

Healing is revealing Love

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Hymn. 600

Who was that man in Galilee,
Healing and teaching beside the sea?
What was the power that made him strong?
How can we learn to sing his song?

He told us,
I am the light of the world,
I am the light of the world,
So follow me and shine out
For I am the light of the world!

Why are we here, and who are we?
What is his purpose for you and me?
Our little light seems small and dim
Next to the blaze that comes from him!

He told us,
You are the salt of the earth,
You are the light of the world.
So follow me and shine out
For you are the light of the world!

Christ is the light with which we shine,
Lit from within by this love divine.
Step out with courage, dare to go,
Give from the heart the love you know.

He told us,
We are the salt of the earth,
We are the light of the world.
We follow him and shine out
For Christ is the light of the world!

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Music: Andrew D. Brewis

Hymn. 139

I walk with Love along the way,
And O, it is a holy day;
No more I suffer cruel fear,
I feel God's presence with me here;
The joy that none can take away
Is mine; I walk with Love today.

Who walks with Love along the way,
Shall talk with Love and Love obey;
God's healing truth is free to all,
Our Father answers every call;
'Tis He dispels the clouds of gray
That all may walk with Love today.

Come, walk with Love along the way,
Let childlike trust be yours today;
Uplift your thought, with courage go,
Give of your heart's rich overflow,
And peace shall crown your joy-filled day.
Come, walk with Love along the way.

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Music: Henry Carey

Matt. 4:23

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.

Luke 10:25, 27–37; 11:11, 13, 14

25 ¶ And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

30 And Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.

- 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked *on him*, and passed by on the other side.
- 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*,
- 34 And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
- 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
- 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?
- 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.
- 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?
- 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?
- 14 ¶ And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

Matt. 5:16

- 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

SH 9:5–7

The test of all prayer lies in the answer to these
 6 questions: Do we love our neighbor better because of
 this asking?

SH 362:1–12; 363:1–24, 31; 364:16–31; 365:7–19; 366:12–19

1 **I**T is related in the seventh chapter of Luke's Gospel
 that Jesus was once the honored guest of a certain
 3 Pharisee, by name Simon, though he was quite unlike
 Simon the disciple. While they were at meat, an unusual
 incident occurred, as if to interrupt the scene
 6 of Oriental festivity. A “strange woman”
 came in. Heedless of the fact that she was debarred from
 such a place and such society, especially under the stern
 9 rules of rabbinical law, as positively as if she were a Hin-
 doo pariah intruding upon the household of a high-caste
 Brahman, this woman (Mary Magdalene, as she has

A gospel
 narrative

12 since been called) approached Jesus.

1 She bore an alabaster jar
containing costly and fragrant oil, — sandal oil perhaps,
3 which is in such common use in the East. Breaking
the sealed jar, she perfumed Jesus' feet with the oil,
wiping them with her long hair, which hung loosely
6 about her shoulders, as was customary with women of her
grade.

Did Jesus spurn the woman? Did he repel her adora-
9 tion? No! He regarded her compassionately. Nor was
this all. Knowing what those around him
were saying in their hearts, especially his host,
12 — that they were wondering why, being a prophet, the
exalted guest did not at once detect the woman's immoral
status and bid her depart, — knowing this, Jesus rebuked
15 them with a short story or parable. He described two
debtors, one for a large sum and one for a smaller, who
were released from their obligations by their common
18 creditor. "Which of them will love him most?" was the
Master's question to Simon the Pharisee; and Simon re-
plied, "He to whom he forgave most." Jesus approved
21 the answer, and so brought home the lesson to all, follow-
ing it with that remarkable declaration to the woman,
"Thy sins are forgiven."

24 Why did he thus summarize her debt to divine Love?

Certainly there was encouragement in the
mere fact that she was showing her affection for a man
1 of undoubted goodness and purity, who has since been
rightfully regarded as the best man that ever trod this
3 planet. Her reverence was unfeigned, and it was mani-
fested towards one who was soon, though they knew it
not, to lay down his mortal existence in behalf of all
6 sinners, that through his word and works they might be
redeemed from sensuality and sin.

Here is suggested a solemn question, a question indi-
cated by one of the needs of this age. Do Christian
18 Scientists seek Truth as Simon sought the Saviour, through
material conservatism and for personal homage? Jesus
told Simon that such seekers as he gave small reward

Parable of
the creditor

21 in return for the spiritual purgation which came through
the Messiah. If Christian Scientists are like Simon,
then it must be said of them also that they *love*
24 little.

On the other hand, do they show their regard for
Truth, or Christ, by their genuine repentance, by their
27 broken hearts, expressed by meekness and
human affection, as did this woman? If
so, then it may be said of them, as Jesus said of the
30 unwelcome visitor, that they indeed love much, because
much is forgiven them.

Genuine
repentance

The benign thought of Jesus, finding utterance in such
words as "Take no thought for your life," would heal
9 the sick, and so enable them to rise above the supposed
necessity for physical thought-taking and doctoring;
but if the unselfish affections be lacking, and common
12 sense and common humanity are disregarded, what men-
tal quality remains, with which to evoke healing from
the outstretched arm of righteousness?

15 If the Scientist reaches his patient through divine
Love, the healing work will be accomplished at one
visit, and the disease will vanish into its native
18 nothingness like dew before the morning sun-
shine.

Speedy
healing

12 The physician who lacks sympathy for his fellow-
being is deficient in human affection, and we have the
apostolic warrant for asking: "He that loveth
15 not his brother whom he hath seen, how can
he love God whom he hath not seen?" Not having this
spiritual affection, the physician lacks faith in the divine
18 Mind and has not that recognition of infinite Love which
alone confers the healing power.

The true
physician

SH 476:32-5

Jesus beheld in Science the per-
1 fect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal
man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour
3 saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man
healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom
of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy.

SH 1:1–4

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

SH 55:16–21

My
weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall
18 recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as
himself, — when he shall realize God's omnipotence and
the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done
21 and is doing for mankind.

SH 2:15–16

15 Prayer cannot change the Science of being, but it
tends to bring us into harmony with it.