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Watchfulness

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

The Bible

Ps. 102:7

- 7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

Prov. 8:34

- 34 Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

Isa. 21:5 (to :), 6

- 5 Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink:
6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.

Hab 2:1 (to 3rd ,)

- 1 I WILL stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me,

NOAH

Gen. 8:1 1st God, 5-9 (to :), 10, 11

- 1 God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged;
5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.
6 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:
7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.
8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;
9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth:
10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;
11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

SH 254:2-8

Individuals are consistent who, watching

3 and praying, can “run, and not be weary; . . .
walk, and not faint,” who gain good rapidly
and hold their position, or attain slowly and
6 yield not to discouragement. God requires perfection,
but not until the battle between Spirit and flesh is fought
and the victory won.

SH 579:8-9

ABEL. Watchfulness; self-offering; surrendering to
9 the creator the early fruits of experience.

SH 592:22

NOAH. A corporeal mortal; knowledge of the noth-
ingness of material things and of the immortality of all
24 that is spiritual.

SH 584:26-27

DOVE. A symbol of divine Science; purity and peace;
27 hope and faith.

SHEPHERDS before birth of Jesus

Ps 80:1, 3

- 1 GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth.
- 3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Ps 23:1

- 1 THE LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

Luke 2:8, 9, 15, 16

- 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
- 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

SH vii:2-4

vii:1 The wakeful shepherd beholds
3 the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the full radiance
of a risen day.

SH 324:13 Be (only)

Be watchful, sober, and vigilant.

SH 578:5-18

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

6 [LOVE] maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

[LOVE] leadeth me beside the still waters.

[LOVE] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]: [LOVE] leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

9 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.

[LOVE] prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: [LOVE] anointeth my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

15 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.

SIMON and ANNA wait for the babe

Luke 2:21 when, 22, 25-28, 30-34 mine (to 1st), 36 (to :), 37, 38

21 when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord;

25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

30 mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

34 And Simeon blessed them,

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser:

37 And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.

- 38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

SH 1:6-9

- 6 Prayer, watching, and working, combined with self-immolation, are God's gracious means for accomplishing whatever has been successfully done for the Christianization and health of mankind.

SH 4:17-22

- Simply asking that we may love God will never make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we awake in His likeness.

Watchfulness
requisite

Jesus teaching us to watch

Matt. 22:1 Jesus

- 1 Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

Matt. 25:1-13 1st the

- 1 the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish.
- 3 They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
- 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
- 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
- 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.
- 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
- 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
- 9 But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
- 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
- 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
- 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
- 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Luke 12:35-40 (to :)

- 35 Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning;

- 36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.
- 37 Blessed *are* those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.
- 38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants.
- 39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.
- 40 Be ye therefore ready also:

SH 367:17

- A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period of which Jesus spoke to his disciples, when he said: "Ye are the salt of the earth." "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt lose not its saltness, and that this light be not hid, but radiate and glow into noontide glory.

The salt of the earth

SH 392:32-3

- The issues of pain or pleasure must come through mind, and like a watchman forsaking his post, we admit the intruding belief, forgetting that through divine help we can forbid this entrance.

SH 235:28-2

- Clergymen, occupying the watchtowers of the world, should uplift the standard of Truth. They should so raise their hearers spiritually, that their listeners will love to grapple with a new, right idea and broaden their concepts. Love of Christianity, rather than love of popularity, should stimulate clerical labor and progress.

Clergymen's duty

SH 234:9-12

- We should become more familiar with good than with evil, and guard against false beliefs as watchfully as we bar our doors against the approach of thieves and murderers.

Hospitality to health and good

SH 131:14-18

- This Science has come already, after the manner of God's appointing, but the churches seem not ready to re-

Churchly neglect

ceive it, according to the Scriptural saying, “He came
18 unto his own, and his own received him not.”

Gethsemane - watch one hour

Mark 14:12 1st the, 13, 17, 22-24, 26, 27, 32, 33, 37, 38

- 12 the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?
- 13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.
- 17 And in the evening he cometh with the twelve.
- 22 ¶ And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake *it*, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.
- 23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave *it* to them: and they all drank of it.
- 24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.
- 26 ¶ And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.
- 27 And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.
- 32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.
- 33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;
- 37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?
- 38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly *is* ready, but the flesh *is* weak.

I Cor. 15:20

- 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Col. 3:1

- 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

I Pet. 4:7 be

- 7 be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Rv 16:15 Blessed is he that watcheth,

SH 442:30

30 Christian Scientists, be a law to yourselves that mental malpractice cannot harm you either when asleep or when awake.

SH 15:18-22

We must resolve to take up the cross, and go forth with honest hearts to work and watch for wisdom, Truth, and Love. We must "pray without ceasing." Such prayer is answered, in so far as we put our desires into practice.

SH 47:31

During his night of gloom and glory in the garden, Jesus realized the utter error of a belief in any possible material intelligence. The pangs of neglect and the staves of bigoted ignorance smote him sorely. His students slept. He said unto them: "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" Could they not watch with him who, waiting and struggling in voiceless agony, held uncomplaining guard over a world? There was no response to that human yearning, and so Jesus turned forever away from earth to heaven, from sense to Soul.

Gethsemane
glorified

Benediction

Mark 13:37 what

37 what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Ezek. 3:17 (to :)

17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel:

Isa 52:8 (to :)

8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing:

Isa. 7:14 Behold

14 Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

SH 497:24-27 And

24 And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure.

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Be gentle, be pure.
 Since Spirit keeps all secure,
 No pain or fear has pow'r.
 Be gentle, be pure;
 Love guards, Love guides this hour.

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 Be tranquil, be free.
 Since Life holds both you and me,
 We know what Life has wrought
 Be tranquil, be free.
 Infirmity is nought.

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 Be watchful, be still.
 Then listen for Love's clear will
 Which keeps us safe, at ease.
 Be watchful, be still;
 Assured your God you'll please.

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 Be joyful, be calm.
 As Soul's own melodious psalm.
 Each day you're sung anew.
 Be joyful, be calm;
 Know well that God loves you.

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O come, all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
 Come and behold him, born the King of Angels,

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 Refrain

O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord.

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 Sing, choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.
 Glory to God, glory in the highest.

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 Refrain

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 Yea, Lord we greet thee,
 Born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

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Angels at the Saviour's birth
Woke with music all the earth,
Shepherds in the eastern sky
Saw a pale star passing by,
Guiding them at break of day
Where the babe in meekness lay,
Born the gracious news to tell,
God with us, Immanuel.

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Star of being, still thy light
Shines before us in the night,
By those radiant beams we find
Christ, the Truth, for all mankind,
Still the tidings angels bring
With their joyful caroling,
Telling that the dawn has come,
God and man fore'er at one.

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