

MEDITATIONS FROM DECEMBER 2019 SUNDAY BULLETINS

DO YOU HAVE A GRAVEN IMAGE?

December 1, 2019

Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.

Living in ignorance or seeking glory in the flesh, that man whose breath is in his nostrils, the Adam man who lives separate and apart from the Truth of his essence as a perfect, spiritual and eternal expression of God seeks amiss for his source. From the beginning of time, man has attempted to procure safety, protection, abundance, and power by creating a mental image of this or that God. From the "Golden Calf," to today's fat wallets, so-called outer positions of human importance, status, wealth, bloated personalities, and to this and that material effect born of error, of ego, man has created his mental concepts of God which he errantly believes shall serve his human needs best...and in some cases, is the root of negativity...as he gives power to ill-health, lack, and such. But these Graven Images are just that...images, they are not of God, they are not of Truth. There is but ONE Power, ONE Creator, ONE Source, ONE Spiritual and eternal Truth of us, OMNIPRESENT, and God, our Father is within just waiting for us to give Him realization.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: [Exodus 20:4](#)

PERFECT PEACE

December 8, 2019

Rev. Janet Friedline

Many of us say we would like a little more peace in our lives, a little more harmony and contentment. Our days are filled with activity, with responsibilities and commitments. It is true that some of what we experience is the result of our choices, the decisions that we have made. Our goal is to enjoy life, to accomplish and achieve in ways that bring satisfaction and approval. And so, we fill our days with activity, seeking happiness and fulfillment.

We have also noticed that acting this way can be stressful and demanding. There are times when we want to get away from what we have put in place, to be free of our thoughts and schedules. Jesus told us of the peace of inner being. In our soul's awareness, we are calm and serene, not bothered by demands and expectations. In the stillness, we find the peace the world knows not of. Our only activity should be to turn within and allow God to fill our days with his purpose and mission for us. Be still and know, is the way.

THE SECOND COMING

December 15, 2019

Rev. Donna Gatewood

Christmas Service with special bulletin and no meditation.

THE MANGER SCENE

December 24, 2019

Rev. Janet Friedline

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with special bulletin and no meditation.

TODAY - HOW DID I GET HERE?

December 29, 2019

Rev. Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr.

The issues of life are the outcome of our habitual thoughts. As we control our thought life, we gain control over our destiny and ultimate experiences. How many times have we thought to ourselves, “how did I get into the situation, the experience, the place I find myself today (good or not)? Why am I not experiencing abundance, health, success, joy, happiness, and love?” Well, the fact is, the type of life we live and the place in which we find ourselves today, are the direct results of what it is we think and have thought upon with feeling. Divine Science teaches us that as individualized expressions of God, we have dominion, and we live, move, and have our spiritual Being in HIM. To this end, when we recognize our Source, when the God-Mind is in place, all glory is ours and we experience the Kingdom of Heaven right here on earth. However, when ignorant of our Truth as ONE in and of God, or when arrogant in the flesh, we experience a sense of separation from Him, and in error we look to the world of effect to fill our needs and for our life purpose.

*“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” **Romans 12:2***