

Bible Lesson December 6-12 – God the Preserver of Man



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Responsive Reading

- For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.**

(Psalms 91:11)

Mis. 306:22–10

ANGELS

When angels visit us, we do not hear the rustle of wings,
24 nor feel the feathery touch of the breast of a dove; but
we know their presence by the love they create in our
hearts. Oh, may you feel *this* touch, — it is not the
27 clasping of hands, nor a loved person present; it is more
than this: it is a spiritual idea that lights your path!
The Psalmist saith: “He shall give His angels charge
1 over thee.” God gives you His spiritual ideas, and in
turn, they give you daily supplies. Never ask for to-
3 morrow: it is enough that divine Love is an ever-present
help; and if you wait, never doubting, you will have
all you need every moment. What a glorious inheritance
6 is given to us through the understanding of omnipresent
Love! More we cannot ask: more we do not want:
more we cannot have. This sweet assurance is the
9 “Peace, be still” to all human fears, to suffering of every
sort.

Section 1

- In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?**

(Psalms 11:1)

No. 7:1–9 (np)

1 SCIENCE OF MIND-HEALING

3 The rule of divinity is golden; to be wise and true re-
joices every heart. But evil influences waver the scales
of justice and mercy. No personal considerations should
allow any root of bitterness to spring up between Chris-
6 tian Scientists, nor cause any misapprehension as to the
motives of others. We must love our enemies, and con-
tinue to do so unto the end. By the love of God we can
9 cancel error in our own hearts, and blot it out of others.

Sooner or later the eyes of sinful mortals must be opened
to see every error they possess, and the way out of it; and
12 they will “flee as a bird to your mountain,” away from
the enemy of sinning sense, stubborn will, and every im-
perfection in the land of Sodom, and find rescue and refuge
15 in Truth and Love.

Every loving sacrifice for the good of others is known
to God, and the wrath of man cannot hide it from Him.
18 God has appointed for Christian Scientists high tasks,
and will not release them from the strict performance of
each one of them. The students must now fight their
21 own battles. I recommend that Scientists draw no lines
whatever between one person and another, but think,
speak, teach, and write the truth of Christian Science
24 without reference to right or wrong personality in this
field of labor. Leave the distinctions of individual char-
acter and the discriminations and guidance thereof to
1 the Father, whose wisdom is unerring and whose love is
universal.

3 We should endeavor to be long-suffering, faithful, and
charitable with all. To this small effort let us add one
more privilege — namely, silence whenever it can substi-
6 tute censure. Avoid voicing error; but utter the truth of
God and the beauty of holiness, the joy of Love and “the
peace of God, that passeth all understanding,” recom-
9 mending to all men fellowship in the bonds of Christ.

- **For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.**

(Psalms 92:4)

Mis. 247:29–7

Everything that God created, He pronounced good.

30 He never made sickness. Hence *that* is only an evil belief of mortal mind, which must be met, in every instance, with a denial by Truth.

1 This is the “new tongue,” the language of them that “lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover,” whose
3 spiritual interpretation they refuse to hear. For instance: the literal meaning of the passage “lay hands on the sick” would be manipulation; its moral meaning, found in the
6 “new tongue,” is spiritual power, — as, in another Scripture, “I will triumph in the works of Thy hands.”

- **Section 5**

- **Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.**

(Hebrews 13:8)

Ret. 94:14–13

When all fleshly belief is annihilated, and every spot and
15 blemish on the disk of consciousness is removed, then, and not till then, will immortal Truth be found true, and scientific teaching, preaching, and practice be essentially one.

18 “Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.” (Romans xiv. 22, 23.)

21 There is no “lo here! or lo there!” in divine Science; its manifestation must be “the same yesterday, and
to-day, and forever,” since Science is eternally one, and
24 unchanging, in Principle, rule, and demonstration.

I am persuaded that only by the modesty and distinguishing affection illustrated in Jesus' career, can Christian Scientists aid the establishment of Christ's kingdom
27 on the earth. In the first century of the Christian era Jesus' teachings bore much fruit, and the Father was glorified

30 therein. In this period and the forthcoming centuries,
1 watered by dews of divine Science, this “tree of life” will
blossom into greater freedom, and its leaves will be “for
3 the healing of the nations.”

Ask God to give thee skill

In comfort's art:

6 That thou may'st consecrated be

And set apart

Unto a life of sympathy.

9 For heavy is the weight of ill

In every heart;

And comforters are needed much

12 Of Christlike touch.

— A. E. Hamilton

Un. 60:28–16

Rising

1 above the false, to the true evidence of Life, is the resur-
rection that takes hold of eternal Truth. Coming and
3 going belong to mortal consciousness. God is “the same
yesterday, and to-day, and forever.”

