

The following is from a hymn from the Christian Science hymnal, “Eager ears, expect, joyful, Ready for Thy right commands.” As we prepare for Christmas, we acknowledge Christ’s perpetual coming, and discover that we can truly expect and prepare for only the good. Tonight’s readings focus on the importance of this joyous preparation and expectance.

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(5) 2Kings 4:8-13 (to 1 st ?), 14-16 (2 nd <i>And</i>) (to 1 st .), 17-23, 25, 26, 32-36	(5) Page 261:4
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THE BIBLE

Psa. 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled:

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Is. 54:1 Sing, O barren, thou *that* didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou *that* didst not travail with child: for more *are* the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.

Is. 54:2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

Is. 54:5 For thy Maker *is* thine husband; the LORD of hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Is. 54:9 For this *is as* the waters of Noah unto me: for *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

Is. 54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

Is. 55:12 ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

Is. 55:13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

2Kings 4:8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

2Kings 4:9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

2Kings 4:10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

2Kings 4:11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

2Kings 4:12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

2Kings 4:13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee?

2Kings 4:14 And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

2Kings 4:15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

2Kings 4:16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son.

2Kings 4:17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

2Kings 4:18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

2Kings 4:19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

2Kings 4:20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.

2Kings 4:21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

2Kings 4:22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

2Kings 4:23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? *it is* neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be well.*

2Kings 4:25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite:

2Kings 4:26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?* And she answered, *It is well.*

2Kings 4:32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.

2Kings 4:33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

2Kings 4:34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

2Kings 4:35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

2Kings 4:36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Prov. 1:33 whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

James 1:3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

James 1:4 But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

James 1:7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

Matt. 8:5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

Matt. 8:6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

Matt. 8:7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

Matt. 8:8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

Matt. 8:9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.

Matt. 8:10 When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Matt. 8:13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, *so* be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Matt. 8:23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

Matt. 8:24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

Matt. 8:25 And his disciples came to *him*, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

Matt. 8:26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

Matt. 14:14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Matt. 14:22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

Matt. 14:23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

Matt. 14:24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

Matt. 14:25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

Matt. 14:26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

Matt. 14:27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

Matt. 14:28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

Matt. 14:29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

Matt. 14:30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

Matt. 14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Matt. 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

Matt. 7:8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Matt. 7:9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Matt. 7:10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

Matt. 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice.

Phil. 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Phil. 4:8 brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

Heb. 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb. 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

Heb. 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

Let us learn of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of Spirit, the kingdom of heaven,-- the reign and rule of universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain forever unseen.

If sin, sickness, and death were understood as nothingness, they would disappear. As vapor melts before the sun, so evil would vanish before the reality of good. One must hide the other. How important, then, to choose good as the reality!

When the illusion of sickness or sin tempts you, cling steadfastly to God and His idea. Allow nothing but His likeness to abide in your thought. Let neither fear nor doubt overshadow your clear sense and calm trust, that

the recognition of life harmonious—as Life eternally is—can destroy any painful sense of, or belief in, that which Life is not. Let Christian Science, instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of being, and this understanding will supplant error with Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence discord with harmony.

One should never hold in mind the thought of disease, but should efface from thought all forms and types of disease, both for one's own sake and for that of the patient.

Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts.

When the first symptoms of disease appear, dispute the testimony of the material senses with divine Science. Suffer no claim of sin or of sickness to grow upon the thought. Dismiss it with an abiding conviction that it is illegitimate, because you know that God is no more the author of sickness than He is of sin. 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 and its beliefs in sickness and sin.

Instead of blind and calm submission to the incipient or advanced stages of disease, rise in rebellion against them. Banish the belief that you can possibly entertain a single intruding pain which cannot be ruled out by the might of Mind, and in this way you can prevent the development of pain in the body.

Mentally contradict every complaint from the body, and rise to the true consciousness of Life as Love,-- as all that is pure, and bearing the fruits of Spirit.

The physical affirmation of disease should always be met with the mental negation. Whatever benefit is produced on the body, must be expressed mentally, and thought should be held fast to this ideal.

Material beliefs must be expelled to make room for spiritual understanding.

Man should renew his energies and endeavors, and see the folly of hypocrisy, while also learning the necessity of working out his own salvation.

Wait for your reward, and “be not weary in well doing.”

Since God is All, there is no room for His unlikeness.

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.

This also shows that there is no place where God’s light is not seen, since Truth, Life, and Love fill immensity and are ever-present.

This is the doctrine of Christian Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind nor life result in death.

There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all.