

# READINGS FOR WEDNESDAY

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### GIFTS FROM GOD

#### **Zech. 5:5 the, 6 (to ?)**

- 5 ... the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.
- 6 And I said, What is it? ...

#### **Num. 24:17 there (to 4th ,)**

- 17 ... there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, ...

#### **Rom. 6:23 2nd the**

- 23 ... the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Isa. 11:1–4, 6, 7, 10**

- 1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
- 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
- 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:
- 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
- 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
- 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 10 ¶ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

#### **John 4:7–11, 13, 14**

- 7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
- 8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)
- 9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of

me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

### **I Cor. 14:1 (to 2nd ,)**

1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual *gifts*, ...

### **Isa. 33:17, 19, 20, 22, 24**

17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

19 Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, *that thou canst* not understand.

20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle *that* shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

22 For the LORD *is* our judge, the LORD *is* our lawgiver, the LORD *is* our king; he will save us.

24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein *shall be* forgiven *their* iniquity.

### **Ps. 29:11**

11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

### **Isa. 35:4–7, 9, 10**

4 Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6 Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.

9 No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*:

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Eph. 2:8 by**

8 ... by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

**I Pet. 4:10, 11**

10 As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.


11 If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**Deut. 15:6 (to :)**

6 For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: ...

**Rev. 22:16**

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.


 Isaiah 14:7,8. International Children's Bible

now, the whole land rests and is quiet.

Now the people begin to sing.

8 Even the pine trees are happy.

And the cedar trees of Lebanon rejoice.

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

**SH 325:30–32**

30 When first spoken in any age, Truth, like the light,  
“shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended  
it not.”

**SH 332:4–5, 9 (only)**

VIII. Father-Mother is the name for Deity, which indicates His tender relationship to His spiritual creation.

9 IX. Jesus was born of Mary.

**SH 315:29–32**

Wearing in part a human form (that is, as it seemed  
30 to mortal view), being conceived by a human mother,  
Jesus was the mediator between Spirit and the flesh,  
between Truth and error.

**SH 316:12 (only), 20**

12 Jesus represented Christ, the true idea of God.

Christ presents the indestructible man, whom Spirit cre-  
21 ates, constitutes, and governs. Christ illustrates that  
blending with God, his divine Principle, which gives man  
dominion over all the earth.

**SH 332:11**

The Christ  
12 is incorporeal, spiritual, — yea, the divine  
image and likeness, dispelling the illusions of the senses;  
the Way, the Truth, and the Life, healing the sick and  
15 casting out evils, destroying sin, disease, and death. As  
Paul says: “There is one God, and one mediator between  
God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” The corporeal  
18 man Jesus was human.

The Son  
of God

**SH 19:6**

6 Jesus aided in recon-  
ciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love,  
the divine Principle of Jesus' teachings, and this truer  
9 sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter,  
sin, and death by the law of Spirit, — the law of divine  
Love.

**SH 338:1–2**

1 Christian Science, rightly under-  
stood, leads to eternal harmony.

**SH 99:9–11**

9 Truth has furnished  
the key to the kingdom, and with this key Christian Sci-  
ence has opened the door of the human understanding.

## SH 128:4

The term Science, properly understood, refers only to the laws of God and to His government of the universe, inclusive of man. From this it follows that business men and cultured scholars have found that Christian Science enhances their endurance and mental powers, enlarges their perception of character, gives them acuteness and comprehensiveness and an ability to exceed their ordinary capacity. The human mind, imbued with this spiritual understanding, becomes more elastic, is capable of greater endurance, escapes somewhat from itself, and requires less repose. A knowledge of the Science of being develops the latent abilities and possibilities of man. It extends the atmosphere of thought, giving mortals access to broader and higher realms. It raises the thinker into his native air of insight and perspicacity.

Practical  
Science

## SH 517:30

Divine Love blesses its own ideas, and causes them to multiply, — to manifest His power. Man is not made to till the soil. His birthright is dominion, not subjection. He is lord of the belief in earth and heaven, — himself subordinate alone to his Maker. This is the Science of being.

Birthright  
of man

## SH 527:4

Man is God's reflection, needing no cultivation, but ever beautiful and complete.

## SH 91:1–2

The Revelator tells us of “a new heaven and a new earth.”

## SH 573:13–18 (to .)

Accompanying this scientific consciousness was another revelation, even the declaration from heaven, supreme harmony, that God, the divine Principle of harmony, is ever with men, and they are His people. Thus man was no longer regarded as a miserable sinner, but as the blessed child of God.

Nearness  
of Deity

**SH 336:30**

30 God is the  
parent Mind, and man is God's spiritual offspring.

**SH 507:3–6**

3 Spirit duly  
feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line  
of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the father-  
6 hood and motherhood of God.

**SH 512:20–21**

Spirit blesses the multiplication of its own pure and  
21 perfect ideas.

**SH 288:31–1**


The eternal Truth destroys what mortals seem to have  
learned from error, and man's real existence as a child  
1 of God comes to light.

**SH 467:13**

Having no other gods,  
turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide  
15 him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, hav-  
ing that Mind which was also in Christ.

**SH 191:13**

Thus the whole  
earth will be transformed by Truth on its pinions of light,  
15 chasing away the darkness of error.

 HYMNS 382, 45, 222