

Wednesday Readings
Now

ESV (unless noted)

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 *we*

...we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Jeremiah 23:23-24

Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

Exodus 3:13-14 *Moses*

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the People of Israel and I tell them, 'The God of your fathers sent me to you'; and they ask me, 'What is his name?' What do I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I-AM-WHO-I-AM. Tell the People of Israel, 'I-AM sent me to you.'"

Haggai 2:5 *I'm (MSG)*

I'm living and breathing among you right now. Don't be timid. Don't hold back.

Romans 13:11-12 *you*

...you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Matthew 10:7 *the*

The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

1 John 3:2 (to now)

Beloved, we are God's children now...

Job 22:21

Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; Thereby good will come to you.

John 4:35

Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

Matthew 8:1-3 (NIV)

When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

John 5:2-17, 19 *I’m* (MSG)

Near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there was a pool, in Hebrew called *Bethesda*, with five alcoves. Hundreds of sick people—blind, crippled, paralyzed—were in these alcoves. One man had been an invalid there for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him stretched out by the pool and knew how long he had been there, he said, “Do you want to get well?”

The sick man said, “Sir, when the water is stirred, I don’t have anybody to put me in the pool. By the time I get there, somebody else is already in.” Jesus said, “Get up, take your bedroll, start walking.” The man was healed on the spot. He picked up his bedroll and walked off.

That day happened to be the Sabbath. The Jews stopped the healed man and said, “It’s the Sabbath. You can’t carry your bedroll around. It’s against the rules.” But he told them, “The man who made me well told me to. He said, ‘Take your bedroll and start walking.’” They asked, “Who gave you the order to take it up and start walking?” But the healed man didn’t know, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd.

A little later Jesus found him in the Temple and said, “You look wonderful! You’re well! Don’t return to a sinning life or something worse might happen.” The man went back and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. That is why the Jews were out to get Jesus—because he did this kind of thing on the Sabbath.

But Jesus defended himself. “My Father is working straight through, even on the Sabbath. So am I.”

“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.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Ecclesiastes 3:15 (MSG)

Whatever was, is. Whatever will be, is. That’s how it always is with God.

Matthew 6:34 *do* (to 1st tomorrow)

...do not worry about tomorrow...

Luke 15:31 *you*

...you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

Revelation 12:10 (to Christ)

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ...

Ecclesiastes 5:19 *we* (MSG)

...we should make the most of what God gives, both the bounty and the capacity to enjoy it, accepting what’s given and delighting in the work. It’s God’s gift! God deals out joy in the present, the *now*.

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

39:18-22

Now,” cried the apostle, “is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation,” — meaning, not that now men must prepare for a future-world salvation, or safety, but that now is the time in which to experience that salvation in spirit and in life.

My. 242:5-7

Christian Science is absolute; it is neither behind the point of perfection nor advancing towards it; it is at this point and must be practised therefrom.

Mis. 230:2

Success in life depends upon persistent effort, upon the improvement of moments more than upon any other one thing. A great amount of time is consumed in talking nothing, doing nothing, and indecision as to what one should do. If one would be successful in the future, let him make the most of the present.

Mis. 230:14

All successful individuals have become such by hard work; by improving moments before they pass into hours, and hours that other people may occupy in the pursuit of pleasure. They spend no time in sheer idleness, in talking when they have nothing to say, in building air-castles or floating off on the wings of sense: all of which drop human life into the ditch of nonsense, and worse than waste its years.

My. 41:24-27

Why should any one postpone his legitimate joy, and disregard his lawful inheritance, which is “incorruptible and undefiled”?

Mis. 340:5-6 the
the time to work, is *now*.

31:25-28 *Jesus*

Jesus said: “The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.”

285:3

This Science of being obtains not alone hereafter in what men call Paradise, but here and now; it is the great fact of being for time and eternity.

Mis. 188:3-5

Man is as perfect now and henceforth, and forever, as when the stars first sang together, and creation joined in the grand chorus of harmonious being.

470:24

If there ever was a moment when man did not express the divine perfection, then there was a moment when man did not express God, and consequently a time when Deity was unexpressed— that is, without entity. If man has lost perfection, then he has lost his perfect Principle, the divine Mind. If man ever existed without this perfect Principle or Mind, then man's existence was

a myth.

The relations of God and man, divine Principle and idea, are indestructible in Science; and Science knows no lapse from nor return to harmony, but holds the divine order or spiritual law, in which God and all that He creates are perfect and eternal, to have remained unchanged in its eternal history.

Un. 37:6-7 (to present), 8-12 (to presence), 20-21

Our Master said, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Then God and heaven, or Life, are present... They are now and here; and a change in human consciousness, from sin to holiness, would reveal this wonder of being. Because God is ever present, no boundary of time can separate us from Him and the heaven of His presence... Existing here and now, this unseen individuality is real and eternal.

494:19

It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

578:11 I (only, to me)

I will fear no evil: for [love] is with me.

572:20

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

573:3-4 (to see), 9, 23-26 (to existence)

The Revelator was on our plane of existence, while yet beholding what the eye cannot see... This shows unmistakably that what the human mind terms matter and spirit indicates states and stages of consciousness. This is Scriptural authority for concluding that such a recognition of being is, and has been, possible to men in this present state of existence...

Mis. 30:8

St. John spiritually discerned and revealed the sum total of transcendentalism. He saw the real earth and heaven. They were spiritual, not material; and they were without pain, sin, or death. Death was not the door to this heaven. The gates thereof he declared were inlaid with pearl, —

likening them to the priceless understanding of man's real existence, to be recognized here and now.

Mis. 117:22-23

According to my calendar, God's time and mortals' differ.

390: 32-3 (to thought)

Rise in the conscious strength of the spirit of Truth to overthrow the plea of mortal mind, *alias* matter, arrayed against the supremacy of Spirit. Blot out the images of mortal thought...

324:7-12

Unless the harmony and immortality of man are becoming more apparent, we are not gaining the true idea of God; and the body will reflect what governs it, whether it be Truth or error, understanding or belief, Spirit or matter. Therefore "acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace."

12:2-5 A

A mere request that God will heal the sick has no power to gain more of the divine presence than is always at hand.

vii:1-2

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

326:16

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained now. This point won, you have started as you should. You have begun at the numeration-table of Christian Science, and nothing but wrong intention can hinder your advancement. Working and praying with true motives, your Father will open the way. "Who did hinder you, that ye should not obey the truth?"

503:12-15

Divine Science, the Word of God, saith to the darkness upon the face of error, "God is All-in-all," and the light of ever-present Love illumines the universe.

215:12

Whatever is governed by God, is never for an instant deprived of the light and might of intelligence and Life.

16:30

Thy kingdom come. Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

Mis. 330:11 *Rejoice*

“Rejoice in the Lord always.” And why not, since man’s possibilities are infinite, bliss is eternal, and the consciousness thereof is here and now?