Monday Night Bible Lesson Group Read

(8.28.17 — 9.3.17)

This week’s subject: **Man**

* **Daily Prayer (Man. - Art. VII, Sect. 4.)**

**“Thy kingdom come;”**

**let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love**

**be established in me,**

**and rule out of me all sin;**

**and may Thy Word enrich the affections**

**of all mankind, and govern them!**

* **1st Article: Only One Standard** – (CSS Oct. 26th, 1912)
* **Hymn** – (382)

What is thy birthright, man, Child of the perfect One; What is thy Father’s plan For His beloved son?

Thou art Truth’s honest child, Of pure and sinless heart; Thou treadest undefiled In Christly paths apart.

Vain dreams shall disappear As Truth dawns on the sight; The phantoms of thy fear Shall flee before the light.

Take then the sacred rod; Thou art not error’s thrall; Thou hast the gift of God—Dominion over all.

* **2nd Article: “Joint-Heirs With Christ”** – (CSJ February 1940)
* **The Lord’s Prayer – with its spiritual interpretation from Science & Health**

Our Father which art in heaven, *Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,*

Hallowed be Thy name. *Adorable One.*

Thy kingdom come. *Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.*

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. *Enable us to know, — as in heaven, so on earth, — God is omnipotent, supreme.*

Give us this day our daily bread; *Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;*

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. *And Love is reflected in love;*

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; *And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth us from sin, disease, and death.*

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.— *For God is infinite, all-power, all Life, Truth, Love, over all, and All.*

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* **Hymn** – (3)

A grateful heart a garden is, Where there is always room For every lovely, Godlike grace To come to perfect bloom.

A grateful heart a fortress is, A staunch and rugged tower, Where God’s omnipotence, revealed, Girds man with mighty power.

A grateful heart a temple is, A shrine so pure and white, Where angels of His presence keep Calm watch by day or night.

Grant then, dear Father-Mother, God, Whatever else befall, This largess of a grateful heart That loves and blesses all.

* **3rd Article: “An hiding place from the wind”** – (CSS April 25th, 1964)
* **4th Article: Ministering to Spiritual Needs** – (CSS February 17th, 1934)
* **Hymn** – (406)

O Love, our Mother, ever near, To Thee we turn from doubt and fear! In perfect peace our thoughts abide; Our hearts now in this truth confide: Man is the child of God.

O Light, in Thy light we can see That man is ever one with Thee. In love our lives Thou dost enfold, And now our waiting hopes behold That man is God’s own child.

O joy that ever will remain, Midst seeming sorrow, hate, and pain, Our hearts to fill with this glad song That soars above the mists of wrong: Man is the loved of Love.

* **The Scientific Statement of Being** – (SH 468: 9)

**There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter.**

**All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all.**

**Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error.**

**Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal.**

**Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness.**

**Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.**

* **The Correlative Scripture according to 1st John**

**Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us,**

**that we should be called the sons of God:**

**therefore the world knoweth us not,**

**because it knew him not.**

**Beloved, now are we the sons of God,**

**and it doth not yet appear what we shall be:**

**but we know that, when he shall appear,**

**we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

**And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself,**

**even as he is pure. —** (1st John 3: 1 – 3)

* **6th Tenet**

**And we solemnly promise to watch,**

**and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus;**

**to do unto others as we would have them do unto us;**

* **and to be merciful, just, and pure. — Science & Health pg. 497: 24**