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Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Hymns

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The Bible

1. Mal. 1:2 (to .)

2 I have loved you, saith the LORD.

2. Isa. 49:22

22 Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in *their* arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.

3. Isa. 33:2

2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

4. Isa. 51:9 (to ;)

9 ¶ Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD;

5. Isa. 52:10

10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

6. Isa. 53:1, 2 (to :)

1 WHO hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground:

7. Isa. 40:10, 11

10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand*, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him.

11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young.

8. John 12:37 though, 38, 41, 44-47

- 37 though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:
- 38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- 41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.
- 44 ¶ Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.
- 45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.
- 46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.
- 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

9. John 13:1, 33-35

- 1 NOW before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.
- 33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.
- 34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- 35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

10. Rom. 8:35, 38, 39

- 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

11. II Tim. 1:7

- 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

12. Eph. 2:4-6 God

- 4 God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- 6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

13. Eph. 5:1, 2

- 1 BE ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
- 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

14. Ps. 98:1

- 1 O SING unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

15. I John 3:1-3, 16

- 1 BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
- 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
- 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.
- 16 Hereby perceive we the love of *God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

16. I John 4:9-12, 16, 19

- 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.
- 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.
- 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
- 12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.
- 16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
- 19 We love him, because he first loved us.

17. Jer. 32:17, 18

- 17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:
- 18 Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, *is* his name,

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

1. SH 49:14

The meek demonstrator of good, the highest instructor 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 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 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, Life, and Love, to triumph over sin, sickness, death, and the grave.

Heaven's
sentinel

2. SH 578:10

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.

3. SH 24:11-13

He to whom "the arm of the Lord" is revealed will believe our report, and rise into newness of life with regeneration.

Radical changes

4. SH 60:8-10

A mother's affection cannot be weaned from her child, because the mother-love includes purity and constancy, both of which are immortal.

5. SH 66:10

Trials are proofs of God's care. Spiritual development germinates 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 successive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine goodness and love.

6. SH 57:24-30

The wintry blasts of earth may uproot the flowers of affection, and scatter them to the winds; but this severance of fleshly ties serves to unite thought more closely to God, for Love supports the struggling heart until it ceases to sigh over the world and begins to unfold its wings for heaven.

7. SH 26:21-23

Jesus' teaching and

practice of Truth involved such a sacrifice
as makes us admit its Principle to be Love.

8. SH 88:18-20, 26-27

18 To love one's neighbor as one's self, is a divine idea;
but this idea can never be seen, felt, nor understood
through the physical senses.

Eloquence re-echoes the strains of Truth and Love.

27 It is due to inspiration rather than to erudition.

9. SH 106:27 1st the

27 the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering,
gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against
such there is no law."

10. SH 582:4 (only, to .), 12 that

BENJAMIN (Jacob's son).

12 that which comforts, consoles,
and supports.

11. SH 5:14-18

Saints and sinners get their full award, but not always
15 in this world. The followers of Christ drank his cup.
Ingratitude and persecution filled it to the brim; but God
pours the riches of His love into the understanding and
18 affections, giving us strength according to our day.

12. SH 362:1-7

362:1 It is related in the seventh chapter of Luke's Gospel
that Jesus was once the honored guest of a certain
3 Pharisee, by name Simon, though he was quite unlike
Simon the disciple. While they were at meat, an unusual
incident occurred, as if to interrupt the scene
6 of Oriental festivity. A "strange woman"
came in.

A gospel
narrative

13. SH 363:8-26, 31-10

Did Jesus spurn the woman? Did he repel her adora-
9 tion? No! He regarded her compassionately. Nor was
this all. Knowing what those around him
were saying in their hearts, especially his host,
12 — that they were wondering why, being a prophet, the
exalted guest did not at once detect the woman's immoral
status and bid her depart, — knowing this, Jesus rebuked
15 them with a short story or parable. He described two
debtors, one for a large sum and one for a smaller, who
were released from their obligations by their common
18 creditor. "Which of them will love him most?" was the

Parable of the
creditor

Master's question to Simon the Pharisee; and Simon replied, "He to whom he forgave most." Jesus approved the answer, and so brought home the lesson to all, following it with that remarkable declaration to the woman, "Thy sins are forgiven."

21 Why did he thus summarize her debt to divine Love? Had she repented and reformed, and did his insight detect this unspoken moral uprising? Certainly there was encouragement in the mere fact that she was showing her affection for a man of undoubted goodness and purity, who has since been rightfully regarded as the best man that ever trod this planet. Her reverence was unfeigned, and it was manifested towards one who was soon, though they knew it not, to lay down his mortal existence in behalf of all sinners, that through his word and works they might be redeemed from sensuality and sin.

Divine insight

Which was the higher tribute to such ineffable affection, the hospitality of the Pharisee or the contrition of the Magdalen?

