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Seventeenth Church of Christ, Scientist, Chicago

TOPIC: How can we break the dream of human power?

HYMNS: 138 190 349

THE BIBLE(The New Revised Standard Version)

Ps 40

8I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

Ps 143

10Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path

Lev 25

17You shall not (oppress) one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.

18You shall observe my statutes and faithfully keep my ordinances, so that you may live on the land securely.

1 Kings 11

1King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh:

2from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the Israelites, "You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you; for they will surely incline your heart to follow their gods"; Solomon clung to these in love.

4... and his heart was not true to the Lord his God,

6So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not completely follow the Lord, as his father David had done.

11Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, "Since this has been your mind and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and give it to your servant.

12Yet for the sake of your father David I will not do it in your lifetime; I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

28The man Jeroboam was very able, and when Solomon saw that the young man was industrious he gave him charge over all the forced labor of the house of Joseph.

29About that time, when Jeroboam was leaving Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road. Ahijah had clothed himself with a new garment. The two of them were alone in the open country

30when Ahijah laid hold of the new garment he was wearing and tore it into twelve pieces.

31He then said to Jeroboam: Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "See, I am about to tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon, and will give you ten tribes.

32One tribe will remain his, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel.

35but I will take the kingdom away from his son and give it to you—that is, the ten tribes.

36Yet to his son I will give one tribe,

37I will take you, and you shall reign over all that your soul desires; you shall be king over Israel.

38If you will listen to all that I command you, walk in my ways, and do what is right in my sight by keeping my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, I will be with you, and will build you an enduring house, as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.

40Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam; but Jeroboam promptly fled to Egypt, to King Shishak of Egypt, and remained in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

43Solomon slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of his father David; and his son Rehoboam succeeded him.

1 Kings 12

1Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.

2When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt.

3And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam,

4"Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you."

5He said to them, "Go away for three days, then come again to me." So the people went away.

6Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer this people?"

7They answered him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever."

8But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him.

9He said to them, "What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, 'Lighten the yoke that your father put on us'?"

10The young men who had grown up with him said to him, "Thus you should say to this people... 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins.

11Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.' "

12So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had said, "Come to me again the third day."

13The king answered the people harshly. He disregarded the advice that the older men had given him and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions."

16When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, "What share do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse" ... So Israel went away to their tents.

17But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah.

18When King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was taskmaster over the forced labor, all Israel stoned him to death. King Rehoboam then hurriedly mounted his chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

21When Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, one hundred eighty thousand chosen troops to fight against the house of Israel, to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam son of Solomon.

22But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God:

23Say to King Rehoboam of Judah, son of Solomon, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people,

24"Thus says the Lord, You shall not go up or fight against your kindred the people of Israel. Let everyone go home, for this thing is from me." So they heeded the word of the Lord and went home again, according to the word of the Lord.

Matt. 6:10 2nd Thy

10Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES

By Mary Baker Eddy

SH 490:8-11

Will — blind, stubborn, and head□long— cooperates with appetite and passion. From this cooperation arises its evil. From this also comes its powerlessness, since all power belongs to God, good.

SH 151:21-30

The human mind has no power to kill or to cure, and it has no control over God's man. The divine Mind that made man maintains His own image and likeness. The human mind is opposed to God and must be put off, as St. Paul declares. All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal. The straight and narrow way is to see and acknowledge this fact, yield to this power, and follow the leadings of truth.

SH 105:3-15, 22-27

Courts and juries judge and sentence mortals in order to restrain crime, to prevent deeds of violence or to punish them. To say that these tribunals have no jurisdiction over the carnal or mortal mind, would be to contradict precedent and to admit that the power of human law is restricted to matter, while mortal mind, evil, which is the real outlaw, defies justice and is recommended to mercy. Can matter commit a crime? Can matter be punished? Can you separate the mentality from the body over which courts hold jurisdiction?

Mortal mind, not matter, is the criminal in every case; and human law rightly estimates crime, and courts reasonably pass sentence, according to the motive. Whoever uses his developed mental powers like an escaped felon to commit fresh atrocities as opportunity occurs is never safe. God will arrest him. Divine justice will manacle him. His sins will be millstones about his neck, weighing him down to the depths of ignominy and death.

SH 144:18-22

Human will-power may infringe the rights of man. It produces evil continually, and is not a factor in the realism of being. Truth, and not corporeal will, is the divine power which says to disease, "Peace, be still.

SH 144:14-18

Human will-power is not Science. Human will belongs to the so-called material senses, and its use is to be condemned. Willing the sick to recover is not the metaphysical practice of Christian Science, but is sheer animal magnetism.

SH 192:27-31

We walk in the footsteps of Truth and Love by following the example of our Master in the understanding of divine metaphysics. Christianity is the basis of true healing. Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power.

SH 206:10-14

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.

SH 206:4-6

The power of the human will should be exercised only in subordination to Truth; else it will misguide the judgment and free the lower propensities.

SH 421:15-21

Insist vehemently on the great fact which covers the whole ground, that God, Spirit, is all, and that there is none beside Him. There is *no disease*. When the supposed suffering is gone from mortal mind, there can be no pain; and when the fear is destroyed, the inflammation will subside.

SH 495:6-24

If sickness is true or the idea of Truth, you cannot destroy sickness, and it would be absurd to try.

Then classify sickness and error as our Master did, when he spoke of the sick, "whom Satan hath bound," and find a sovereign antidote for error in the life-giving power of Truth acting on human belief, a power which opens the prison doors to such as are bound, and sets the captive free physically and morally.

When the illusion of sickness or sin tempts you, cling steadfastly to God and His idea. Allow nothing but His likeness to abide in your thought. Let neither fear nor doubt overshadow your clear sense and calm trust, that the recognition of life harmonious — as Life eternally is — can destroy any painful sense of, or belief in, that which Life is not. Let Christian Science, instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of being, and this understanding will supplant error with Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence discord with harmony.

SH 384:30-385:1

Sickness, sin, and death must at length quail before the divine rights of intelligence, and then the power of Mind over the entire functions and organs of the human system will be acknowledged.

SH 378:22-28

Disease is not an intelligence to dispute the empire of Mind or to dethrone Mind and take the government into its own hands. Sickness is not a God-given, nor a self-constituted material power, which copes astutely with Mind and finally conquers it. God never endowed matter with power to disable Life or to chill harmony with a long and cold night of discord.

SH 215:12-14

Whatever is governed by God, is never for an instant deprived of the light and might of intelligence and Life.

SH 106:9-11

Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and Love.