

# Seventeenth Church of Christ, Scientist, Chicago

Wednesday Evening Meeting, December 31, New Year's Eve 2014

Subject: Promises and Prophecies Fulfilled . . . reveal “the Way” – the spiritual sense of being.

Hymns

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## **The Bible**

II Peter 1:21 . . . prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Exodus 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. 2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: 3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. 4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, 5 Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: 16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me saying, I have surely visited you, . . .

Numbers 11:24 And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the Lord, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and set them round about the tabernacle. 25 And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that when the spirit rested upon them they prophesied, and did not cease. 29 And Moses said . . . Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets. and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!

1 Samuel 3:1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision. 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, 3 and Samuel was laid down to sleep; 4 That the Lord called Samuel: 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here' am I; And he said, I called not; lie down again. 6 And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him. 8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, . . . And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child. 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. 10 And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, . . Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth. 19 And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

Psalms 19: 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is pure, making wise the simple. 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Isaiah 30:18 the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, . . . blessed' are all they that wait for him. 19 when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. 21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Mark 16: 9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. 10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. 11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

Luke 24:13 And behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and

slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and 29 . . . they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: 31 And their eyes were opened and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way. . . ?

33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, 34 saying, The Lord is risen indeed, 25 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known to them in breaking of bread.

36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

Hebrews 8:10 . . . this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. 13 In

. . . a new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Hebrews 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Hebrews 10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

I Cor 12: 1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. 31 shew I unto you a more excellent way.

I Cor 13:2 . . . though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 8 . . . whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 8 Charity never faileth:

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

I Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit. 20 Despise not prophesyings.

Proverbs 4:4. Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. 26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

Revelation 1:9 I John . . . 10 was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, 11 Saying, . . .

Revelation 10:11 Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

Isaiah 45:11 Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. 12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: 13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways:

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270:14 The prophets of old looked for something higher than the systems of their times; hence their foresight of the new dispensation of Truth. But they knew not what would be the precise nature of the teaching and demonstration of God, divine Mind, in His more infinite meanings, - the demonstration which was to destroy sin, sickness, and death, establish the definition of omnipotence, and maintain the Science of Spirit.

84:14 Acquaintance with the Science of being enables us to commune more largely with the divine Mind, to foresee and foretell events which concern the universal welfare, to be divinely inspired, - yea, to reach the range of fetterless Mind.

268:1 In the material world, thought has brought to light with great rapidity many useful wonders. With like activity have thought's swift pinions been rising towards the realm of the real, to the spiritual cause of those lower things which give impulse to inquiry. Belief in a material basis, from which may be deduced all rationality, is slowly yielding to the idea of a metaphysical basis, looking away from matter to Mind as the cause of every effect.

269:11 Metaphysics is above physics. And matter does not enter into metaphysical premises or conclusions. 14 Metaphysics resolves things into thoughts, and exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul.

259:26 Immortal ideas, pure, perfect, and enduring, are transmitted by the divine Mind through divine Science, which corrects error with truth and demands spiritual thoughts, divine concepts, to the end that they may produce harmonious results.

349:18 The elucidation of Christian Science lies in its spiritual sense, and this sense must be gained by its disciples in order to grasp the meaning of this Science.

272:9 The spiritual sense of the Scriptures brings out the scientific sense, and is the new tongue referred to in the last chapter of Mark's Gospel.

28 The divine Principle of the universe must interpret the universe. God is the divine Principle of all that represents Him and of all that really exists.

273:3 The physical senses can take no cognizance of God and spiritual Truth. 7 Deductions from material hypotheses are not scientific. They differ from real Science because they are not based on the divine law.

117:24 Evidence drawn from the five physical senses relates solely to human reason; and because of opacity to the true light, human reason dimly reflects and feebly transmits Jesus' works and words.

319:5 To calculate one's life-prospects from a material basis, would infringe upon spiritual law and misguide human hope.

