

# 2024.12.18 - Advent - Luke's story (encore)



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## 1. Isa. 11:1–6 there, 10

- 1 ... there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
- 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
- 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:
- 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
- 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
- 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
- 10 ¶ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

## 2. Isa. 9:6–8

- 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.
- 8 ¶ The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

## 3. Isa. 57:15

- 15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

#### 4. Luke 2:1–40

- 1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
- 2 (*And* this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
- 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
- 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
- 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
- 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
- 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
- 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- 12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
- 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
- 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
- 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
- 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
- 17 And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
- 18 And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
- 19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart.
- 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.
- 21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
- 22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord;
- 23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be

called holy to the Lord;)

- 24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.
- 25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.
- 26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
- 27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,
- 28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,
- 29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
- 30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
- 31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
- 32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.
- 33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.
- 34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;
- 35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.
- 36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;
- 37 And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.
- 38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.
- 39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.
- 40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

## 5. Heb. 1:1–14

- 1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
- 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
- 3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- 4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
- 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

- 6 And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.
- 7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.
- 8 But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
- 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even thy God*, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- 10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:
- 11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;
- 12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.
- 13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?
- 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

## 6. Heb. 2:9, 14–18

- 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.
- 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;
- 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
- 16 For verily he took not on *him the nature of angels*; but he took on *him the seed of Abraham*.
- 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his brethren*, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining to God*, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.
- 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

## 7. Gal. 4:1–7

- 1 Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
- 2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.
- 3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:
- 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
- 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
- 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

## 8. I John 3:2

2 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.

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### 1. SH 25:16–17

Jesus presented the ideal of God better than could any man whose origin was less spiritual.

Effective triumph

### 2. SH 312:31–22

Jesus' spiritual origin and his demonstration of divine Principle richly endowed him and entitled him to sonship  
1 in Science. He was the son of a virgin. The term  
Christ Jesus, or Jesus the Christ (to give the full and  
3 proper translation of the Greek), may be rendered  
"Jesus the anointed," Jesus the God-crowned or the divinely royal man, as it is said of him in  
6 the first chapter of Hebrews: —

The one anointed

Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee  
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

9 With this agrees another passage in the same chapter, which refers to the Son as "the brightness of His [God's] glory, and the express [expressed] image of His person  
12 [infinite Mind]." It is noteworthy that the phrase "express image" in the Common Version is, in the Greek Testament, *character*. Using this word in its higher mean-  
15 ing, we may assume that the author of this remarkable epistle regarded Christ as the Son of God, the royal reflection of the infinite; and the cause given for the ex-  
18 altation of Jesus, Mary's son, was that he "loved righteousness and hated iniquity." The passage is made even clearer in the translation of the late George R.  
21 Noyes, D.D.: "Who, being a brightness from His glory, and an image of His being."

### 3. SH 332:9 Jesus, 23 Jesus

9 ... Jesus was born of Mary. Christ is the true idea  
voicing good, the divine message from God to men speak-  
ing to the human consciousness. The Christ  
12 is incorporeal, spiritual, — yea, the divine  
image and likeness, dispelling the illusions of the senses;  
the Way, the Truth, and the Life, healing the sick and  
15 casting out evils, destroying sin, disease, and death. As  
Paul says: “There is one God, and one mediator between  
God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” The corporeal  
18 man Jesus was human.

The Son  
of God

... Jesus was the son of a virgin. He was appointed  
24 to speak God’s word and to appear to mortals in such  
a form of humanity as they could understand  
as well as perceive. Mary’s conception of  
27 him was spiritual, for only purity could reflect Truth  
and Love, which were plainly incarnate in the good and  
pure Christ Jesus. He expressed the highest type of  
30 divinity, which a fleshly form could express in that age.  
Into the real and ideal man the fleshly element cannot  
enter. Thus it is that Christ illustrates the coincidence,  
1 or spiritual agreement, between God and man in His  
image.

