

Wednesday Readings
God Does the Work

Bible (MSG unless noted)

Job 23:14 *He* (NKJV)

He performs *what is* appointed for me, And many such *things are* with Him.

John 1:1-5, 9

The Word was first, the Word present to God, God present to the Word. The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one. Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing!—came into being without him. What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out.

The Life-Light was the real thing: Every person entering Life he brings into Light.

Philippians 2:13 *it* (NIV)

...it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Psalms 147:1-3, 5 (to ;)

Hallelujah! It's a good thing to sing praise to our God; praise is beautiful, praise is fitting.

God's the one who rebuilds Jerusalem, who regathers Israel's scattered exiles. He heals the heartbroken and bandages their wounds. Our Lord is great, with limitless strength;

1 Kings 18:1-2 *God's*, 17-19, 41-46

God's word came to Elijah. The drought was now in its third year. The message: "Go and present yourself to Ahab; I'm about to make it rain on the country." Elijah set out to present himself to Ahab. The drought in Samaria at the time was most severe.

The moment Ahab saw Elijah he said, "So it's you, old troublemaker!" "It's not I who has caused trouble in Israel," said Elijah, "but you and your government—you've dumped God's ways and commands and run off after the local gods, the Baals.

Elijah said to Ahab, "Up on your feet! Eat and drink—celebrate! Rain is on the way; I hear it coming."

Ahab did it: got up and ate and drank. Meanwhile, Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bowed deeply in prayer, his face between his knees. Then he said to his young servant, "On your feet now! Look toward the sea."

He went, looked, and reported back, "I don't see a thing." "Keep looking," said Elijah, "seven times if necessary." And sure enough, the seventh time he said, "Oh yes, a cloud! But very small, no bigger than someone's hand, rising out of the sea."

"Quickly then, on your way. Tell Ahab, 'Saddle up and get down from the mountain before the rain stops you.'"

Things happened fast. The sky grew black with wind-driven clouds, and then a huge cloudburst of rain, with Ahab hightailing it in his chariot for Jezreel. And God strengthened Elijah mightily. Pulling up his robe and tying it around his waist, Elijah ran in front of Ahab's chariot until they reached Jezreel.

Psalm 103:1-3

O my soul, bless God. From head to toe, I'll bless his holy name! O my soul, bless God, don't forget a single blessing! He forgives your sins—every one. He heals your diseases—every one.

John 3:1-2 (NIV)

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

John 5:19-20

So Jesus explained himself at length. "I'm telling you this straight. The Son can't independently do a thing, only what he sees the Father doing. What the Father does, the Son does. The Father loves the Son and includes him in everything he is doing.

Matthew 12:22-26, 28 (NIV)

Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."

Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?"

But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Psalm 121:1-3, 7

I look up to the mountains; does my strength come from mountains? No, my strength comes from God, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains.

He won't let you stumble, your Guardian God won't fall asleep. Not on your life!

God guards you from every evil, he guards your very life.

John 15:1, 4

"I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer.

Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me. "I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon.

John 8:31, 32

Then Jesus turned to the Jews who had claimed to believe in him. "If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure. Then

you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you."

Matthew 19:16, 18-22 *Jesus*, 25-26

Another day, a man stopped Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"

Jesus said, "Don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't lie, honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as you do yourself."

The young man said, "I've done all that. What's left?" "If you want to give it all you've got," Jesus replied, "go sell your possessions; give everything to the poor. All your wealth will then be in heaven. Then come follow me." That was the last thing the young man expected to hear. And so, crest-fallen, he walked away. He was holding on tight to a lot of things, and he couldn't bear to let go.

The disciples were staggered. "Then who has any chance at all?" Jesus looked hard at them and said, "No chance at all if you think you can pull it off yourself. Every chance in the world if you trust God to do it."

Ephesians 3:14-20

My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

99:7-9 *it*

"...it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Philippians ii. 12, 13).

79:19-20

Jesus did his own work by the one Spirit. He said: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

263:1-4, 7-10

Mortals are egotists. They believe themselves to be independent workers, personal authors, and even privileged originators of something which Deity would not or could not create.

When mortal man blends his thoughts of existence with the spiritual and works only as God works, he will no longer grope in the dark and cling to earth because he has not tasted heaven.

262:10

We must reverse our feeble flutterings--our efforts to find life and truth in matter--and rise above the testimony of the material senses, above the mortal to the immortal idea of God. These clearer, higher views inspire the God-like man to reach the absolute centre and circumference of his being.

276:9, 17-18

Man and his Maker are correlated in divine Science, and real consciousness is cognizant only of the things of God.

If God is admitted to be the only Mind and Life, there ceases to be any opportunity for sin and death.

vii:1-2

To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings.

136:9-14, 32-3 (to ;)

The question then as now was, How did Jesus heal the sick? He appealed to his students: "Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am?" That is: Who or what is it that is thus identified with casting out evils and healing the sick?

Jesus patiently persisted in teaching and demonstrating the truth of being. His students saw this power of Truth heal the sick, cast out evil, raise the dead;

137:8-11

Yearning to be understood, the Master repeated, "But whom say ye that I am?" This renewed inquiry meant: Who or what is it that is able to do the work, so mysterious to the popular mind?

456:22

Truth does the work, and you must both understand and abide by the divine Principle of your demonstration.

169:18-23, 25 *1st the*

Science not only reveals the origin of all disease as mental, but it also declares that all disease is cured by divine Mind. There can be no healing except by this Mind, however much we trust a drug or any other means towards which human faith or endeavor is directed.

...the sick are never really healed except by means of the divine power. Only the action of Truth, Life, and Love can give harmony.

182:1

The act of healing the sick through divine Mind alone, of casting out error with Truth, shows your position as a Christian Scientist.

415:24

To remove the error producing disorder, you must calm and instruct mortal mind with immortal Truth.

542:19-21

Let Truth uncover and destroy error in God's own way, and let human justice pattern the divine.

425:32

Discard all notions about lungs, tubercles, inherited consumption, or disease arising from any circumstance, and you will find that mortal mind, when instructed by Truth, yields to divine power, which steers the body into health.

243:25-31

Truth has no consciousness of error. Love has no sense of hatred. Life has no partnership with death. Truth, Life, and Love are a law of annihilation to everything unlike themselves, because they declare nothing except God.

Sickness, sin, and death are not the fruits of Life. They are inharmonies

which Truth destroys.

323:9-10

Beholding the infinite tasks of truth, we pause,--wait on God.

495:1-3

God will heal the sick through man, whenever man is governed by God.
Truth casts out error now as surely as it did nineteen centuries ago.

446:20

To understand God strengthens hope, enthrones faith in Truth, and verifies
Jesus' word: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

317:10-13 *Lo*

"Lo, I am with you alway,"--that is, not only in all time, but in all ways and
conditions.

22:11-12

"Work out your own salvation," is the demand of Life and Love, for to this
end God worketh with you.