


## **First Hymn**

### 1. Hymn. 33

Call the Lord thy sure salvation, / Rest beneath th' Almighty's shade; / In His secret habitation / Dwell,  
nor ever be dismayed. /

He shall charge His angel legions / Watch and ward o'er thee to keep, / Though thou walk through  
hostile regions, / Though in desert wilds thou sleep. /

There no tumult can alarm thee, / Thou shalt dread no hidden snare; / Guile nor violence shall harm  
thee / In eternal safeguard there.

 The readings, from our Pastor: The Holy Bible and the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", by Mary Baker Eddy:

### Ps. 91:1, 2

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I  
will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

## **The Holy Bible**

### 1. Isa. 48:17

Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee  
to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

### 2. Isa. 45:19

I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me  
in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

### 3. Jer. 23:23–27, 29, 32

Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that  
I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord. I have heard what  
the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long  
shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their  
own heart; Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every  
man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. ...

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? ...

Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my  
people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore  
they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord.

**4. Ps. 31:1–5, 7, 8, 15, 16, 18–21, 24**

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness. Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me. For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me. Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength. Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. ...

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities; And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room. ...

My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake. ...

Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous. Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. Blessed be the Lord: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city. ...

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

**5. Matt. 6:6–8 when, 16–21**

... when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. ...

... ¶ Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. ¶ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**6. Ps. 27:4, 5**

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

**7. Ps. 91:1–6, 9–11, 15 2nd I, 16**

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. ...

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. ...

... I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.



## Science and Health

### 1. SH 578:5, 10

[DIVINE LOVE] is my shepherd; I shall not want. ...

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for [LOVE] is with me; [LOVE'S] rod and [LOVE'S] staff they comfort me.

### 2. SH 14:31–6; 15:9, 16–18, 20–22, 26–30; 16:2

“When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and, when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.”

So spake Jesus. The closet typifies the sanctuary of Spirit, the door of which shuts out sinful sense but lets in Truth, Life, and Love. Closed to error, it is open to Truth, and *vice versa*. ... To enter into the heart of prayer, the door of the erring senses must be closed. Lips must be mute and materialism silent, that man may have audience with Spirit, the divine Principle, Love, which destroys all error.

Spiritual  
sanctuary

... In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings, we must deny sin and plead God's allness. ... We must “pray without ceasing.” Such prayer is answered, in so far as we put our desires into practice. ...

Effectual  
invocation

... Self-forgetfulness, purity, and affection are constant prayers. Practice not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings. ...

Trustworthy  
beneficence

... The highest prayer is not one of faith merely; it is demonstration. Such prayer heals sickness, and must destroy sin and death. It distinguishes between Truth that is sinless and the falsity of sinful sense.

Loftiest  
adoration

### 3. SH 323:28–2; 324:7, 32–26; 325:32–32 (np); 327:17

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen as felt. It is the “still, small voice” of Truth uttering itself. We are either turning away from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going up higher. Willingness to become as a little child and to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of the advanced idea. ...

Childlike  
receptivity

Unless the harmony and immortality of man are becoming more apparent, we are not gaining the true idea of God; and the body will reflect what governs it, whether it be Truth or error, understanding or belief, Spirit or matter. Therefore “acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace.” Be watchful, sober, and vigilant. The way is straight and narrow, which leads to the understanding that God is the only Life. It is a warfare with the flesh, in which we must conquer sin, sickness, and death, either here or hereafter, — certainly before we can reach the goal of Spirit, or life in God. ...

Narrow  
pathway

Jesus said substantially, “He that believeth in me shall not see death.” That is, he who perceives the true idea of Life loses his belief in death. He who has the true idea of good loses all sense of evil, and by reason of this is being ushered into the undying realities of Spirit. Such a one abideth in Life, — life obtained not of the body incapable of supporting life, but of Truth, unfolding its own immortal idea. Jesus gave the true idea of being, which results in infinite blessings to mortals.

Abiding  
in Life

In Colossians (iii. 4) Paul writes: “When Christ, who is our life, shall appear [be manifested], then shall ye also appear [be manifested] with him in glory.” When spiritual being is understood in all its perfection, continuity, and might, then shall man be found in God’s image. The absolute meaning of the apostolic words is this: Then shall man be found, in His likeness, perfect as the Father, indestructible in Life, “hid with Christ in God,” — with Truth in divine Love, where human sense hath not seen man.

Indestructible  
being

Paul had a clear sense of the demands of Truth upon mortals physically and spiritually, when he said: “Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” But he, who is begotten of the beliefs of the flesh and serves them, can never reach in this world the divine heights of our Lord. ...

Consecration  
required

... A false sense of life, substance, and mind hides the divine possibilities, and conceals scientific demonstration.

If we wish to follow Christ, Truth, it must be in the way of God’s appointing. Jesus said, “He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also.” He, who would reach the source and find the divine remedy for every ill, must not try to climb the hill of Science by some other road. All nature teaches God’s love to man, but man cannot love God supremely and set his whole affections on spiritual things, while loving the material or trusting in it more than in the spiritual.

Loving God  
supremely

We must forsake the foundation of material systems, however time-honored, if we would gain the Christ as our only Saviour. Not partially, but fully, the great healer of mortal mind is the healer of the body.

The purpose and motive to live aright can be gained now. This point won, you have started as you should. You have begun at the numeration-table of Christian Science, and nothing but wrong intention can hinder your advancement. Working and praying with true motives, your Father will open the way. “Who did hinder you, that ye should not obey the truth?”

Saul of Tarsus beheld the way — the Christ, or Truth — only when his uncertain sense of right yielded to a spiritual sense, which is always right. Then the man was changed. Thought assumed a nobler outlook, and his life became more spiritual. He learned the wrong that he had done in persecuting Christians, whose religion he had not understood, and in humility he took the new name of Paul. He beheld for the first time the true idea of Love, and learned a lesson in divine Science. ...

Conversion  
of Saul

To the physical senses, the strict demands of Christian Science seem peremptory; but mortals are hastening to learn that Life is God, good, and that evil has in reality neither place nor power in the human or the divine economy.

Peremptory  
demands

[LOVE] maketh me to lie down in green pastures: [LOVE] leadeth me beside the still waters. ...

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [LOVE] for ever.

## **Second and Third Hymn**

### **2. Hymn. 99**

He that hath God his guardian made, / Shall underneath th' Almighty's shade / Fearless and  
undisturbed abide; / Thus to myself of Him I'll say, / He is my fortress, shield and stay, / My God; in  
Him I will confide. /

His tender love and watchful care / Shall free thee from the fowler's snare, / From every harm and  
pestilence. / He over thee His wings shall spread / To cover thy unguarded head. / His truth shall be  
thy strong defense. /

He gives His angels charge o'er thee, / No evil therefore shalt thou see; / Thy refuge shall be God most  
high; / Dwelling within His secret place, / Thou shalt behold His power and grace, / See His salvation  
ever nigh.

### **3. Hymn. 181**

Loving Father, we Thy children / Look to Thee in fear's dark night / While the angels of Thy presence  
/ Guide us upward to the light. /

Then we feel the power that lifts us / To Thy holy secret place, / Where our gloom is lost in glory / As  
we see Thee face to face. /

We would learn, O gracious Father, / To reflect Thy healing love. / May we all awake to praise Thee /  
For Thy good gifts from above. /

Make us strong to bear the message / To Thy children far and near: / Fear shall have no more  
dominion. / God is All, and heaven is here.