

TOPIC: How do we know that the nation is blest?

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### **The Bible (The New Revised Standard Version)**

Prov. 26:2 3rd the

2the curse causeless shall not come.

Numbers 22

1 The Israelites set out, and camped in the plains of Moab across the Jordan from Jericho.

2Now Balak son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3Moab was in great dread of the people, because they were so numerous; Moab was overcome with fear of the people of Israel.

4And Moab said to the elders of Midian, "This horde will now lick up all that is around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field." Now Balak son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time.

5He sent messengers to Balaam son of Beor at Pethor, which is on the Euphrates, in the land of Amaw, to summon him, saying, "A people has come out of Egypt; they have spread over the face of the earth, and they have settled next to me.

6Come now, curse this people for me, since they are stronger than I; perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them from the land; for I know that whomever you bless is blessed, and whomever you curse is cursed."

7So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the fees for divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam, and gave him Balak's message.

8He said to them, "Stay here tonight, and I will bring back word to you, just as the Lord speaks to me"; so the officials of Moab stayed with Balaam.

9God came to Balaam and said,

12 "You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed."

13So Balaam rose in the morning, and said to the officials of Balak, "Go to your own land, for the Lord has refused to let me go with you."

14So the officials of Moab rose and went to Balak, and said, "Balaam refuses to come with us."

15Once again Balak sent officials, more numerous and more distinguished than these.

16They came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak son of Zippor: "Do not let anything hinder you from coming to me;

17for I will surely do you great honor, and whatever you say to me I will do; come, curse this people for me.' "

18But Balaam replied to the servants of Balak, "Although Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the command of the Lord my God, to do less or more.

19You remain here, as the others did, so that I may learn what more the Lord may say to me."

20That night God came to Balaam and said to him, "If the men have come to summon you, get up and go with them; but do only what I tell you to do."

21So Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the officials of Moab.

22Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him.

23The donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand; so the donkey turned off the road, and went into the field; and Balaam struck the donkey, to turn it back onto the road.

24Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side.

25When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it scraped against the wall, and scraped Balaam's foot against the wall; so he struck it again.

26Then the angel of the Lord went ahead, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left.

27When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it lay down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff.

28Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

30But the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I been in the habit of treating you this way?" And he said, "No."

31Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with his drawn sword in his hand; and he bowed down, falling on his face.

34Then Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now therefore, if it is displeasing to you, I will return home."

35The angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men; but speak only what I tell you to speak." So Balaam went on with the officials of Balak.

37Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not send to summon you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?"

38Balaam said to Balak, "I have come to you now, but do I have power to say just anything? The word God puts in my mouth, that is what I must say."

Numbers 23

8How can I curse whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce those whom the Lord has not denounced?

11Then Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies, but now you have done nothing but bless them."

2He answered, "Must I not take care to say what the Lord puts into my mouth?"

19God is not a human being, that he should lie, or a mortal, that he should change his mind. Has he promised, and will he not do it? Has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

20See, I received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it.

Rev. 19:6 4th the

6the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

**SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES**

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SH 78:28–29

Spirit blesses man, but man cannot "tell whence it cometh."

SH 60:29–31

Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind, and happiness would be more readily attained and would be more secure in our keeping, if sought in Soul.

SH 225:14–16, 25–31

The history of our country, like all history, illustrates the might of Mind, and shows human power to be proportionate to its embodiment of right thinking.

The despotic tendencies, inherent in mortal mind and always germinating in new forms of tyranny, must be rooted out through the action of the divine Mind. Men and women of all climes and races are still in bondage to material sense, ignorant how to obtain their freedom.

SH 226: 14

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

SH 106:6

Like our nation, Christian Science has its Declaration of Independence. God has endowed man with inalienable rights, among which are self-government, reason, and conscience. Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and Love.

SH 206:10–18

Will-power is capable of all evil. It can never heal the sick, for it is the prayer of the unrighteous; while the exercise of the sentiments — hope, faith, love — is the prayer of the righteous. This prayer, governed by Science instead of the senses, heals the sick. In the scientific relation of God to man, we find that whatever blesses one blesses all, as Jesus showed with the loaves and the fishes, — Spirit, not matter, being the source of supply.

SH 30:19

As the individual ideal of Truth, Christ Jesus came to rebuke rabbinical error and all sin, sickness, and death,—to point out the way of Truth and Life. This ideal was demonstrated throughout the whole earthly career of Jesus, showing the difference between the offspring of Soul and of material sense, of Truth and of error.

SH 33:18–26

When the human element in him struggled with the divine, our great Teacher said: "Not my will, but Thine, be done!" — that is, Let not the flesh, but the Spirit, be represented in me. This is the new understanding of spiritual Love. It gives all for Christ, or Truth. It blesses its enemies, heals the sick, casts out error, raises the dead from trespasses and sins, and preaches the gospel to the poor, the meek in heart.

SH 565:18–22

This immaculate idea, represented first by man and, according to the Revelator, last by woman, will baptize with fire; and the fiery baptism will burn up the chaff of error with the fervent heat of Truth and Love, melting and purifying even the gold of

human character.

SH 30:26–31:3

If we have triumphed sufficiently over the errors of material sense to allow Soul to hold the control, we shall loathe sin and rebuke it under every mask. Only in this way can we bless our enemies, though they may not so construe our words. We cannot choose for ourselves, but must work out our salvation in the way Jesus taught. In meekness and might, he was found preaching the gospel to the poor. Pride and fear are unfit to bear the standard of Truth, and God will never place it in such hands.

SH 62:27–28

The higher nature of man is not governed by the lower; if it were, the order of wisdom would be reversed.

SH 9:11–16

If selfishness has given place to kindness, we shall regard our neighbor unselfishly, and bless them that curse us; but we shall never meet this great duty simply by asking that it may be done. There is a cross to be taken up before we can enjoy the fruition of our hope and faith.

SH 393:16–18

Be firm in your understanding that the divine Mind governs, and that in Science man reflects God's government.

SH 405:19–21 Immortal

Immortal man demonstrates the government of God, good, in which is no power to sin.

SH 83:16–20

The belief that the universe, including man, is governed in general by material laws, but that occasionally Spirit sets aside these laws, — this belief belittles omnipotent wisdom, and gives to matter the precedence over Spirit.

SH 480:10–18

Consciousness, as well as action, is governed by Mind, — is in God, the origin and governor of all that Science reveals. Material sense has its realm apart from Science in the unreal. Harmonious action proceeds from Spirit, God. Inharmony has no Principle; its action is erroneous and presupposes man to be in matter. Inharmony would make matter the cause as well as the effect of intelligence, or Soul, thus attempting to separate Mind from God.

SH 187:22–24

There is no involuntary action. The divine Mind includes all action and volition, and man in Science is governed by this Mind.

SH 532:3–4 God

God makes and governs all.