

Wednesday Readings: Can anything hinder God's expression, man? Stunt, inhibit, impede, hamper, hinder, restrict, retard, slow, curb, check. ANTONYMS encourage.

Hymns: 136, 103, 243

1 Pet 3:7 that, 8-18, 1-4 if

7 that your prayers be not hindered.

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well-doing, than for evil doing.

18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1 if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

1 Cor 9:10

10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

Acts 8:36-40

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both

Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Num 22:12 thou, 16

12 thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.

16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:

Gen 24:39, 40 (to ;), 41-56

39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.

40 And he said unto me, The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way;

41 Then shalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath.

42 And I came this day unto the well, and said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go:

43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

44 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the Lord hath appointed out for my master's son.

45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also.

47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

49 And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the Lord: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

51 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the Lord hath spoken.

52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the Lord, bowing himself to the earth.

53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave

them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.

55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the Lord hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

Gal 5:1-18, 22, 23

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.

9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.

12 I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Gal 6:1, 2, 8-10, 15, 16

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the

Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Luke 1:37

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

448:23

The reception or
24 pursuit of instructions opposite to absolute Christian
Science must always hinder scientific demonstration.

135:17

There is to-day danger of repeating
18 the offence of the Jews by limiting the Holy One of Israel
and asking: "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?"
What cannot God do?

4:32

Whatever mate-
1 rializes worship hinders man's spiritual growth and keeps
him from demonstrating his power over error.

391:9

9 Banish the belief that you can possi- Righteous
bly entertain a single intruding pain which can- rebellion
12 you can prevent the development of pain in the body.
No law of God hinders this result. It is error to suffer
for aught but your own sins. Christ, or Truth, will de-
15 stroy all other supposed suffering, and real suffering for
your own sins will cease in proportion as the sin ceases.

209:11

Neither
12 philosophy nor skepticism can hinder the march of the
Science which reveals the supremacy of Mind. The im-

manent sense of Mind-power enhances the glory of Mind.
15 Nearness, not distance, lends enchantment to this view.

144:30-145:7

30 It is a question to-day, whether the ancient inspired
healers understood the Science of Christian healing, or
1 whether they caught its sweet tones, as the natural
musician catches the tones of harmony, without being
3 able to explain them. So divinely imbued Ancient
were they with the spirit of Science, that the healers
lack of the letter could not hinder their work; and that
6 letter, without the spirit, would have made void their
practice.

369:5-22

In proportion as matter loses to human sense all en-
6 tity as man, in that proportion does man become its
master. He enters into a diviner sense of the Man's
facts, and comprehends the theology of Jesus entity
9 as demonstrated in healing the sick, raising the dead,
and walking over the wave. All these deeds manifested
Jesus' control over the belief that matter is substance,
12 that it can be the arbiter of life or the constructor of any
form of existence.

We never read that Luke or Paul made a reality of
15 disease in order to discover some means of healing it.
Jesus never asked if disease were acute or The Christ
chronic, and he never recommended atten- treatment
18 tion to laws of health, never gave drugs, never prayed
to know if God were willing that a man should live. He
understood man, whose Life is God, to be immortal, and
21 knew that man has not two lives, one to be destroyed and
the other to be made indestructible.

205:22-206:3

When we realize that there is one Mind, the divine law
of loving our neighbor as ourselves is unfolded; Redemption
24 whereas a belief in many ruling minds hinders from
man's normal drift towards the one Mind, one selfishness
God, and leads human thought into opposite channels
27 where selfishness reigns.

Selfishness tips the beam of human existence towards
the side of error, not towards Truth. Denial of the one-
30 ness of Mind throws our weight into the scale, not of
Spirit, God, good, but of matter.

When we fully understand our relation to the Divine,
1 we can have no other Mind but His, — no other Love,
wisdom, or Truth, no other sense of Life, and no con-
3 sciousness of the existence of matter or error.

414:23-415:26

Christian Science de-
24 clares that Mind is substance, also that matter neither
feels, suffers, nor enjoys. Hold these points strongly in
view. Keep in mind the verity of being, — that man is
27 the image and likeness of God, in whom all being is
painless and permanent. Remember that man's perfec-
tion is real and unimpeachable, whereas imperfection is
30 blameworthy, unreal, and is not brought about by divine
Love.

Matter cannot be inflamed. Inflammation is fear, an
1 excited state of mortals which is not normal. Immor-
tal Mind is the only cause; therefore disease is neither a
3 cause nor an effect. Mind in every case is the
eternal God, good. Sin, disease, and death
have no foundations in Truth. Inflammation as a mor-
6 tal belief quickens or impedes the action of the system,
because thought moves quickly or slowly, leaps or halts
when it contemplates unpleasant things, or when the in-
9 dividual looks upon some object which he dreads. In-
flammation never appears in a part which mortal thought
does not reach. That is why opiates relieve inflammation.
12 They quiet the thought by inducing stupefaction and by
resorting to matter instead of to Mind. Opiates do not
remove the pain in any scientific sense. They only ren-
15 der mortal mind temporarily less fearful, till it can master
an erroneous belief.

Matter is
not inflamed

Note how thought makes the face pallid. It either re-
18 tards the circulation or quickens it, causing a pale or
flushed cheek. In the same way thought in-
creases or diminishes the secretions, the action
21 of the lungs, of the bowels, and of the heart. The mus-
cles, moving quickly or slowly and impelled or palsied by
thought, represent the action of all the organs of the hu-
24 man system, including brain and viscera. To remove
the error producing disorder, you must calm and instruct
mortal mind with immortal Truth.

Truth calms
the thought

283:4-11

Mind is the source of all movement, and there is no

6 inertia to retard or check its perpetual and harmonious
action. Mind is the same Life, Love, and wis-
dom "yesterday, and to-day, and forever."
Matter and its effects — sin, sickness, and
9 death — are states of mortal mind which act, react, and
then come to a stop. They are not facts of Mind. They
are not ideas, but illusions. Principle is absolute.

Source of
all life and
action

256:1 (only)

1 Progress takes off human shackles.

426:8-9

9 When the desti-
nation is desirable, expectation speeds our progress.

Our footsteps
heavenward