273:16 The so-called laws of matter and of medical science have never made mortals whole, harmonious, and immortal. 18 Hence the importance of understanding the truth of being, which reveals the laws of spiritual existence.

272:3 The spiritual sense of truth must be gained before Truth can be understood. This sense is assimilated only as we are honest, unselfish, loving, and meek.

19 It is the spiritualization of thought and Christianization of daily life, in contrast with the results of the ghastly farce of material existence; it is chastity and purity, in contrast with the downward tendencies and earthward gravitation of sensualism and impurity, which really attest the divine origin and operation of Christian Science.

270:26 If sin makes sinners, Truth and Love alone can unmake them. If a sense of disease produces suffering and a sense of ease antidotes suffering, disease is mental, not material.

273:21 God never ordained a material law to annul the spiritual law. 24 Jesus walked on the waves, fed the multitude, healed the sick, and raised the dead in direct opposition to material laws.

274:3 Unnecessary knowledge gained from the five senses is only temporal, - the conception of mortal mind, the offspring of sense, not of Soul, Spirit, - and symbolizes all that is evil and perishable. 9 Ideas, on the contrary, are born of Spirit, and are not mere inferences drawn from material premises.

12 The senses of Spirit abide in Love, and they demonstrate Truth and Life.

275:6 The starting point of divine Science' is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other might nor Mind, - that God is Love, and therefore He is divine Principle. 17 No wisdom is wise but His wisdom; no truth is true, no love is lovely, no life is Life, but the divine; no good is, but the good God bestows.

280:2 Symbols and elements of discord and decay are not products of the infinite, perfect, and eternal All. From Love and from the light and harmony which are the abode of Spirit, only reflections of good can come.

294:25 Man's genuine selfhood is recognizable only in what is good and true.

281:20 When we put off the false sense for the true, and see that sin and mortality have neither Principle nor permanency, we shall learn that sin and mortality are without actual origin or rightful existence.

84:3 The ancient prophets gained their foresight from a spiritual, incorporeal standpoint, not by foreshadowing evil and mistaking fact for fiction, - predicting the future from a groundwork of corporeality and human belief.

286:19 . . . the spiritual universe is good, and reflects God as He is. 17 The Scriptures declare all that He made to be good, like Himself, - good in Principle and in idea.

286:9 The Master said, "No man cometh unto the Father [the divine Principle of being] but by me," Christ, Life, Truth, Love; for Christ says, "I am the way."

311:13 Evil is destroyed by the sense of good.

296:23 When the evidence of Spirit and matter, Truth and error, seems to commingle, its rests upon foundations which time is wearing away. 28 An improved belief is one step out of error, and aids in taking the next step and understanding the situation in Christian Science.

298: 13 Spiritual sense, contradicting material sense, involves intuition, hope, faith, understanding, fruition, reality.

85:4 This Soul-sense comes to the human mind when the latter yields to the divine Mind. 7 Such intuitions reveal whatever constitutes and perpetuates harmony, enabling one to do good, but not evil.

107:10 Through Christian Science, religion and medicine are inspired with a diviner nature and essence; fresh pinions are given to faith and understanding, and thoughts acquaint themselves intelligently with God.

531:10 It is well that the upper portions of the brain represent the higher moral sentiments, as if hope were ever prophesying thus: The human mind will sometime rise above all material and physical sense, exchanging it for spiritual perception, and exchanging human concepts for the divine consciousness. Then man will recognize his God-given dominion and being.

46:5 In the walk to Emmaus, Jesus was known to his friends by the words, which made their hearts burn within them, and by the breaking of bread. The divine Spirit, which identified Jesus thus centuries ago, has spoken through the inspired Word and will speak through it in every age and clime. It is revealed to the receptive heart, . . .

98:4 The prophet of today beholds in the mental horizon the signs of these times, the reappearance of the Christianity which heals the sick and destroys error, and no other sign shall be given.