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## Wednesday Evening Selections

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### **Subject: Love is Reflected**

The following selections from the Bible and from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures will be read at 7:30 PM on March 10, 2010 as part of the Wednesday evening service of the Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, Jacksonville, Florida in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the Manual of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, by Mary Baker Eddy.

In addition to the selected readings, those in attendance are encouraged to share experiences, remarks, and testimonies of healing in Christian Science. As noted in Article VIII, Section 24 of the Manual of the Mother Church, "Testimony in regard to the healing of the sick is highly important. More than a mere rehearsal of blessings, it scales the pinnacle of praise and illustrates the demonstration of Christ, "who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:3). This testimony, however, shall not include a description of symptoms or of suffering, though the generic name of the disease may be indicated."

If for any reason you are unable to present your own testimony to the congregation during our Wednesday evening service, but would like to have it read aloud from the desk during the service, please feel free to forward your remarks in writing to: [n.mike.jackson@comcast.net](mailto:n.mike.jackson@comcast.net) or by mail to the Clerk of Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist, 8327 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32216-3172. Requests for anonymity will always be lovingly honored and respected.

The members and guests of the Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist are grateful for your prayers. As further noted in Article VIII, Section 5 of the Manual of the Mother Church, "The prayers in Christian Science churches shall be offered for the congregations collectively and exclusively." Thus, our Sunday and Wednesday evening meetings are healing services in which all who gather and share in Spirit are blessed. Thank you for your prayerful support of this loving mission!

*"There is but one real attraction, that of Spirit. The pointing of the needle to the pole symbolizes this all-embracing power or the attraction of God, divine Mind. " (Mary Baker Eddy)*

**The Bible**

**Genesis 1:26-28**

26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

**John 1:1-5**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

**Matthew 5:14-48**

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

17 ¶ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 ¶ Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, while thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

27 ¶ Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

33 ¶ Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

38 ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

### **John 5:19-47**

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

32 ¶ There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.

34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

36 ¶ But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

39 ¶ Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

41 I receive not honour from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

### **Psalm 17:15**

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

## Science and Health

### 515:16-516:23

The eternal Elohim includes the forever universe.  
The name Elohim is in the plural, but this plurality of  
18 Spirit does not imply more than one God, nor  
does it imply three persons in one. It relates  
to the oneness, the tri-unity of Life, Truth, and Love.  
21 "Let *them* have dominion." Man is the family name  
for all ideas, — the sons and daughters of God. All that  
God imparts moves in accord with Him, reflecting good-  
24 ness and power.

Elohistic  
plurality

Your mirrored reflection is your own image or like-  
ness. If you lift a weight, your reflection does this also.  
27 If you speak, the lips of this likeness move in  
accord with yours. Now compare man before  
the mirror to his divine Principle, God. Call the mirror  
30 divine Science, and call man the reflection. Then note  
1 how true, according to Christian Science, is the reflection  
to its original. As the reflection of yourself appears in  
3 the mirror, so you, being spiritual, are the reflection of  
God. The substance, Life, intelligence, Truth, and Love,  
which constitute Deity, are reflected by His creation;  
6 and when we subordinate the false testimony of the  
corporeal senses to the facts of Science, we shall see  
this true likeness and reflection everywhere.

Reflected  
likeness

9 God fashions all things, after His own likeness. Life  
is reflected in existence, Truth in truthfulness, God in  
goodness, which impart their own peace and  
12 permanence. Love, redolent with unselfish-  
ness, bathes all in beauty and light. The grass beneath  
our feet silently exclaims, "The meek shall inherit the  
15 earth." The modest arbutus sends her sweet breath to  
heaven. The great rock gives shadow and shelter. The  
sunlight glints from the church-dome, glances into the  
18 prison-cell, glides into the sick-chamber, brightens the  
flower, beautifies the landscape, blesses the earth. Man,  
made in His likeness, possesses and reflects God's domin-  
21 ion over all the earth. Man and woman as coexistent  
and eternal with God forever reflect, in glorified quality,  
the infinite Father-Mother God.

Love imparts  
beauty

### 543:26-28

Ideas of Truth alone are reflected  
27 in the myriad manifestations of Life, and thus it is  
seen that man springs solely from Mind.

**300:28-16**

The universe reflects and expresses the divine substance or Mind; therefore God is seen only in the spiritual universe and spiritual man, as the sun is seen in the ray of light which goes out from it. God is revealed only in that which reflects Life, Truth, Love, — yea, which manifests God's attributes and power, even as the human likeness thrown upon the mirror, repeats the color, form, and action of the person in front of the mirror.

Few persons comprehend what Christian Science means by the word *reflection*. To himself, mortal and material man seems to be substance, but his sense of substance involves error and therefore is material, temporal.