To material sense, Jesus first appeared as a helpless
6 human babe; but to immortal and spiritual vision he was
one with the Father, even the eternal idea of God, that
was — and is — neither young nor old, neither dead nor
9 risen. The mutations of mortal sense are the evening and
the morning of human thought, — the twilight and dawn
of earthly vision, which precedeth the nightless radiance
12 of divine Life. Human perception, advancing toward
the apprehension of its nothingness, halts, retreats, and
again goes forward; but the divine Principle and Spirit
15 and spiritual man are unchangeable, — neither advancing,
retreating, nor halting.

My. 109:10

If nineteen hundred years ago Christ taught his fol-
lowers to heal the sick, he is to-day teaching them the
12 same heavenly lesson. Christ is “the same yesterday,
and to-day, and forever.” “God is Love,” the ever-
operative divine Principle (or Person, if you please) whose
15 person is not corporeal, not finite. This infinite Person

we know not of by the hearing of the ear, yet we may sometimes say with Job, “But now mine eye [spiritual sense] seeth Thee.”¹⁸

- **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.**

(John 10:27, 28)

Mis. 150:25

God is universal; confined to no spot, defined by no dogma, appropriated by no sect. Not more to one than to all, is God demonstrable as divine Life, Truth, and Love; and His people are they that reflect Him — that reflect Love. Again, this infinite Principle, with its universal manifestation, is all that really is or can be; hence God is our Shepherd. He guards, guides, feeds, and folds the sheep of His pasture; and their ears are attuned to His call. In the words of the loving disciple,³ “My sheep hear my voice, . . . and they follow me; . . . neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

Mis. 213:17–25

In every age, the pioneer reformer must pass through a baptism of fire. But the faithful adherents of Truth have gone on rejoicing. Christian Science gives a fearless wing and firm foundation. These are its inspiring tones from the lips of our Master, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”²⁴

- **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

(John 14:27)

My. 278:29–10

The Principle of all power is God, and God is Love.

30 Whatever brings into human thought or action an ele-
1 ment opposed to Love, is never requisite, never a neces-
sity, and is not sanctioned by the law of God, the law
3 of Love. The Founder of Christianity said: “My
peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give
I unto you.”

6 Christian Science reinforces Christ's sayings and doings.
The Principle of Christian Science demonstrates peace.
Christianity is the chain of scientific being reappearing in
9 all ages, maintaining its obvious correspondence with the
Scriptures and uniting all periods in the design of God.

- **These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:**

(John 17:1)

Mis. 83:20–2

Why did Jesus call himself “the Son of man”?

21 In the life of our Lord, meekness was as conspicuous
as might. In John xvii. he declared his sonship with
God: “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his
24 eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come;
glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee.”

The hour had come for the avowal of this great truth,
27 and for the proof of his eternal Life and sonship. Jesus'
1 wisdom oftentimes was shown by his forbearing to speak,
as well as by speaking, the whole truth.

- **Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;**

(John 17:20)

Mis. 29:3

3 Do you believe his words? I do, and that his promise is perpetual. Had it been applicable only to his

immediate disciples, the pronoun would be *you*, not *them*.

- 6 The purpose of his life-work touches universal human-
ity. At another time he prayed, not for the twelve
only, but “for them also which shall believe on me through
9 their word.”

My. 190:22–29

- Jesus gave his disciples (students) power over all manner
of diseases; and the Bible was written in order that all
24 peoples, in all ages, should have the same opportunity to
become students of the Christ, Truth, and thus become
God-endued with power (knowledge of divine law) and
27 with “signs following.” Jesus declared that his teaching
and practice would remain, even as it did, “for them also
which shall believe on me through their word.”

Section 6

Psalms 121:2

My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

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Psalms 121:5-8

The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Mis. 268:14–22

The Christian Scientist keeps straight to the course.
15 His whole inquiry and demonstration lie in the line of
Truth; hence he suffers no shipwreck in a starless night
on the shoals of vainglory. His medicine is Mind —
18 the omnipotent and ever-present good. His “help is
from the Lord,” who heals body and mind, head and
heart; changing the affections, enlightening the mis-

21 guided senses, and curing alike the sin and the mortal sinner.

- **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

(Psalms 46:1)

- **Step by step will those who trust Him find that “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”**

(Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 444:10)

- Strong's definition in Hebrew

yōšû‘â (Joshua) = **help**, salvation, deliverance, health, save, saving, welfare

https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=help&t=KJV&lexcSt=2#s=s_lexiconc

- Strong's definition in Greek

iēsous = Jesus, **Jesus (Joshua)**, Jesus (Justus)

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