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Friends

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Hymns (see lyrics below)

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The Bible

1. Prov. 17:17 (to ,)

17 A friend loveth at all times,

2. Prov. 18:24

24 A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

3. Prov. 27:10 (to ;)

10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not;

4. 1 Kings 10:1-10 when

- 1 when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.
- 2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.
- 3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not *any* thing hid from the king, which he told her not.
- 4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,
- 5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.
- 6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.
- 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it*: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.
- 8 Happy *are* thy men, happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, *and* that hear thy wisdom.
- 9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

5. III John 1:14 Peace

14 Peace *be* to thee. *Our* friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

6. Luke 1:39-51 (to ;), 56

39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed *art* thou among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of thy womb.

43 And whence *is* this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blessed *is* she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy *is* his name.

50 And his mercy *is* on them that fear him from generation to generation.

51 He hath shewed strength with his arm;

56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

7. II Tim. 2:1-3 my, 15, 22

1 my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

8. James 2:23 1st the

23 the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

9. Matt. 9:10-13 it

10 it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

12 But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13 But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

10. John 15:12-15

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

11. Song 5:16 1st This (to 3rd ,)

16 This *is* my beloved, and this *is* my friend,

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

1. SH 248:4-5

3 One marvels that a friend can ever seem less than beautiful.

Love's
endowment

2. SH 34:5-9

If Christ,

6 Truth, has come to us in demonstration, no other commemoration is requisite, for demonstration is Immanuel, or *God with us*; and if a friend be with us, why need we
9 memorials of that friend?

3. SH 46:5-7

In the walk to Emmaus, Jesus was known to his friends

6 by the words, which made their hearts burn within them, and by the breaking of bread.

Spiritual
interpretation

4. SH 49:14

The meek demonstrator of good, the highest instruc-

15 tor and friend of man, met his earthly fate alone with
 God. No human eye was there to pity, no
 arm to save. Forsaken by all whom he had
 18 blessed, this faithful sentinel of God at the highest
 post of power, charged with the grandest trust of
 heaven, was ready to be transformed by the renewing
 21 of the infinite Spirit. He was to prove that the Christ
 is not subject to material conditions, but is above the
 reach of human wrath, and is able, through Truth,
 24 Life, and Love, to triumph over sin, sickness, death, and
 the grave.

Heaven's
 sentinel

5. SH 52:29-2

The accusations of the Pharisees were as self-contra-
 30 dictory as their religion. The bigot, the deb-
 auchee, the hypocrite, called Jesus a glutton
 and a wine-bibber. They said: "He casteth out devils
 53:1 through Beelzebub," and is the "friend of publicans and
 sinners."

Defamatory
 accusations

6. SH 53:6-7

6 He rebuked sinners pointedly and unflinchingly, because
 he was their friend; hence the cup he drank.

7. SH 54:21-26

21 His earthly cup of bitterness was drained to the
 dregs. There adhered to him only a few unpretentious
 friends, whose religion was something more
 24 than a name. It was so vital, that it en-
 abled them to understand the Nazarene and to share
 the glory of eternal life.

Spiritual
 friendship

8. SH 82:2-3

We think of an absent friend as easily as we do of one
 3 present.

Reading
 thoughts

9. SH 21:15-24

15 If my friends are going to Europe, while I am *en*
route for California, we are not journeying together.
 We have separate time-tables to consult,
 18 different routes to pursue. Our paths have
 diverged at the very outset, and we have little oppor-
 tunity to help each other. On the contrary, if my
 21 friends pursue my course, we have the same railroad
 guides, and our mutual interests are identical; or, if I
 take up their line of travel, they help me on, and our
 24 companionship may continue.

Inharmonious
 travellers

10. SH 8:30-32

If a friend informs us of a fault, do we listen patiently to the rebuke and credit what is said?

11. SH 518:15-19

The rich in spirit help the poor in one grand brotherhood, all having the same Principle, or Father; and blessed is that man who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another's good.

12. SH 266:6

Would existence without personal friends be to you a blank? Then the time will come when you will be solitary, left without sympathy; but this seeming vacuum is already filled with divine Love. When this hour of development comes, even if you cling to a sense of personal joys, spiritual Love will force you to accept what best promotes your growth. Friends will betray and enemies will slander, until the lesson is sufficient to exalt you; for "man's extremity is God's opportunity." The author has experienced the foregoing prophecy and its blessings. Thus He teaches mortals to lay down their fleshliness and gain spirituality. This is done through self-abnegation. Universal Love is the divine way in Christian Science.

