

# Readings from the Word of God

## 25 October 2020

### **Psalm 95:1-7 (NKJV)**

- 1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!  
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;  
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is the great God,  
And the great King above all gods.
- 4 In His hand are the deep places of the earth;  
The heights of the hills are His also.
- 5 The sea is His, for He made it;  
And His hands formed the dry land.
- 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For He is our God,  
And we are the people of His pasture,  
And the sheep of His hand.

### **Luke 19:39-40 (NKJV)**

- 39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd,  
“Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”
- 40 But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these  
should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

## ***Divine Providence §213***

But please, I say to the natural person, write two books and fill them with plausible, probable and likely arguments, arguments you judge to be solid—one book in support of a person’s own prudence, one in support of nature—and then put them into the hand of any angel; and I know that the angel will write at the end these few words: “They are all appearances and fallacies.”

## ***Divine Love and Wisdom §46***

Thought from the eye closes the understanding, but thought from the understanding opens the eye.

## ***Secrets of Heaven §129***

If we seize... on the premise that we will believe nothing until we see and understand it, we will never be able to believe anything. Spiritual and heavenly concepts remain beyond the range of our eyesight, beyond the grasp of our imagination.

The proper method is to become wise from the Lord, that is, from his Word. Then all things follow as they should, and in addition light is shed on our rational thinking and factual knowledge.

By no means, you see, is the acquisition of knowledge forbidden. Knowledge is useful for our lives, and pleasurable. For a person who is in faith no prohibition exists on thinking and speaking the way the well-educated of the world do. But we are to do so on the principle of belief in the Lord’s Word and of using earthly truth to confirm spiritual and heavenly truth so far as we can, using language familiar to the academic world. The Lord, not ourselves, must be the source of our principles. This is life; the other way is death.

## ***Heaven and Hell §104***

All earthly things are differentiated into three classes that we call “kingdoms,” namely the animal kingdom, the vegetable kingdom, and the mineral kingdom. Members of the animal kingdom are correspondences on the first level because they are alive.

Members of the vegetable kingdom are correspondences on the second level because they merely grow. Members of the mineral kingdom are correspondences on the third level because they neither live nor grow.

.... Correspondences in the mineral kingdom are metals noble and base, stones precious and common, and soils of various kinds, as well as bodies of water.

## ***Divine Providence §3:2***

Everything that meets our eyes in this world can serve to convince us that the universe and absolutely everything in it was created out of divine love by means of divine wisdom. Take any particular thing and look at it with some wisdom, and this will be clear. Look at a tree—or its seed, its fruit, its flower, or its leaf. Collect your wits and look through a good microscope and you will see incredible things; and the deeper things that you cannot see are even more incredible. Look at the design of the sequence by which a tree grows from its seed all the way to a new seed, and ask yourself, “In this whole process, is there not a constant effort toward ongoing self-propagation?” The goal it is headed for is a seed that has a new power to reproduce. If you are willing to think spiritually (and you can if you want to), surely you see wisdom in this. Then too, if you are willing to press your spiritual thinking further, surely you see that this power does not come from the seed or from our world’s sun, which is nothing but fire, but that it was put into the seed by a creator God who has infinite wisdom. This is not just something that happened at its

creation; it is something that has been happening constantly ever since. Maintenance is constant creation, just as enduring is a constant coming into being.

### ***Apocalypse Explained §1208:2***

The mineral kingdom is simply a storehouse, in which are contained and from which are taken the things of which the forms of the the animal and the vegetable kingdoms are composed.

### ***Apocalypse Explained §790:5***

In order that the spiritual mind may be opened and formed it must have a storehouse from which it may draw its supplies; since unless a person has such a storehouse they are empty, and in emptiness there can be no Divine operation. This storehouse is in the natural person and it is its memory, in which everything knowable can be stored up and can be drawn forth from it. In this storehouse for the formation of the spiritual person there must be truths that are to be believed and goods that are to be done, both of them from the Word and from doctrine and preaching from the Word.

### **Luke 6:46-49 (NKJV)**

<sup>46</sup> [Jesus said,] “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? <sup>47</sup> Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: <sup>48</sup> He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>49</sup> But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

## **Psalm 104:24, 30-31, 33 (NKJV)**

24 O LORD, how manifold are Your works!  
In wisdom You have made them all.

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30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;  
And You renew the face of the earth.

31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
May the LORD rejoice in His works.

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33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.