

Topic: **Gaining Faith Through Believing God's Ability to Heal"**

THE BIBLE

Hymns:

1st – #390– Why is thy faith in God's great love so small?

2nd – #205 – O for a faith that will not shrink. . .

3rd – #278 – Pilgrim on earth . . .

1. HEB. 3:12

12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

2. HEB. 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

3. HEB. 10:35

35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

4. HEB. 11:32-35 1ST THE (TO 1ST :)

32 the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:
33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
35 Women received their dead raised to life again:

5. II KINGS 4:8-37

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.
9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.
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.
11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.
12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.
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? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.
14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.
15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.
16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.
17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.
18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

- 19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.
- 20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.
- 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:
- 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.
- 27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the Lord hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.
- 28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?
- 29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.
- 30 And the mother of the child said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.
- 31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.
- 32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.
- 33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

6. **MARK 11:22-24**

- 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.
- 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
- 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

7. MARK 9:17-27

- 17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;
- 18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.
- 19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.
- 20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.
- 21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.
- 22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.
- 23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.
- 24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.
- 25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.
- 26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.
- 27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

8. I JOHN 5:14

- 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

9. I JOHN 3:22

- 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

10. ROM. 15:13, 33

- 13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.
- 33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES

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1. SH vii:1-2

- vii:1 To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings.

2. SH 1:1-4

- 1:1 The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God, — a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love.

3. SH 487:30-488:1

30 This faith relies upon an understood Principle. This
 Principle makes whole the diseased, and brings out the
 1 enduring and harmonious phases of things.

4. SH 488:7-13

The Hebrew and Greek words often translated belief
 differ somewhat in meaning from that conveyed by the
 9 English verb believe; they have more the sig-
 nificance of faith, understanding, trust, con-
 stancy, firmness. Hence the Scriptures often appear in
 12 our common version to approve and endorse belief, when
 they mean to enforce the necessity of understanding.

5. SH 319:7

Having faith
 in the divine Principle of health and spiritually under-
 9 standing God, sustains man under all circumstances;
 whereas the lower appeal to the general faith in material
 means (commonly called nature) must yield to the all-
 12 might of infinite Spirit.

6. SH 368:14

When we
 15 come to have more faith in the truth of being than we have
 in error, more faith in Spirit than in matter, more faith
 in living than in dying, more faith in God than in man,
 18 then no material suppositions can prevent us from healing
 the sick and destroying error.

7. SH 494:15-18 Jesus

15 The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love. Jesus
 demonstrated the inability of corporeality, as well as the
 infinite ability of Spirit, thus helping erring
 18 human sense to flee from its own convictions
 and seek safety in divine Science.

8. SH 145:31

The theology of Christian Science includes healing
 the sick. Our Master's first article of faith propounded
 146:1 to his students was healing, and he proved his faith by
 his works. The ancient Christians were healers. Why
 has this element of Christianity been lost?
 Because our systems of religion are governed
 more or less by our systems of medicine. The first idol-
 6 atry was faith in matter. The schools have rendered
 faith in drugs the fashion, rather than faith in Deity. By
 trusting matter to destroy its own discord, health and
 9 harmony have been sacrificed. Such systems are barren
 of the vitality of spiritual power, by which material sense
 is made the servant of Science and religion becomes

12 Christlike.

9. SH 147:32-1

Jesus never spoke of disease as dangerous or as difficult
1 to heal.

10. SH 148:4

He prescribed no drugs,
urged no obedience to material laws, but acted in direct
6 disobedience to them.

11. SH 147:1

1 This system enables the
learner to demonstrate the divine Principle,
3 upon which Jesus' healing was based, and
the sacred rules for its present application to the cure of
disease.

12. SH 351:2

When we lose
3 faith in God's power to heal, we distrust the
divine Principle which demonstrates Christian
Science, and then we cannot heal the sick. Neither can
6 we heal through the help of Spirit, if we plant ourselves
on a material basis.

13. SH 393:16-18

Be firm in your understanding that the divine Mind
governs, and that in Science man reflects God's govern-
18 ment.

14. SH 390:20

Suffer no claim of sin or of sickness to grow upon
21 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. You have no
24 law of His to support the necessity either of sin or sick-
ness, but you have divine authority for denying that neces-
sity and healing the sick.

15. SH 418:12-15, 22, & 7

12 It must be clear to you that sickness is no more
the reality of being than is sin. This mortal dream
of sickness, sin, and death should cease
15 through Christian Science.

22 By the
truthful arguments you employ, and especially by the
24 spirit of Truth and Love which you entertain, you will
heal the sick.

- 7 Plead with an honest conviction of truth and
a clear perception of the unchanging, unerr-
ing, and certain effect of divine Science. Then, if your
9 fidelity is half equal to the truth of your plea, you will
heal the sick.

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