Uses of adversity

13. SH 430:17-20, 27-30

Suppose a mental case to be on trial, as cases are tried in court. A man is charged with having committed liver-complaint. The patient feels ill, ruminates, and the trial commences.

A mental court case

The evidence for the prosecution being called for, a witness testifies thus: —

I represent Health-laws. I was present on certain nights when the prisoner, or patient, watched with a sick friend.

14. SH 431:4

When the sick mortal was thirsty, the prisoner gave him drink. During all this time the prisoner attended to his daily labors, partaking of food at irregular intervals, sometimes going to sleep immediately after a heavy meal. At last he committed liver-complaint, which I considered criminal, inasmuch as this offence is deemed punishable with death. Therefore I arrested Mortal Man in behalf of the state (namely, the body) and cast

12 him into prison.

15. SH 432:9-15

9 Another witness is called for by the Court of Error
and says: —

12 I am Mortality, Governor of the Province of Body, in
which Mortal Man resides. In this province there is a statute regarding disease, — namely, that he upon whose person disease is found shall be treated as a criminal and
15 punished with death.

16. SH 433:31

Ah! but Christ, Truth, the spirit of Life and the friend of Mortal Man, can open wide those prison doors
434:1 and set the captive free. Swift on the wings of divine Love, there comes a despatch: “Delay the execution; the prisoner is not guilty.” Consternation fills
3 the prison-yard. Some exclaim, “It is contrary to law and justice.” Others say,
6 “The law of Christ supersedes *our* laws; let us follow Christ.”

Appeal to a
higher tribunal

17. SH 436:15-21 (to 2nd .)

15 Prior to the night of his arrest, the prisoner summoned two professed friends, Materia Medica and Physiology, to prevent his committing liver-complaint, and thus save him
18 from arrest. But they brought with them Fear, the sheriff, to precipitate the result which they were called to prevent. It was Fear who handcuffed Mortal Man and would now
21 punish him. You have left Mortal Man no alternative.

18. SH 440:30

30 I appeal to the just and equitable decisions of divine Spirit to restore to Mortal Man the rights of which he has been deprived.

19. SH 442:5-8

The Jury of Spiritual Senses agreed at once upon a
6 verdict, and there resounded throughout the vast audience-chamber of Spirit the cry, Not guilty. Then
the prisoner rose up regenerated, strong, free.

Divine verdict

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20. SH 176:19-20

Mortal mind is the worst foe of
the body, while divine Mind is its best friend.

21. SH vii:1-2

vii:1 To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is
big with blessings.

Hymns

#444

Be still, my heart: you rest in Love divine;
God's gracious touch has silenced grief and pain.
Love's timeless Christ allows for no decline;
In changeless being shall your health remain.
Be still, my heart: your faithful only Friend
Secures your joyful voyage without end.

Be still, my heart: of present glories sing,
Instead of mourning for a troubled past.
Replace sad tunes with melodies that ring
Of God's rich mercy and of blessings vast.
Be still, my heart: the winds and waves recede
When to God's angel voices you give heed.

Be still, my heart: our God casts out all fears,
Assuring you that God and man are one;
And in that oneness here and now appears
Love's everlasting life, with death outdone.
Be still, my heart: no lies, no tears, no curse
Can mar the rhythm of God's universe.

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O Lord, I would delight in Thee,
And on Thy care depend;
To Thee in every trouble flee,
My best, my ever Friend.
When all material streams are dried,
Thy fullness is the same;
May I with this be satisfied,
And glory in Thy name.

All good, where'er it may be found,
Its source doth find in Thee;
I must have all things and abound,
While God is God to me.
O that I had a stronger faith,
To look within the veil,
To credit what my Saviour saith,
Whose word can never fail.

He that has made my heaven secure,
Will here all good provide;
While Christ is rich, can I be poor?
What can I want beside?
O God, I cast my care on Thee;

I triumph and adore;
Henceforth my great concern shall be
To love and praise Thee more.

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Love is life's true crown and glory,
Love the splendor of the light,
Truly is God's counsel gentle,
Truly all His ways are bright;
Jesus knew the law of kindness,
Healing mind and heart of blindness;
And in heavenly wisdom taught
Holy works of love he wrought.

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Love, the Golden Rule of living,
Showeth forth the perfect Mind;
Love, our debt to God who gives it,
All compassion is, and kind;
Charity the law fulfilleth,
Mid the nations rancor stilleth;
Loving hearts in friendship blend,
One in Him, our heavenly Friend.

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