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Sunday, November 15, 2020

Scriptural Selection

Acts 9:1-18 Saul, 20

- 1 Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
- 2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
- 3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:
- 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
- 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
- 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
- 7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
- 8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought *him* into Damascus.
- 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.
- 10 ¶ And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.
- 11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,
- 12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
- 13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
- 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.
- 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:
- 16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.
- 17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

- 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.
- 20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

Eph 4:24 put

- 24 put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

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Hymns 551, 464, 542

551 by Mary Baker Eddy

O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind
There sweeps a strain,
Low, sad, and sweet, whose measures bind
The power of pain,

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And wake a white-winged angel throng
Of thoughts, illumed
By faith, and breathed in raptured song,
With love perfumed.

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Then His unveiled, sweet mercies show
Life's burdens light.
I kiss the cross, and wake to know
A world more bright.

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And o'er earth's troubled, angry sea
I see Christ walk,
And come to me, and tenderly,
Divinely talk.

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Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock,
Upon Life's shore,
'Gainst which the winds and waves can shock,
Oh, nevermore!

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From tired joy and grief afar,
And nearer Thee,—
Father, where Thine own children are,
I love to be.

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My prayer, some daily good to do
To Thine, for Thee;
An offering pure of Love, whereto
God leadeth me.

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464

Dear Master, may I follow thee
With holy, deep sincerity,

Forming each thought to Christly mold,
Feeling your peace my heart enfold.

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Lead me to worship God aright,
In truth, in spirit, seek the light;
Loving pure good with heart and soul,
Loving each neighbor, perfect, whole.

.
May I perceive all being one,
Perfect Father, perfect son;
Let me hold fast this heavenly view,
Finding each day my life made new.

.
May I see mortal self dissolve,
Take up the cross with firm resolve,
Seeking the victor's crown each day,
Humble and loving all the way.

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542

O Life that maketh all things new,
The blooming earth, the thoughts of men;
Our pilgrim feet, wet with Your dew,
In gladness hither turn again.

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From hand to hand the greeting flows,
From eye to eye the signals run,
From heart to heart the bright hope glows,
The seekers of the Light are one:

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One in the freedom of the truth,
One in the joy of paths untrod,
One in the heart's perennial youth,
One in the larger thought of God;—

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The freer step, the fuller breath,
The wide horizon's grander view;
The sense of Life that knows no death,—
The Life that maketh all things new.

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SOLO: Peter Allen/Tanya Perkins,

I know no life divided,
O Lord of life, from Thee;
In Thee is life provided
For all mankind and me:
I know no death, O Father,
Because I live in Thee;
Thy life it is that frees us
From death eternally.

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I fear no tribulation,
Since, whatsoe'er it be,

It makes no separation
Between my Lord and me:
Since Thou, my God and Father,
Dost claim me as Thine own,
I richly shall inherit
All good, from Thee alone.

Benediction

2 Tm 1:2,10 NET

...peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord!...He has broken the power of death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel!

AMEN