

TOPIC: How does the Holy Ghost act as the law of progress?

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THE BIBLE (The New Revised Standard Version)\_

**3**A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**4**Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

**5**Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

**10**See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

**11**He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**13**Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counselor has instructed him?

**14**Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

**15**Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

**17**All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

**18**To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?

**21**Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

**22**It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

**23**who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

**25**To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

**26**Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

**27**Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

**28**Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

**29**He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

**30**Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

**31**But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

### **Matthew 1**

**18** Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

**19**Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

**20**But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

**21**She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

**22**All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

**23**"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

**24**When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,

### **Matthew 3**

**3**Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

**14**John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

**15**But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

**16**And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

**17**And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

### **Luke 4**

**14**Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

**15**He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

**16**When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

**17**and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

**18**"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

**19**to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

**20**And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

**21**Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

### **John 14**

**26**the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

## SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES

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SH 158:24-25

Evidences of progress and of spiritualization greet us on every hand.

SH 128:14

A knowledge of the Science of being develops the latent abilities and possibilities of man. It extends the atmosphere of thought, giving mortals access to broader and higher realms. It raises the thinker into his native air of insight and perspicacity.

SH 258:13-15

God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis.

SH 170:22

Spiritual causation is the one question to be considered, for more than all others spiritual causation relates to human progress. The age seems ready to approach this subject, to ponder somewhat the supremacy of Spirit, and at least to touch the hem of Truth's garment.

SH 29:14-26, 31

Those instructed in Christian Science have reached the glorious perception that God is the only author of man. The Virgin-mother conceived this idea of God, and gave to her ideal the name of Jesus — that is, Joshua, or Saviour.

The illumination of Mary's spiritual sense put to silence material law and its order of generation, and brought forth her child by the revelation of Truth, demonstrating God as the Father of men. The Holy Ghost, or divine Spirit, overshadowed the pure sense of the Virgin-mother with the full recognition that being is Spirit.

Jesus was the offspring of Mary's self-conscious communion with God. Hence he could give a more spiritual idea of life than other men, and could demonstrate the Science of Love — his Father or divine Principle.

SH 43:3

The magnitude of Jesus' work, his material disappearance before their eyes and his reappearance, all enabled the disciples to understand what Jesus had said. Heretofore they had only believed; now they understood. The advent of this understanding is what is meant by the descent of the Holy Ghost, — that influx of divine Science which so illuminated the Pentecostal Day and is now repeating its ancient history.

SH 588:7

**Holy Ghost.** Divine Science; the development of eternal Life, Truth, and Love.

SH 558:10-12, 13-16 2nd When, 17

To mortal sense Science seems at first obscure, abstract, and dark; but a bright promise crowns its brow. ... When you look it fairly in the face, you can heal by its means, and it has for you a light above the sun, for God "is the light thereof." ... It brings the baptism of the Holy Ghost, whose flames of Truth were prophetically described by John the Baptist as consuming error.

SH viii:4

To develop the full might of this Science, the discords of corporeal sense must yield to the harmony of spiritual sense, even as the science of music corrects false tones and gives sweet concord to sound.

SH 324:4-5

The purification of sense and self is a proof of progress.

SH 68:2

At present mortals progress slowly for fear of being thought ridiculous. They are slaves to fashion, pride, and sense. Sometime we shall learn how Spirit, the great architect, has created men and women in Science. We ought to weary of the fleeting and false and to cherish nothing which hinders our highest selfhood.

SH 22:3

Vibrating like a pendulum between sin and the hope of forgiveness, — selfishness and sensuality causing constant retrogression, — our moral progress will be slow. Waking to Christ's demand, mortals experience suffering. This causes them, even as drowning men, to make vigorous efforts to save themselves; and through Christ's precious love these efforts are crowned with success.

SH 224:4

As the crude footprints of the past disappear from the dissolving paths of the present, we shall better understand the Science which governs these changes, and shall plant our feet on firmer ground. Every sensuous pleasure or pain is self-destroyed through suffering. There should be painless progress, attended by life and peace instead of discord and death.

SH 239:16

To ascertain our progress, we must learn where our affections are placed and whom we acknowledge and obey as God. If divine Love is becoming nearer, dearer, and more real to us, matter is then submitting to Spirit. The objects we pursue and the spirit we manifest reveal our standpoint, and show what we are winning.

SH 233:16

Already the shadow of His right hand rests upon the hour. Ye who can discern the face of the sky, — the sign material, — how much more should ye discern the sign mental, and compass the destruction of sin and sickness by overcoming the thoughts which produce them, and by understanding the spiritual idea which corrects and destroys them. To reveal this truth was our Master's mission to all mankind, including the hearts which rejected him.

SH 506:10

Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites understanding to eternal harmony. The calm and exalted thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace. Thus the dawn of ideas goes on, forming each successive stage of progress.