WEDNESDAY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2022 Jan 31 2022

Rom. 4:3 (to ?) For what saith the scripture? ... Ps. 33:4, 6 For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth. ...

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

Dan. 10:21 I (to :)

... I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: ...

Matthew 4

Holman Christian Standard Bible

The Temptation of Jesus

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. 2 After He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He was hungry. 3 Then the tempter approached Him and said, "If You are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 But He answered, "It is written:

Man must not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes

from the mouth of God."[a]

5 Then the Devil took Him to the holy city,[b] had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

He will give His angels orders concerning you,

and they will support you with their hands

so that you will not strike

your foot against a stone."[c]

7 Jesus told him, "It is also written: Do not test the Lord your God."[d] 8 Again, the Devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 And he said to Him, "I will give You all these things if You will fall down and worship me."[e] 10 Then Jesus told him, "Go away,[f] Satan! For it is written:

Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only Him."[g]

11 Then the Devil left Him, and immediately angels came and began to serve Him.

John 5:39

¶ Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. Matt. 22:29 Ye ... Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. Rom. 15:4

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Ps. 18:30

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

John 10. HOLMAN CHRISTIAN BIBLE the Festival of Dedication[c] took place in Jerusalem, and it was winter. 23 Jesus was walking in the temple complex in Solomon's Colonnade.[d] 24 Then the Jews surrounded Him and asked, "How long are You going to keep us in suspense?[e] If You are the Messiah, tell us plainly."[f]

25 "I did tell you and you don't believe," Jesus answered them. "The works that I do in My Father's name testify about Me. 30 The Father and I are one."

31 Again the Jews picked up rocks to stone Him.

32 Jesus replied, "I have shown you many good worksfrom the Father. Which of these works are you stoning Me for?"

33 "We aren't stoning You for a good work," the Jews answered, "but for blasphemy, because You—being a man—make Yourself God."

34 Jesus answered them, "Isn't it written in your scripture,[i] I said, you are gods?[j] 35 If He called those whom the word of God came to 'gods'—and the Scripture cannot be broken— 36 do you say, 'You are blaspheming' to the One the Father set apart and sent into the world, because I said: I am the Son of God? 37 If I am not doing My Father's works, don't believe Me.38 But if I am doing them and you don't believe Me, believe the works. This way you will know and understand[k] that the Father is in Me and I in the Father." 39 Then they were trying again to seize Him, yet He eluded their grasp.

II Pet. 1:1, 2, 16–21 we

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, ...

... we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

John 6:45

It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Prov. 30:5

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

II Tim. 3:14–16 continue

... continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES BY MARY BAKER EDDY

SH 497:3

1. As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.

SH 241:14–17

Take away the spiritual signification of Scripture, and that compilation can do no

Spirit

transforms

more for mortals than can moonbeams to melt a river of ice.

SH 139:4–5

From beginning to end, the Scriptures are full of accounts of the triumph of Spirit, Mind, over matter.

SH 350:24-7

"The Word was made flesh." Divine Truth must be known by its effects on the body as well as on the mind, before the Science of being can be demonstrated

The divine

life-link

. Hence its embodiment in the incarnate Jesus, — that life-link forming the connection through which the real reaches the unreal, Soul rebukes sense, and Truth destroys error.

In Jewish worship the Word was materially explained, and the spiritual sense was scarcely perceived. The religion which sprang from half-hidden Israelitish history was pedantic and void of healing power. When we lose faith in God's power to heal, we distrust the

Truth a

present help

divine Principle which demonstrates Christian Science, and then we cannot heal the sick. Neither can we heal through the help of Spirit, if we plant ourselves on a material basis.

SH 231:30

Man, governed by his Maker, having no other Mind, — planted on the Evangelist's statement that "all things were made by Him [the Word of God]; and without Him was not anything made that was made," — can triumph over sin, sickness, and death.

SH 410:9

The Scriptures say, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," showing that Truth is the actual life of man; but mankind objects to making this teaching practical. SH 131:10

The central fact of the Bible is the superiority of spiritual over physical power.

SH 320:4–25

Metaphors abound in the Bible, and names are often expressive of spiritual ideas. The most distinguished theologians in Europe and America agree that

Interior

meaning

the Scriptures have both a spiritual and literal meaning. In Smith's Bible Dictionary it is said: "The spiritual interpretation of Scripture must rest upon both the literal and moral;" and in the learned article on Noah in the same work, the familiar text, Genesis vi. 3, "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh," is quoted as follows, from the original Hebrew: "And Jehovah said, My spirit shall not forever rule [or be humbled] in men, seeing that they are [or, in their error they are] but flesh." Here the original text declares plainly the spiritual fact of being, even man's eternal and harmonious existence as image, idea, instead of matter (however transcendental such a thought appears), and avers that this fact is not forever to be humbled by the belief that man is flesh and matter, for according to that error man is mortal.

The one important interpretation of Scripture is the spiritual. SH 232:9–12

Scripture informs us that "with God all things are possible," — all good is possible to Spirit; but our prevalent theories practically deny this, and make healing possible only through matter. SH 548:2

Christian Science separates error from truth, and breathes Scriptural

perception

through the sacred pages the spiritual sense of life, substance, and intelligence. In this Science, we discover man in the image and likeness of God. We see that man has never lost his spiritual estate and his eternal harmony.

SH 547:6

You can prove for yourself, dear reader, the Science of healing, and so ascertain if the author has given you the correct interpretation of Scripture.

SH 272:3

The spiritual sense of truth must be gained before Truth can be understood. This sense is assimilated only as we are honest, unselfish, loving, and meek.

Spirituality

of Scripture

In the soil of an "honest and good heart" the seed must be sown; else it beareth not much fruit, for the swinish element in human nature uproots it. Jesus said: "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures." The spiritual sense of the Scriptures brings out the scientific sense, and is the new tongue referred to in the last chapter of Mark's Gospel.

SH 271:1-5, 26-30

Christ's Christianity is the chain of scientific being reappearing in all ages, maintaining its obvious correspondence with the Scriptures and uniting all periods in the design of God. ...

Those, who are willing to leave their nets or to cast them on the right side for Truth, have the opportunity now, as aforetime, to learn and to practise Modern

evangel

Christian healing. The Scriptures contain it. The spiritual import of the Word imparts this power.

SH 547:23–32

The Scriptures are very sacred. Our aim must be to have them understood spiritually, for only by this understanding can truth be gained. The true theory

True theory

of the

universe

of the universe, including man, is not in material history but in spiritual development. Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and immortal.

It is this spiritual perception of Scripture, which lifts humanity out of disease and death and inspires faith.

SH 444:4

"All things work together for good to them that love God," is the dictum of Scripture.