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Sorrow turned to Joy

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

The Bible

1. Eccl. 3:1, 4

- 1 To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
- 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

2. Jer. 31:13 I

- 13 I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

3. Job 41:22 sorrow

- 22 sorrow is turned into joy before him.

4. I Sam. 1:9-18 Hannah

- 9 Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.
- 10 And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.
- 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.
- 12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.
- 13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.
- 14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.
- 15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.
- 16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.
- 17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him.
- 18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more *sad*.

5. Isa. 51:11 1st the, 12 (to :)

11 the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion;
and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and
joy; *and* sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

12 I, *even* I, *am* he that comforteth you:

6. Deut. 7:6-9 thou, 14 (to :)

6 thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath
chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are*
upon the face of the earth.

7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were
more in number than any people; for ye *were* the fewest of all people:

8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath
which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with
a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the
hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which
keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his
commandments to a thousand generations;

14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people:

7. John 12:44

44 ¶ Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but
on him that sent me.

8. John 16:1, 4-7, 20-22

1 THESE things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may
remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at
the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me,
Whither goest thou?

6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your
heart.

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for
if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I
will send him unto you.

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world
shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned
into joy.

21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come:
but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the
anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your
heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

9. II Cor. 2:1-5 1st I, 14

- 1 I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness.
- 2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?
- 3 And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is *the joy* of you all.
- 4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.
- 5 But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all.
- 14 Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

10. Isa. 35:10

- 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1. SH 14:16-18

Sorrow

is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spir-

- 18 itual Life, Truth, and Love.

2. SH 304:9-14

This is the doctrine of Christian

Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into

- 12 sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind nor life result in death.

3. SH 386:16-2

A blundering despatch, mistakenly announcing the death of a friend, occasions the same grief that the friend's

- 18 real death would bring. You think that your anguish is occasioned by your loss. Another despatch, correcting the mistake, heals your grief, and
- 21 you learn that your suffering was merely the result of your belief. Thus it is with all sorrow, sickness, and death. You will learn at length that there is no cause
- 24 for grief, and divine wisdom will then be understood.

Erroneous
despatch

Error, not Truth, produces all the suffering on earth.

If a Christian Scientist had said, while you were labor-
 27 ing under the influence of the belief of grief, “Your sor-
 row is without cause,” you would not have
 understood him, although the correctness of
 30 the assertion might afterwards be proved to you. So,
 when our friends pass from our sight and we lament,
 that lamentation is needless and causeless. We shall
 387:1 perceive this to be true when we grow into the under-
 standing of Life, and know that there is no death.

Mourning
 causeless

4. SH 57:32

To happify
 58:1 existence by constant intercourse with those adapted to
 elevate it, should be the motive of society. Unity of
 3 spirit gives new pinions to joy, or else joy’s drooping
 wings trail in dust.

5. SH 304:17-19

Divine Principle is the Life
 18 of man. Man’s happiness is not, therefore, at
 the disposal of physical sense.

Harmony natural

6. SH 66:6-16, 30-31

6 Trials teach mortals not to lean on a material staff, —
 a broken reed, which pierces the heart. We do not
 half remember this in the sunshine of joy
 9 and prosperity. Sorrow is salutary. Through
 great tribulation we enter the kingdom. Trials are
 proofs of God’s care. Spiritual development germi-
 12 nates not from seed sown in the soil of material hopes,
 but when these decay, Love propagates anew the higher
 joys of Spirit, which have no taint of earth. Each suc-
 15 cessive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine
 goodness and love.
 30 Sorrow has its reward. It never leaves us
 where it found us.

Salutary sorrow

7. SH 67:13

Thus should we deport ourselves
 on the seething ocean of sorrow. Hoping and work-
 15 ing, one should stick to the wreck, until an irresistible
 propulsion precipitates his doom or sunshine gladdens
 the troubled sea.

8. SH 125:12-16

12 As human thought changes from one stage to an-
 other of conscious pain and painlessness, sorrow and

joy, — from fear to hope and from faith to understand-
 15 ing, — the visible manifestation will at last be man gov-
 3 erned by Soul, not by material sense.

9. SH 246:1-3

Man is not
 a pendulum, swinging between evil and good, joy and
 3 sorrow, sickness and health, life and death.

Man reflects God

10. SH 552:22-24, 28

From a material source flows no remedy for sorrow,
 sin, and death, for the redeeming power, from the ills
 24 they occasion, is not in egg nor in dust. Thus
 it is learned that matter is a manifestation of mortal
 30 mind, and that matter always surrenders its claims when
 the perfect and eternal Mind is understood.

Persistence of
species

11. SH 248:12-19, 25-4

The sculptor turns from the marble to his model in
 order to perfect his conception. We are all sculptors,
 working at various forms, moulding and chisel-
 15 ing thought. What is the model before mortal
 mind? Is it imperfection, joy, sorrow, sin, suffering?
 Have you accepted the mortal model? Are you repro-
 18 ducing it? Then you are haunted in your work by vicious
 sculptors and hideous forms.

