a denial of man's spiritual sonship; for it claims another father. As many as do receive a knowledge of God through Science, will have power to reflect His power, in proof of man's "dominion over all the earth." He is bravely brave who dares at this date refute the evidence of material sense with the facts of Science, and will arrive at the true status of man because of it.

481:2-3, 5

Man is tributary to God, Spirit, and to nothing else. Like the archpriests of yore, man is free "to enter into the holiest," — the realm of God.

471:13-18

The facts of divine Science should be admitted, — although the evidence as to these facts is not supported by evil, by matter, or by material sense, — because the evidence that God and man coexist is fully sustained by spiritual sense. Man is, and forever has been, God's reflection.

Mis. 185:7-14

Self-renunciation of all that constitutes a so-called material man, and the acknowledgment and achievement of his spiritual identity as the child of God, is Science that opens the very flood-gates of heaven; whence good flows into every avenue of being, cleansing mortals of all uncleanness, destroying all suffering, and demonstrating the true image and likeness.

476:21-22

Learn this, O mortal, and earnestly seek the spiritual status of man, which is outside of all material selfhood.

538:3 (only)

Truth should, and does, drive error out of all selfhood.

470:18

The standard of perfection was originally God and man. Has God taken down His own standard, and has man fallen?

My 165:16

As an active portion of one stupendous whole, goodness identifies man with universal good. Thus may each member of this church rise above the oft-repeated inquiry, What am I? to the scientific response: I am able to impart truth, health, and happiness, and this is my rock of salvation and my reason for existing.

My 191:9-10

Children of light, you are not children of darkness. Let your light shine.

265:1-3, 10

Man is the offspring, not of the lowest, but of the highest qualities of Mind.

This scientific sense of being, forsaking matter for Spirit, by no means suggests man's absorption into Deity and the loss of his identity, but confers upon man enlarged individuality, a wider sphere of thought and action, a more expansive love, a higher and more permanent peace.

Un. 6:4

Sooner or later the whole human race will learn that, in proportion as the spotless selfhood of God is understood, human nature will be renovated, and man will receive a higher selfhood, derived from God, and the redemption of mortals from sin, sickness, and death be established on everlasting foundations.

Un 46:7

I do not deny, I maintain, the individuality and reality of man; but I do so on a divine Principle, not based on a human conception and birth. The scientific man and his Maker are here; and you would be none other than this man, if

you would subordinate the fleshly perceptions to the spiritual sense and source of being.

249:1

Let us accept Science, relinquish all theories based on sense-testimony, give up imperfect models and illusive ideals; and so let us have one God, one Mind, and that one perfect, producing His own models of excellence.

519:3 Deity

Deity was satisfied with His work. How could He be otherwise, since the spiritual creation was the outgrowth, the emanation, of His infinite self-containment and immortal wisdom?

249:6-7 (to life), 5 only

Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life...

Let the "male and female" of God's creating appear.