Penitence or
hospitality

14. SH 364:16-24 (np)

Here is suggested a solemn question, a question indicated by one of the needs of this age. Do Christian Scientists seek Truth as Simon sought the Saviour, through material conservatism and for personal homage? Jesus told Simon that such seekers as he gave small reward in return for the spiritual purgation which came through the Messiah. If Christian Scientists are like Simon, then it must be said of them also that they *love* little.

On the other hand, do they show their regard for Truth, or Christ, by their genuine repentance, by their broken hearts, expressed by meekness and human affection, as did this woman? If so, then it may be said of them, as Jesus said of the unwelcome visitor, that they indeed love much, because much is forgiven them.

Genuine
repentance

Did the careless doctor, the nurse, the cook, and the brusque business visitor sympathetically know the thorns they plant in the pillow of the sick and the heavenly homesick looking away from earth, — Oh, did they know! — this knowledge would do much more towards healing the sick and preparing their helpers for the "midnight call," than all cries of "Lord, Lord!" The benign thought of Jesus, finding utterance in such words as "Take no thought for your life," would heal the sick, and so enable them to rise above the supposed

Compassion
requisite

necessity for physical thought-taking and doctoring;
 but if the unselfish affections be lacking, and common
 12 sense and common humanity are disregarded, what men-
 tal quality remains, with which to evoke healing from
 the outstretched arm of righteousness?

15 If the Scientist reaches his patient through divine
 Love, the healing work will be accomplished at one
 visit, and the disease will vanish into its native
 18 nothingness like dew before the morning sun-
 shine. If the Scientist has enough Christly affection to
 win his own pardon, and such commendation as the Mag-
 21 dalen gained from Jesus, then he is Christian enough to
 practise scientifically and deal with his patients compas-
 sionately; and the result will correspond with the spiritual
 24 intent.

Speedy healing

15. SH 572:19-22

In Revelation xxi. 1 we read: —

21 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first
 heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was
 no more sea.

16. SH 573:29-4

30 Take heart, dear sufferer, for this reality of being will
 surely appear sometime and in some way. There will
 be no more pain, and all tears will be wiped away. When
 you read this, remember Jesus' words, "The kingdom of
 574:1 God is within you." This spiritual consciousness is
 therefore a present possibility.

3 The Revelator also takes in another view, adapted to
 console the weary pilgrim, journeying "uphill all the way."

17. SH 138:29-30 Love

27 Love thy neighbor as
 30 thyself!"

18. SH 236:28-29

Jesus loved little children because of their freedom
 from wrong and their receptiveness of right.

19. SH 319:27-1

A misplaced
 word changes the sense and misstates the Science of
 the Scriptures, as, for instance, to name Love as merely
 30 an attribute of God; but we can by special and proper

capitalization speak of the love of Love, meaning by that
 what the beloved disciple meant in one of his epistles,
 320:1 when he said, "God is love."

20. SH 571:15-19

15 At all times and under all circumstances, overcome
 evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply
 the wisdom and the occasion for a victory
 18 over evil. Clad in the panoply of Love,
 human hatred cannot reach you.

The armor of
 divinity

21. SH 99:21-22

I
 love mankind, and shall continue to labor and to endure.

22. SH 264:24-27

Spiritual living
 and blessedness are the only evidences, by which we can
 recognize true existence and feel the unspeakable peace
 27 which comes from an all-absorbing spiritual love.

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Everlasting arms of Love
 Are beneath, around, above;
 God it is who bears us on,
 His the arm we lean upon.

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He our ever-present guide
 Faithful is, whate'er betide;
 Gladly then we journey on,
 With His arm to lean upon.

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From earth's fears and vain alarms
 Safe in His encircling arms,
 He will keep us all the way,
 God, our refuge, strength and stay.

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Lyrics by Mary Baker Eddy

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O gentle presence, peace and joy and power;
 O Life divine, that owns each waiting hour,
 Thou Love that guards the nestling's faltering flight!
 Keep Thou my child on upward wing tonight.

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Love is our refuge; only with mine eye
 Can I behold the snare, the pit, the fall:
 His habitation high is here, and nigh,

His arm encircles me, and mine, and all.

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O make me glad for every scalding tear,
For hope deferred, ingratitude, disdain!
Wait, and love more for every hate, and fear
No ill,—since God is good, and loss is gain.

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Beneath the shadow of His mighty wing;
In that sweet secret of the narrow way,
Seeking and finding, with the angels sing:
“Lo, I am with you alway,”—watch and pray.

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No snare, no fowler, pestilence or pain;
No night drops down upon the troubled breast,
When heaven’s aftersmile earth’s tear-drops gain,
And mother finds her home and heav’nly rest.

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We’re steadfastly protected by Your power,
Encircled in the caring arms of Love.
Together, we are sharing all our days now,
And year by year come blessings from above.

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Refrain

We’re each held safe by God’s own holy power.
Whatever comes, Your comfort is at hand.
You’re at our side at evening and at morning.
And each new day unfolds as You have planned.

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Your pure and quiet love spreads o’er us deeply;
We know Your fullness now and feel Your peace.
For Your one holy world of grace and power,
We all praise You with joy that will not cease.

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Refrain

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