

2019-07-03 Children of God

Prov. 4:1, 2

- 1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.
- 2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

Prov. 3:11, 12

- 11 ¶ My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:
- 12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

Deut. 29:29

- 29 The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are revealed belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that *we may do* all the words of this law.

Ex. 2:1–10

- 1 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took *to wife* a daughter of Levi.
- 2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he *was a goodly child*, she hid him three months.
- 3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid *it* in the flags by the river's brink.
- 4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.
- 5 ¶ And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash *herself* at the

river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

6 And when she had opened *it*, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This *is one* of the Hebrews' children.

7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give *thee* thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

Ex. 13:3 (to ;), 17, 18

3 ¶ And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; ...

17 ¶ And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not *through* the way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

18 But God led the people about, *through* the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

Ex. 14:8 (to :), 10, 13, 21–23, 26, 27, 30 (to ;)

8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: ...

10 ¶ And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and

they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

13 ¶ And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to-day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters were divided.

22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground*: and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 ¶ And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, *even* all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

26 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; ...

Rom. 8:14–17 (to 2nd ;)

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; ...

I Sam. 3:1–10, 19

- 1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; *there was no open vision.*
- 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli *was laid down in his place*, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that he could not see;*
- 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep;*
- 4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am I.*
- 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am I*; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.
- 6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am I*; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.
- 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.
- 8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am I*; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.
- 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
- 10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.
- 19 ¶ And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

Luke 2:1, 3–7, 41–49, 52

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.

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.

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the
passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem
after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child
Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew
not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's
journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and
acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to
Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the
temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and
asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and
answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said
unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father
and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not
that I must be about my Father's business?

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with

God and man.

Matt. 19:13–15

- 13 ¶ Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put *his* hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.
- 14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
- 15 And he laid *his* hands on them, and departed thence.

Matt. 18:1–5

- 1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,
- 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
- 5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

II Tim. 3:15–17

- 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- 16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

SH 582:28–9

CHILDREN. The spiritual thoughts and representatives of Life, Truth, and Love.

1 Sensual and mortal beliefs; counterfeits of creation,
whose better originals are God's thoughts, not in em-
3 bryo, but in maturity; material suppositions of life, sub-
stance, and intelligence, opposed to the Science of being.

CHILDREN OF ISRAEL. The representatives of Soul, not
6 corporeal sense; the offspring of Spirit, who, having
wrestled with error, sin, and sense, are governed by divine
Science; some of the ideas of God beheld as men, casting
9 out error and healing the sick; Christ's offspring.

SH 566:1–9

1 As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly
through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides
3 of human fear, — as they were led through the
wilderness, walking wearily through the great
desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised
6 joy, — so shall the spiritual idea guide all right desires
in their passage from sense to Soul, from a material sense
of existence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for
9 them who love God.

Spiritual
guidance

SH 236:21–12

21 Children should obey their parents; insubordination
is an evil, blighting the buddings of self-government.
Parents should teach their children at the
24 earliest possible period the truths of health
and holiness. Children are more tractable than adults,
and learn more readily to love the simple verities that will
27 make them happy and good.

Children's
tractability

Jesus loved little children because of their freedom

from wrong and their receptiveness of right. While
30 age is halting between two opinions or battling with
false beliefs, youth makes easy and rapid strides towards
Truth.

1 A little girl, who had occasionally listened to my ex-
planations, badly wounded her finger. She seemed not
3 to notice it. On being questioned about it she answered
ingenuously, "There is no sensation in matter." Bound-
ing off with laughing eyes, she presently added, "Mamma,
6 my finger is not a bit sore."

It might have been months or years before her parents
would have laid aside their drugs, or reached the mental
9 height their little daughter so naturally at-
tained. The more stubborn beliefs and theo-
ries of parents often choke the good seed in the minds of
12 themselves and their offspring.

Soil and
seed

SH 237:15

15 Children should be taught the Truth-cure, Christian
Science, among their first lessons, and kept from discuss-
ing or entertaining theories or thoughts about
18 sickness. To prevent the experience of error
and its sufferings, keep out of the minds of your children
either sinful or diseased thoughts. The latter should
21 be excluded on the same principle as the former. This
makes Christian Science early available.

Teaching
children

SH 62:4

The entire education of children should be such as to
form habits of obedience to the moral and spiritual law,
6 with which the child can meet and master the belief in so-
called physical laws, a belief which breeds disease.

SH 444:27

27 Immortals,
or God's children in divine Science, are one harmonious
family; but mortals, or the “children of men” in material
30 sense, are discordant and oftentimes false brethren.

SH 29:20–24, 30

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.

Spiritual
conception

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.

SH 37:22–25

It is possible, — yea, it is the duty
and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow
24 in some degree the example of the Master by the demon-
stration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness.

SH 476:28

When speaking of God's children, not the children of
men, Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you;”
30 that is, Truth and Love reign in the real
man, showing that man in God's image is

The kingdom
within

unfallen and eternal. Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy. Man is not a material habitation for Soul; he is himself spiritual. Soul, being Spirit, is seen in nothing imperfect nor material.

SH 476:9–18

9 God is the Principle of man, and man is the idea of God. Hence man is not mortal nor material. Mortals will disappear, and immortals, or the children of God, will appear as the only and eternal verities of man. Mortals are not fallen children of God. They never had a perfect state of being, which may subsequently be regained. They were, from the beginning of mortal history, “conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity.” Mortality is finally swallowed up in immortality.

Mortals are not immortals

SH 332:19

X. Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God — the Holy Ghost, or Comforter, revealing the divine Principle, Love, and leading into all truth.

Holy Ghost or Comforter

SH 288:31–2

The eternal Truth destroys what mortals seem to have learned from error, and man's real existence as a child of God comes to light. Truth demonstrated is eternal life.

SH 227:21–25

- 21 Christian Science raises the standard of liberty and
cries: “Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sick-
ness, sin, and death!” Jesus marked out the
24 way. Citizens of the world, accept the “glori-
ous liberty of the children of God,” and be free!

Standard
of liberty

Hymn 318:1

Suffer the children to come to me,
This was the Master's tender plea;
Gentle and loving, they are mine,
Ah, will not ye who see this sign
Come unto me?

Hymn 475:1

Forget not who you are, O child of God,
For God demands of you reflection pure;
Your heritage is goodly, and your home,
In Spirit's warm embrace, is safe, secure.

Hymn 540:1

O gentle presence, peace and joy and power;
O Life divine, that owns each waiting hour,
Thou Love that guards the nestling's faltering flight!
Keep Thou my child on upward wing tonight.