On the other hand, the immortal, spiritual man is really substantial, and reflects the eternal substance, or Spirit, which mortals hope for. He reflects the divine, which constitutes the only real and eternal entity. This reflection seems to mortal sense transcendental, because the spiritual man's substantiality transcends mortal vision and is revealed only through divine Science.

**503:28-2**

God, Spirit, dwelling in infinite light and harmony from which emanates the true idea, is never reflected by aught but the good.

**510:9-12**

Truth and Love enlighten the understanding, in whose "light shall we see light;" and this illumination is reflected spiritually by all who walk in the light and turn away from a false material sense.

**305:5-30**

A picture in the camera or a face reflected in the mirror is not the original, though resembling it. Man, in the likeness of his Maker, reflects the central light of being, the invisible God. As there is no corporeality in the mirrored form, which is but a reflection, so man, like all things real, reflects God, his divine Principle, not in a mortal body.

Human reflection

Gender also is a quality, not of God, but a characteristic of mortal mind. The verity that God's image is not

15 a creator, though he reflects the creation of Mind, God,  
constitutes the underlying reality of reflection. "Then  
answered Jesus and said unto them: Verily, verily I say  
18 unto you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he  
seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth,  
these also doeth the Son likewise."

21 The inverted images presented by the senses, the de-  
flections of matter as opposed to the Science of spirit-  
ual reflection, are all unlike Spirit, God. In  
the illusion of life that is here to-day and  
24 gone to-morrow, man would be wholly mortal, were  
it not that Love, the divine Principle that obtains in  
divine Science, destroys all error and brings immor-  
27 tality to light. Because man is the reflection of his  
Maker, he is not subject to birth, growth, maturity, de-  
cay. These mortal dreams are of human origin, not  
30 divine.

Inverted  
images

#### 497:3-27

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

6 2. We acknowledge and adore one supreme and in-  
finite God. We acknowledge His Son, one Christ; the  
Holy Ghost or divine Comforter; and man in God's  
image and likeness.

9 3. We acknowledge God's forgiveness of sin in the  
destruction of sin and the spiritual understanding that  
casts out evil as unreal. But the belief in sin is pun-  
12 ished so long as the belief lasts.

4. We acknowledge Jesus' atonement as the evi-  
dence of divine, efficacious Love, unfolding man's unity  
15 with God through Christ Jesus the Way-shower; and  
we acknowledge that man is saved through Christ,  
through Truth, Life, and Love as demonstrated by the  
18 Galilean Prophet in healing the sick and overcoming  
sin and death.

5. We acknowledge that the crucifixion of Jesus and  
21 his resurrection served to uplift faith to understand eter-  
nal Life, even the allness of Soul, Spirit, and the noth-  
ingness of matter.

24 6. And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for  
that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to  
do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and  
27 to be merciful, just, and pure.

## 16:6-7

- 6 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
*And Love is reflected in love;*

## Hymns

### Hymn 15

Based on the Danish of  
Bernhard S. Ingemann

FULFILLMENT  
C. Christian Hoffman

As gold by fire is tested,  
Its purity shown forth,  
So cleansing fires of Truth may prove  
To man his native worth.

And as a mirror shows us  
A likeness clear and bright,  
So God forever sees His child  
Revealed in radiant light.

'Twas thus the loving Master  
Saw man's perfection shine,  
Beheld God's child forever pure  
In radiance all divine.

Hymn 447

Satisfied  
Mary Baker Eddy

MKHAYA  
Andrew D. Brewis  
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It matters not what be thy lot,  
So Love doth guide;  
For storm or shine, pure peace is thine,  
Whate'er betide.

And of these stones, or tyrants' thrones,  
God able is  
To raise up seed — in thought and deed —  
To faithful His.

Aye, darkling sense, arise, go hence!  
Our God is good.  
False fears are foes — truth tatters those,  
When understood.

Love looseth thee, and lifteth me,  
Ayont hate's thrall:  
There Life is light, and wisdom might,  
And God is All.

The centuries break, the earth-bound wake,  
God's glorified!  
Who doth His will — His likeness still —  
Is satisfied.

## Hymn 371

Margaret Morrison

LEONI

Hebrew Melody

We lift our hearts in praise,  
O God of Life, to Thee,  
And would reflect in all our ways  
Thy purity.  
Thy thoughts our lives enfold,  
And free us from all fear;  
All strife is stilled, all grief consoled,  
For Thou art here.

We lift our hearts in praise,  
O God of Truth, to Thee,  
And find within Thy perfect law  
Our liberty.  
We bless Thy mighty name  
In this exalted hour,  
And to the world in faith proclaim  
Thy healing power.

We lift our hearts in praise,  
O God of Love, to Thee,  
With joy to find through darkened days  
Thy harmony.  
O Father-Mother Love,  
We triumph 'neath Thy rod,  
We glory in Thy light, and prove  
That Thou art God.