

Wednesday Readings  
Hope

Job 6:11 (to hope?) NLKV

What strength do I have, that I should hope?

Job 4:6 NKJV

*Is* not your reverence your confidence? And the integrity of your ways your hope?

Job 11:13-18 *if* (to again;) MSG

...if you set your heart on God and reach out to him, if you scrub your hands of sin and refuse to entertain evil in your home, you'll be able to face the world unashamed and keep a firm grip on life, guiltless and fearless. You'll forget your troubles; they'll be like old, faded photographs. Your world will be washed in sunshine, every shadow dispersed by dayspring. Full of hope, you'll relax, confident again;

Psalms 18:1-2, 8-9 NKJV

Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust. *O my soul*, you have said to the LORD, "You *are* my Lord, my goodness is nothing apart from You. "I have set the LORD always before me; because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.

Psalms 31:23 (to faithful), 24 NKJV

Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints! *For* the LORD preserves the faithful... Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

Job 8:13

Can mighty pine trees grow tall without soil? Can luscious tomatoes flourish without water? Blossoming flowers look great before they're cut or picked, but without soil or water they wither more quickly than grass. That's what happens to all who forget God—all their hopes come to nothing.

Job 17:1-2, 7, 11, 15 (to 1<sup>st</sup>?) ESV

My spirit is broken; my days are extinct; the graveyard is ready for me. Surely there are mockers about me, and my eye dwells on their provocation. My eye has grown dim from vexation, and all my members are like a shadow. My days are past; my plans are broken off, the desires of my heart. ...where then is my hope?

1Peter 3:15 *be* (to 2<sup>nd</sup> you) KJV

be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you...

Acts 2:22-28

Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. For David says concerning Him:

‘I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’

Acts 3:1-8 ESV

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

Psalm 42:5-6 (to God.) ESV

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Psalm 33:18 *God's* (to him) MSG, 18 on, 22 ESV

God's eye is on those who respect him, on those who hope in his steadfast love... Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Psalm 71:5, 14 *I* ESV

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.

Psalm 146:1-2, 5-7 NKJV

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them; who keeps truth forever, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

1 Thessalonians 5:5 *you*, 8 *since* ESV

...you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ...since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

2 Thessalonians 2:15 MSG, 16-17 ESV

So, friends, take a firm stand, feet on the ground and head high. Keep a tight grip on what you were taught, whether in personal conversation or by our letter. So, friends, take a firm stand, feet on the ground and head high. Keep a tight grip on what you were taught, whether in personal conversation or by our letter.

Romans 8: 22-25

For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

Hebrews 6:19 (to steadfast) ESV

This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast...

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

298:13-15, 19-20

Spiritual sense, contradicting the material senses, involves intuition, hope, faith, understanding, fruition, reality.

When the real is attained, which is announced by Science, joy is no longer a trembler, nor is hope a cheat.

206:12 *1<sup>st</sup> the*

the exercise of the sentiments — hope, faith, love — is the prayer of the righteous. This prayer, governed by Science instead of the senses, heals the sick.

446:20

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

253:32-6

The divine demand, "Be ye therefore perfect," is scientific, and the human footsteps leading to perfection are indispensable. Individuals are consistent who, watching and praying, can "run, and not be weary; . . . walk, and not faint," who gain good rapidly and hold their position, or attain slowly and yield not to discouragement.

40:31-5

The nature of Christianity is peaceful and blessed, but in order to enter into the kingdom, the anchor of hope must be cast beyond the veil of matter into the Shekinah into which Jesus has passed before us; and this advance beyond matter must come through the joys and triumphs of the righteous as well as through their sorrows and afflictions.

486:27 (to 32;)

If the five corporeal senses were the medium through which to understand God, then palsy, blindness, and deafness would place man in a terrible situation, where he would be like those “having no hope, and without God in the world;”

420:10-13, 17-18, 24

Instruct the sick that they are not helpless victims, for if they will only accept Truth, they can resist disease and ward it off, as positively as they can the temptation to sin.

The fact that Truth overcomes both disease and sin reassures depressed hope.

Tell the sick that they can meet disease fearlessly, if they only realize that divine Love gives them all power over every physical action and condition.

152:5-7 (to 2<sup>nd</sup> )

The author has endeavored to make this book the Æsculapius of mind as well as of body, that it may give hope to the sick and heal them,...

190:21

The Hebrew bard, swayed by mortal thoughts, thus swept his lyre with saddening strains on human existence: As for man, his days are as grass: As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; And the place thereof shall know it no more. When hope rose higher in the human heart, he sang: As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness. . . . .  
. . For with Thee is the fountain of life; In Thy light shall we see light.

125:12-16

As human thought changes from one stage to another of conscious pain and painlessness, sorrow and joy, — from fear to hope and from faith to understanding, — the visible manifestation will at last be man governed by Soul, not by material sense.

22:13-20

Wait for your reward, and “be not weary in well doing.” If your endeavors are beset by fearful odds, and you receive no present reward, go not back to error, nor become a sluggard in the race.

When the smoke of battle clears away, you will discern the good you have done, and receive according to your deserving.

298:4

As a cloud hides the sun it cannot extinguish, so false belief silences for a while the voice of immutable harmony, but false belief cannot destroy Science armed with faith, hope, and fruition.

574:25-30

Think of this, dear reader, for it will lift the sackcloth from your eyes, and you will behold the soft-winged dove descending upon you. The very circumstance, which your suffering sense deems wrathful and afflictive, Love can make an angel entertained unawares.

115:19 (only), 25-27

SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATION OF MORTAL MIND

Second Degree: Evil beliefs disappearing.

Moral. Humanity, honesty, affection, compassion, hope, faith, meekness, temperance.

Mis. ix:10

The easel of time presents pictures — once fragmentary and faint — now rejuvenated by the touch of God's right hand. Where joy, sorrow, hope, disappointment, sigh, and smile commingled, now hope sits dove-like.

Poems 45:1-18

Tis borne on the zephyr at eventide's hour; It falls on the heart like the dew on the flower, — An infinite essence from tropic to pole, The promise, the home, and the heaven of Soul.

Hope happifies life, at the altar or bower, And loosens the fetters of pride and of power; It comes through our tears, as the soft summer rain, To beautify, bless, and make joyful again.

The harp of the minstrel, the treasure of time; A rainbow of rapture, o'erarching, divine; The God-given mandate that speaks from above, — No place for earth's idols, but hope thou, and love.