

Topic: Personal Integrity

Hymns:

1st – #12 – Arise ye people, take your stand. .

2nd – #18 – Be firm and be faithful; desert not the right;

3rd – #59 – Fight the good fight with all thy might. .

THE BIBLE

1. **Job 2:1-10 there**

- 1 there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.
- 2 And the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.
- 3 And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.
- 4 And Satan answered the Lord, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.
- 5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.
- 6 And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.
- 7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.
- 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.
- 9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.
- 10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

2. **Job 6:1 Job**

- 1 Job answered and said,

3. **Job 27:3-6**

- 3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;
- 4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.
- 5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.
- 6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

4. Job 31:1-12

- 1 I made a covenant with mine eyes: why then should I think upon a maid?
- 2 For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?
- 3 Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?
- 4 Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?
- 5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hasted to deceit;
- 6 Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know mine integrity.
- 7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;
- 8 Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.
- 9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;
- 10 Then let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.
- 11 For this is an heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.
- 12 For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

5. Ps. 7:8

- 8 The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

6. Ps. 25:21

- 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

7. Ps. 26:1-12

- 1 Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide.
- 2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.
- 3 For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.
- 4 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.
- 5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord:
- 7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.
- 8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
- 9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men;

- 10 In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.
- 11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
- 12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord.

8. Ps. 41:12 thou

- 12 thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

9. Prov. 11:1-6

- 1 A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight.
- 2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.
- 3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.
- 4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.
- 5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness.

10. Prov. 19:1-11

- 1 Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
- 2 Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.
- 3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the Lord.
- 4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.
- 5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.
- 6 Many will entreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.
- 7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.
- 8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.
- 9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.
- 10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
- 11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

11. Prov. 20:3-7

- 3 It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

- 4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.
- 5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.
- 6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?
- 7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

12. Eccl. 10:12

- 12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

(1) SH 446:18-30

- 18 A wrong motive involves defeat. In the Science of Mind-healing, it is imperative to be honest, for victory rests on the side of immutable right. To understand
- 21 God strengthens hope, enthrones faith in Truth, and verifies Jesus' word: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."
- 24 Resisting evil, you overcome it and prove its nothingness. Not human platitudes, but divine beatitudes, reflect the spiritual light and might which heal
- 27 the sick. The exercise of will brings on a hypnotic state, detrimental to health and integrity of thought. This must therefore be watched and guarded
- 30 against.

(2) SH 447:1-448:19

- 447:1 The heavenly law is broken by trespassing upon man's individual right of self-government. We have no
- 3 authority in Christian Science and no moral right to attempt to influence the thoughts of others, except it be to benefit them. In men-
- 6 tal practice you must not forget that erring human opinions, conflicting selfish motives, and ignorant attempts to do good may render you incapable of knowing or
- 9 judging accurately the need of your fellow-men. There fore the rule is, heal the sick when called upon for aid, and save the victims of the mental assassins.
- 12 Ignorance, subtlety, or false charity does not for ever conceal error; evil will in time disclose and punish itself. The recuperative action of the

15 system, when mentally sustained by Truth,
 goes on naturally. When sin or sickness —
 the reverse of harmony — seems true to material sense,
 18 impart without frightening or discouraging the pa-
 tient the truth and spiritual understanding, which de-
 stroy disease. Expose and denounce the claims of
 21 evil and disease in all their forms, but realize no
 reality in them. A sinner is not reformed merely
 by assuring him that he cannot be a sinner because
 24 there is no sin. To put down the claim of sin,
 you must detect it, remove the mask, point out the
 illusion, and thus get the victory over sin and so prove
 27 its unreality. The sick are not healed merely by
 declaring there is no sickness, but by knowing that
 there is none.

30 A sinner is afraid to cast the first stone. He may
 say, as a subterfuge, that evil is unreal, but to know it,
 he must demonstrate his statement. To assume that
 448:1 there are no claims of evil and yet to indulge them, is
 a moral offence. Blindness and self-righteousness cling
 3 fast to iniquity. When the Publican's wail
 went out to the great heart of Love, it won his
 humble desire. Evil which obtains in the bodily senses,
 6 but which the heart condemns, has no foundation; but if
 evil is uncondemned, it is undenied and nurtured. Under
 such circumstances, to say that there is no evil, is an evil
 9 in itself. When needed tell the truth concerning the lie.
 Evasion of Truth cripples integrity, and casts thee down
 from the pinnacle.

12 Christian Science rises above the evidence of the cor-
 poreal senses; but if you have not risen above sin your
 self, do not congratulate yourself upon your
 15 blindness to evil or upon the good you know
 and do not. A dishonest position is far from Christianly
 scientific. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper:
 18 but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have
 mercy."

(3) SH 15:25-16:4

Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden
 from the world, but known to God. Self-forgetfulness,
 27 purity, and affection are constant prayers.

Practice not profession, understanding not
 belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and

- 30 they assuredly call down infinite blessings. Trustworthi-
ness is the foundation of enlightened faith. Without a
fitness for holiness, we cannot receive holiness.
- 16:1 A great sacrifice of material things must precede this
advanced spiritual understanding. The highest prayer
3 is not one of faith merely; it is demonstra-
tion.

Miscellaneous Writings

(4) **Mis. 147:14-148:2**

15 The man of integrity is one who makes it his constant
rule to follow the road of duty, according as Truth and
the voice of his conscience point it out to him. He is not
guided merely by affections which may some time give
18 the color of virtue to a loose and unstable character.

The upright man is guided by a fixed Principle, which
destines him to do nothing but what is honorable, and to
21 abhor whatever is base or unworthy; hence we find him
ever the same, — at all times the trusty friend, the affec-
tionate relative, the conscientious man of business, the
24 pious worker, the public-spirited citizen.

He assumes no borrowed appearance. He seeks no
mask to cover him, for he acts no studied part; but he
27 is indeed what he appears to be, — full of truth, candor,
and humanity. In all his pursuits, he knows no path
but the fair, open, and direct one, and would much rather
30 fail of success than attain it by reproachable means. He
148:1 never shows us a smiling countenance while he meditates
evil against us in his heart. We shall never find one part
of his character at variance with another.

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