

True Freedom
Wednesday Readings
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Rom. 8:2 the law, 15-17 (to 2nd ;)

- 2 ...the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
- 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
- 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;

Isa. 61:1

- 1 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Matt 4:23, 24

- 23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
- 24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Mark 5:25-34

- 25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,
- 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,
- 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.
- 28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.
- 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.
- 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?
- 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?
- 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.
- 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.
- 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee

whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

John 5:2-9

- 2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
- 3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.
- 4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
- 5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
- 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?
- 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
- 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
- 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

Luke 13:11-17

- 11 ¶ And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.
- 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.
- 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.
- 14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.
- 15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?
- 16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?
- 17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

John 8:31, 32

- 31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;
- 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Rom 8:31

- 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Gal. 5:1

- 1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Matt 15:6 be (to 1st .)

6 ...be free.

140:25-27

The Christian Science God is universal, eternal, divine Love, which changeth not and causeth no evil, disease, nor death.

128:4-6

The term Science, properly understood, refers only to the laws of God and to His government of the universe, inclusive of man.

224:32

What is this supposed power, which opposes itself to God?
1 Whence cometh it? What is it that binds man with iron shackles to sin, sickness, and death? Whatever enslaves
3 man is opposed to the divine government. Truth makes man free.

380:32

Every law of matter or the body, supposed to govern
1 man, is rendered null and void by the law of Life, God. Ignorant of our God-given rights, we submit to unjust
3 decrees, and the bias of education enforces this slavery. Be no more willing to suffer the
6 illusion that you are sick or that some disease is developing in the system, than you are to yield to a sinful temptation on the ground that sin has its necessities.

Ignorance
of our rights

393:8

Mind is the
9 master of the corporeal senses, and can conquer sickness, sin, and death. Exercise this God-given authority. Take possession of your body, and govern its feeling and action.
12 Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on
15 man.

225:14-227:19

The history of our country, like all history, illustrates
15 the might of Mind, and shows human power to be proportionate to its embodiment of right thinking. A few immortal sentences, breathing the omnipotence of divine justice, have been potent to break despotic
18 fetters and abolish the whipping-post and slave market; but oppression neither went down in blood, nor did the
21 breath of freedom come from the cannon's mouth. Love is the liberator.

Immortal
sentences

Legally to abolish unpaid servitude in the United
24 States was hard; but the abolition of mental slavery is a more difficult task. The despotic tendencies, inherent in mortal mind and always germinating in new forms of tyranny, must be rooted out
27 through the action of the divine Mind.

Men and women of all climes and races are still in
30 bondage to material sense, ignorant how to obtain their freedom. The rights of man were vindicated in a single section and on the lowest plane of human life, when Afri-

1 can slavery was abolished in our land. That was only
 prophetic of further steps towards the banishment of a
 3 world-wide slavery, found on higher planes of existence
 and under more subtle and depraving forms.

The voice of God in behalf of the African slave was
 6 still echoing in our land, when the voice of the herald of
 this new crusade sounded the keynote of uni-
 versal freedom, asking a fuller acknowledg-
 9 ment of the rights of man as a Son of God, demanding
 that the fetters of sin, sickness, and death be stricken
 from the human mind and that its freedom be won, not
 12 through human warfare, not with bayonet and blood, but
 through Christ's divine Science.

God has built a higher platform of human rights, and
 15 He has built it on diviner claims. These claims are not
 made through code or creed, but in demonstra-
 tion of "on earth peace, good-will toward men."
 18 Human codes, scholastic theology, material medicine and
 hygiene, fetter faith and spiritual understanding. Divine
 Science rends asunder these fetters, and man's birthright
 21 of sole allegiance to his Maker asserts itself.

I saw before me the sick, wearing out years of servi-
 tude to an unreal master in the belief that the body gov-
 24 erned them, rather than Mind.

The lame, the deaf, the dumb, the blind, the sick, the
 sensual, the sinner, I wished to save from the slavery of
 27 their own beliefs and from the educational
 systems of the Pharaohs, who to-day, as of
 yore, hold the children of Israel in bondage. I saw be-
 30 fore me the awful conflict, the Red Sea and the wilder-
 ness; but I pressed on through faith in God, trusting
 Truth, the strong deliverer, to guide me into the land
 1 of Christian Science, where fetters fall and the rights of
 man are fully known and acknowledged.