Christ  
Jesus

### 4. SH 29:20–13

The illumination of Mary’s spiritual sense put to  
21 silence material law and its order of generation, and  
brought forth her child by the revelation of  
Truth, demonstrating God as the Father of  
24 men. The Holy Ghost, or divine Spirit, overshadowed  
the pure sense of the Virgin-mother with the full recog-  
nition that being is Spirit. The Christ dwelt forever  
27 an idea in the bosom of God, the divine Principle of the  
man Jesus, and woman perceived this spiritual idea,  
though at first faintly developed.  
30 Man as the offspring of God, as the idea of Spirit,  
is the immortal evidence that Spirit is harmonious and  
man eternal. Jesus was the offspring of Mary’s self-  
1 conscious communion with God. Hence he could give  
a more spiritual idea of life than other men, and could  
3 demonstrate the Science of Love — his Father or divine  
Principle.

Spiritual  
conception

Born of a woman, Jesus' advent in the flesh partook  
6 partly of Mary's earthly condition, although he was en-  
dowed with the Christ, the divine Spirit, with-  
out measure. This accounts for his struggles  
9 in Gethsemane and on Calvary, and this enabled him to  
be the mediator, or *way-shower*, between God and men.  
Had his origin and birth been wholly apart from mortal  
12 usage, Jesus would not have been appreciable to mortal  
mind as "the way."

Jesus the  
way-shower

## 5. SH 264:24-1

24                   Spiritual living  
and blessedness are the only evidences, by which we can  
recognize true existence and feel the unspeakable peace  
27 which comes from an all-absorbing spiritual love.

When we learn the way in Christian Science and rec-  
ognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and under-  
30 stand God's creation, — all the glories of earth and heaven  
and man.

The universe of Spirit is peopled with spiritual beings,  
1 and its government is divine Science.

Spiritual  
proofs of  
existence

## 6. SH 594:12

12   **SHEEP.** Innocence; inoffensiveness; those who follow  
their leader.

## 7. SH 323:32

Willingness to become as a little child and  
1 to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of  
the advanced idea. Gladness to leave the false landmarks  
3 and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps  
to precipitate the ultimate harmony. The purification  
of sense and self is a proof of progress. "Blessed are the  
6 pure in heart: for they shall see God."

## 8. SH 589:23

24   **JUDAH.** A corporeal material belief progressing and  
disappearing; the spiritual understanding of God and  
man appearing.

## 9. SH 548:9

9   How little light or heat reach our earth when clouds  
cover the sun's face! So Christian Science can be seen

only as the clouds of corporeal sense roll away.  
12 Earth has little light or joy for mortals before  
Life is spiritually learned. Every agony of mortal error  
helps error to destroy error, and so aids the apprehension  
15 of immortal Truth. This is the new birth going on  
hourly, by which men may entertain angels, the true  
ideas of God, the spiritual sense of being.

#### 10. SH 581:4

ANGELS. God's thoughts passing to man; spiritual  
intuitions, pure and perfect; the inspiration of goodness,  
6 purity, and immortality, counteracting all evil, sensuality,  
and mortality.

#### 11. SH 512:8

Spirit is symbolized by strength, presence, and power,  
9 and also by holy thoughts, winged with Love. These an-  
gels of His presence, which have the holiest  
charge, abound in the spiritual atmosphere of  
12 Mind, and consequently reproduce their own character-  
istics. Their individual forms we know not, but we do  
know that their natures are allied to God's nature; and  
15 spiritual blessings, thus typified, are the externalized, yet  
subjective, states of faith and spiritual understanding.

#### 12. SH 334:10 The

... The invisible Christ was imperceptible to the  
so-called personal senses, whereas Jesus appeared as a  
12 bodily existence. This dual personality of the  
unseen and the seen, the spiritual and mate-  
rial, the eternal Christ and the corporeal Jesus manifest  
15 in flesh, continued until the Master's ascension, when  
the human, material concept, or Jesus, disappeared,  
while the spiritual self, or Christ, continues to exist in  
18 the eternal order of divine Science, taking away the sins  
of the world, as the Christ has always done, even before  
the human Jesus was incarnate to mortal eyes.

#### 13. SH 501:10-13

The incarnation of Truth, that amplifi-  
cation of wonder and glory which angels could only  
12 whisper and which God illustrated by light and har-  
mony, is consonant with ever-present Love.



#### 14. SH 109:24

24 When a new spiritual idea is borne to earth, the  
prophetic Scripture of Isaiah is renewedly fulfilled:  
“Unto us a child is born, . . . and his name shall be  
27 called Wonderful.”

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