Mental sculpture

To remedy this, we must first turn our gaze in the right
 direction, and then walk that way. We must form perfect
 27 models in thought and look at them continually,
 or we shall never carve them out in grand and
 noble lives. Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice,
 30 health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign
 within us, and sin, disease, and death will diminish until
 they finally disappear.

Perfect models

249:1 Let us accept Science, relinquish all theories based on
 sense-testimony, give up imperfect models and illusive
 3 ideals; and so let us have one God, one Mind, and that
 one perfect, producing His own models of excellence.

12. SH 262:17-23

Job said: "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the
 18 ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee." Mortals will echo
 Job's thought, when the supposed pain and
 pleasure of matter cease to predominate. They
 21 will then drop the false estimate of life and happiness, of
 joy and sorrow, and attain the bliss of loving unselfishly,
 working patiently, and conquering all that is unlike God.

The true sense

13. SH 536:20-29

Passions and appetites must end in pain. They are
 21 “of few days, and full of trouble.” Their supposed joys
 are cheats. Their narrow limits belittle their gratifica-
 tions, and hedge about their achievements with thorns.
 24 Mortal mind accepts the erroneous, material concep-
 tion of life and joy, but the true idea is gained from the
 immortal side. Through toil, struggle, and sor-
 27 row, what do mortals attain? They give up
 their belief in perishable life and happiness; the mortal
 and material return to dust, and the immortal is reached.

True attainment

14. SH 252:15, 25-28, 31-7

15 The false evidence of material sense contrasts strikingly
 with the testimony of Spirit. Material sense lifts its voice
 with the arrogance of reality and says:
 I am enthroned in the gorgeousness
 of matter. But a touch, an accident, the law of God,
 27 may at any moment annihilate my peace, for all my
 fancied joys are fatal.

Spirit, bearing opposite testimony, saith:

I am Spirit. Man, whose senses are spiritual, is my
 253:1 likeness. He reflects the infinite understanding, for I am
 Infinity. The beauty of holiness, the perfection of being,
 3 imperishable glory, — all are Mine, for I am
 God. I give immortality to man, for I am
 Truth. I include and impart all bliss, for I am Love.
 6 I give life, without beginning and without end, for I am
 Life. I am supreme and give all, for I am Mind.

Testimony of
Soul

15. SH 76:22-26

The sinless joy, — the perfect harmony and immortality
 of Life, possessing unlimited divine beauty and goodness
 24 without a single bodily pleasure or pain, —
 constitutes the only veritable, indestructible
 man, whose being is spiritual.

Immaterial
pleasure

16. SH 21:9-10, 12

9 If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striv-
 ing to enter in. If honest, he will be in earnest from the
 start, and gain a little each day in the right direction,
 till at last he finishes his course with joy.

Hymns: 510, 350, 517**510**

In Love divine all earth-born fear and sorrow
 Fade as the dark when dawn pours forth her light;

And understanding prayer is fully answered,
When trustingly we turn to God aright.

And as on wings of faith we soar and worship,
Held by God's love above the shadows dim,
Hushed in the grandeur of a heart's awakening,
Unfolds a joy unknown till found in Him.

Then in this radiant light of adoration,
We know that man beloved is in God's care,
Not wrapped in fear nor bowed with tired labor,
But satisfied, complete, divinely fair.

350

Through the love of God our Saviour
All will be well;
Free and changeless is His favor;
All must be well;
Precious is the Love that healed us,
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All, all is well.

Though we pass through tribulation,
All will be well;
Ours is such a full salvation,
All must be well;
Happy still, in God confiding,
Fruitful, when in Christ abiding,
Holy, through the Spirit's guiding;
All, all is well.

We expect a bright tomorrow,
All will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
All must be well;
While His truth we are applying,
And upon His love relying,
God is every need supplying,
All, all is well.

517

Joyfully we're singing of our dear God's grace,
Living every day within Love's warm embrace.
Eagerly we long to witness everywhere;
All throughout the world, God's saving love to share.

Refrain

Singing of our dear God's grace,
Living in Love's warm embrace,
Longing, now and everywhere,
All God's saving love to share.

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Who can separate us from the love of God?
Truth is here to shield us with its staff and rod.
What is there to harm us when this help is sure?
We are more than conquerors; we rest secure.

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Everything that happens to us day by day,
Christ will be the beacon that will light our way.
Through distress and peril, God is faithful still,
Why should we be fearful if we trust God's will?

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God remains our refuge in the trials we face,
Shielding and sustaining us with loving grace.
Working through the labors of our hearts and hands,
Truth will lead us onward in triumphant bands!

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Refrain

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