

Wednesday Readings
Prayer – Let Mind Lead

Bible (ESV unless noted)

Mark 9:17-20 *Teacher* (to 1st.), 22-23 *if*, 25-29 *he*

“Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him. ...if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “‘If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.” ...he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Exodus 14:13 *Fear* (to 1st.)

...Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today.

Isaiah 30:21 *your*

...your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

Proverbs 16:1, 3 (NKJV)

The preparations of the heart *belong* to man, but the answer of the tongue *is* from the LORD.

Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.

Proverbs 3:7 (to :), 8

Do not be wise in your own eyes; This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

John 5:30

I can do nothing on my own...I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

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

Job 28:12 *where*, 14, 20, 23

...where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?

The deep says, 'It is not in me,' and the sea says, 'It is not with me.'

"From where, then, does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding?"

God understands the way to it, and he knows its place.

Daniel 2: 20 *Blessed*, 21 *he gives*

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. ...he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;

Romans 11:33 (to 1st!)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

James 1:2-8

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and

tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 *1st What*

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Matthew 14:14-20 (NIV)

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

“Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

Psalms 25:1, 4-5

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

1 Samuel 3:1 (to Eli), 4-6, 19

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli.

Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Matthew 4:1-4

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

171:12

Mind’s control over the universe, including man, is no longer an open question, but is demonstrable Science. Jesus illustrated the divine Principle and the power of immortal Mind by healing sickness and sin and destroying the foundations of death.

147:32-4

Jesus never spoke of disease as dangerous or as difficult to heal. When his students brought to him a case they had failed to heal, he said to them, “O faithless generation,” implying that the requisite power to heal was in Mind.

251:15

We must learn how mankind govern the body, — ... We should learn whether they govern the body through a belief in the necessity of sickness and death, sin and pardon, or govern it from the higher understanding that the divine Mind makes perfect, acts upon the so-called human mind through truth, leads the human mind to relinquish all error, to find the divine Mind to be the only Mind, and the healer of sin, disease, death.

177:5

The evidence of divine Mind’s healing power and absolute control is to me as certain as the evidence of my own existence.

162:4-5, 9

Christian Science brings to the body the sunlight of Truth, which invigorates and purifies. The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind.

88:9-14

How are veritable ideas to be distinguished from illusions? By learning the origin of each. Ideas are emanations from the divine Mind. Thoughts, proceeding from the brain or from matter, are offshoots of mortal mind; they are mortal material beliefs.

191:1-2

The brain can give no idea of God’s man. It can take no cognizance of Mind.

2:23-25 *2nd God*, 26-28, 18, 31

God is intelligence. Can we inform the infinite Mind of anything He does not already comprehend? Shall we plead for more at the open fount, which is pouring forth more than we accept?

The mere habit of pleading with the divine Mind, as one pleads with a human being, perpetuates the belief in God as humanly circumscribed, — an error which impedes spiritual growth.

Asking God to *be* God is a vain repetition. God is “the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever;” and He who is immutably right will do right without being reminded of His province. The wisdom of man is not sufficient to warrant him in advising God.

4:17-18 (to;)

Simply asking that we may love God will never make us love Him;

3:7-9, 17-20

Shall we ask the divine Principle of all goodness to do His own work?

How empty are our conceptions of Deity! We admit theoretically that God is good, omnipotent, omnipresent, infinite, and then we try to give information to this infinite Mind.

186:32

The human mind has been an idolater from the beginning, having other gods and believing in more than the one Mind.

469:28-30

This belief that there is more than one mind is as pernicious to divine theology as are ancient mythology and pagan idolatry.

470:5

The supposed existence of more than one mind was the basic error of idolatry. This error assumed the loss of spiritual power, the loss of the spiritual presence of Life as infinite Truth without an unlikeness, and the loss of Love as ever present and universal.

262:28-4 *Every*

Every concept which seems to begin with the brain begins falsely. Divine Mind is the only cause or Principle of existence. Cause does not exist in matter, in mortal mind, or in physical forms.

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.

14:12-16

If we are sensibly with the body and regard omnipotence as a corporeal, material person, whose ear we would gain, we are not "absent from the body" and "present with the Lord" in the demonstration of Spirit. We cannot "serve two masters." To be "present with the Lord" is to have, not mere emotional ecstasy or faith, but the actual demonstration and understanding of Life as revealed in Christian Science. To be "with the Lord" is to be in obedience to the law of God, to be absolutely governed by divine Love, — by Spirit, not by matter.

Become conscious for a single moment that Life and intelligence are purely spiritual, — neither in nor of matter, — and the body will then utter no complaints. If suffering from a belief in sickness, you will find yourself suddenly well.

251:13-24

Sickness, as well as sin, is an error that Christ, Truth, alone can destroy.

492:25-26

God is Mind, and God is infinite; hence all is Mind.

285:17

The time has come for a finite conception of the infinite and of a material body as the seat of Mind to give place to a diviner sense of intelligence and its manifestations, — to the better understanding that Science gives of the Supreme Being, or divine Principle, and idea.

183:21-23

Divine Mind rightly demands man's entire obedience, affection, and strength. No reservation is made for any lesser loyalty.

276:1-4

Having one God, one Mind, unfolds the power that heals the sick, and fulfils these sayings of Scripture, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," and "I have found a ransom."

15:9-16

To enter into the heart of prayer, the door of the erring senses must be closed. Lips must be mute and materialism silent, that man may have audience with Spirit, the divine Principle, Love, which destroys all error.

In order to pray aright, we must enter into the closet and shut the door. We must close the lips and silence the material senses.

254:10-12

When we wait patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs our path.

480:10-12

Consciousness, as well as action, is governed by Mind, - is in God, the origin and governor of all that Science reveals.

488:23-24

Mind alone possesses all faculties, perception, and comprehension.

458:25-28

The Christian Scientist wisely shapes his course, and is honest and consistent in following the leadings of divine Mind.

151:21

The human mind has no power to kill or to cure, and it has no control over God's man. The divine Mind that made man maintains His own image and likeness. The human mind is opposed to God and must be put off, as St. Paul declares. All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal. The straight and narrow way is to see and acknowledge this fact, yield to this power, and follow the leadings of truth.

276:9

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