3 I saw that the law of mortal belief included all error,
 and that, even as oppressive laws are disputed and mor-
 tals are taught their right to freedom, so the
 6 claims of the enslaving senses must be de-
 nied and superseded. The law of the divine Mind must
 end human bondage, or mortals will continue unaware
 9 of man's inalienable rights and in subjection to hope-
 less slavery, because some public teachers permit
 an ignorance of divine power, — an ignorance that
 12 is the foundation of continued bondage and of human
 suffering.

Discerning the rights of man, we cannot fail to fore-
 15 see the doom of all oppression. Slavery is not the legiti-
 mate state of man. God made man free.

Paul said, "I was free born." All men should
 18 be free. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is lib-
 erty."

224:28-31

Truth brings the elements of liberty. On its banner
 is the Soul-inspired motto, "Slavery is abolished." The
 30 power of God brings deliverance to the cap-
 tive. No power can withstand divine Love.

227:21

21 Christian Science raises the standard of liberty and

Cramping
 systems

House of
 bondage

Higher law
 ends bondage

Native
 freedom

cries: "Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sickness, sin, and death!" Jesus marked out the way. Citizens of the world, accept the "glorious liberty of the children of God," and be free! This is your divine right. The illusion of material sense, not divine law, has bound you, entangled your free limbs, crippled your capacities, enfeebled your body, and defaced the tablet of your being.

Standard
of liberty

223:21

21 Spiritual rationality and free thought accompany approaching Science, and cannot be put down. They will emancipate humanity, and supplant unscientific means and so-called laws.

SH 228:11-15

The enslavement of man is not legitimate. It will cease when man enters into his heritage of freedom, his God-given dominion over the material senses. Mortals will some day assert their freedom in the name of Almighty God.

God-given
dominion

106:6-7

6 Like our nation, Christian Science has its Declaration of Independence.

468:9 There

9 There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

Hymn. 83:1-3

God made all His creatures free;
Life itself is liberty;
God ordained no other bands
Than united hearts and hands.
One in fellowship of Mind,
We our bliss and glory find
In that endless happy whole,
Where our God is Life and Soul.
So shall all our slavery cease,
All God's children dwell in peace,
And the newborn earth record
Love, and Love alone, is Lord.

Hymn. 412:1-4

O dreamer, leave thy dreams for joyful waking,
O captive, rise and sing, for thou art free;
The Christ is here, all dreams of error breaking,
Unloosing bonds of all captivity.
He comes to bless thee on his wings of healing;
To banish pain, and wipe all tears away;
He comes anew, to humble hearts revealing
The mounting footsteps of the upward way.
He comes to give thee joy for desolation,
Beauty for ashes of the vanished years;

For every tear to bring full compensation,
 To give thee confidence for all thy fears.
 He comes to call the dumb to joyful singing;
 The deaf to hear; the blinded eyes to see;
 The glorious tidings of salvation bringing.
 O captive, rise, thy Saviour comes to thee.

Hymn. 565:1-3

Rise up and walk, take up your bed.
 With these few words the sickness fled.
 Stretch forth your hand. Receive your sight.
 Jesus' commands reveal God's might.
 You are God's purpose, His great design.
 Beautiful, blameless, His child divine.
 Holding your thought to the good and the true,
 Spirit will form you anew.
 Rise up and walk! God made you free,
 Born of His liberty.
 Carefree and strong, you are His song,
 Perfect for all to see.
 Mountains and seas, great rising trees,
 Echo the joyous song:
 Heaven is here, harmony's bliss
 To everyone belongs.
 Cleanse the lepers, heal the sick.
 Cast out demons. Raise the dead.
 Truth is revealed in every place,
 Throughout all time, throughout all space.
 Right in this moment, doing God's will
 "These works shall you do, and greater still."
 Standing triumphant upon holy ground,
 Songs of the angels resound.

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