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Hymns (See lyrics below)

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The Bible

1. John 12:44

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

2. John 14:14

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

3. John 15:7, 16, 18

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

4. Matt. 7:7, 8

7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

5. Matt 15:21-28

21 ¶ Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs.

- 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.
- 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

6. Matt. 21:17-27

- 17 ¶ And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.
- 18 Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.
- 19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.
- 20 And when the disciples saw *it*, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!
- 21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this *which is done* to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.
- 22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
- 23 ¶ And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?
- 24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.
- 25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?
- 26 But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.
- 27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

7. Judg. 18:1, 2 (to ;), 3-6

- 1 IN those days *there was* no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day *all their* inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.
- 2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it;
- 3 When they *were* by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who

brought thee hither? and what makest thou in this *place*? and what hast thou here?

- 4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his priest.
- 5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.
- 6 And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD *is* your way wherein ye go.

8. John 16:19, 20, 24

- 19 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?
- 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.
- 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

9. Luke 11:5-13

- 5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
- 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?
- 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.
- 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.
- 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?
- 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
- 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

10. I Pet. 3:15-17 sanctify

- 15 sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you

with meekness and fear:

- 16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.
- 17 For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well-doing, than for evil-doing.

11. James 4:1-3, 6, 7

- 1 FROM whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members?
- 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.
- 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.
- 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
- 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

12. I John 3:22-24 whatsoever

- 22 whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.
- 23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.
- 24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

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

1. SH 2:23 (only, to ?), 31

God is Love. Can we ask Him to be more?

Asking God to *be* God is a vain repetition. God is “the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever;” and

- 3:1 He who is immutably right will do right without being reminded of His province. The wisdom of man is not
- 3 sufficient to warrant him in advising God.

2. SH 3:7

Shall we

ask the divine Principle of all goodness to do His own work? His work is done, and we have only to avail ourselves of God’s rule in order to receive His blessing, which enables us to work out our own salvation.

3. SH 4:12-22, 27

12 The habitual struggle to be always good is unceasing prayer. Its motives are made manifest in the blessings they bring, — blessings which, even if not
 15 acknowledged in audible words, attest our worthiness to be partakers of Love.

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

Watchfulness
requisite

27 Audible prayer can never do the works of spiritual understanding, which regenerates; but silent prayer, watchfulness, and devout obedience enable
 30 us to follow Jesus' example. Long prayers, superstition, and creeds clip the strong pinions of love, and clothe religion in human forms. Whatever materializes worship hinders man's spiritual growth and keeps
 5:1 him from demonstrating his power over error.

Veritable
devotion

4. SH 10:22-30

Experience teaches us that we do not always receive the blessings we ask for in prayer. There is some mis-
 24 apprehension of the source and means of all goodness and blessedness, or we should certainly receive that for which we ask. The Scriptures say: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask
 27 amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." That which we desire and for which we ask, it is not always
 30 best for us to receive.

Asking amiss

5. SH 135:17-20

There is to-day danger of repeating
 18 the offence of the Jews by limiting the Holy One of Israel and asking: "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" What cannot God do?

6. SH 14:31-22

"When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and, when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father
 15:1 which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

3 So spake Jesus. The closet typifies the sanctuary of Spirit, the door of which shuts out sinful sense but lets in Truth, Life, and Love. Closed to
 6 error, it is open to Truth, and *vice versa*.

Spiritual
sanctuary

The Father in secret is unseen to the physical senses, but He knows all things and rewards according to motives, not according to speech. To enter into the heart of prayer, the door of the erring senses must be closed. Lips must be mute and materialism silent, that man may have audience with Spirit, the divine Principle, Love, which destroys all error.

In order to pray aright, we must enter into the closet and shut the door. We must close the lips and silence the material senses. In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings, we must deny sin and plead God's allness. 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.

Effectual
invocation

7. SH 9:5-14

The test of all prayer lies in the answer to these questions: Do we love our neighbor better because of this asking? Do we pursue the old selfishness, satisfied with having prayed for something better, though we give no evidence of the sincerity of our requests by living consistently with our prayer? If selfishness has given place to kindness, we shall regard our neighbor unselfishly, and bless them that curse us; but we shall never meet this great duty simply by asking that it may be done.

Summit of
aspiration

8. SH 13:10-12

If our petitions are sincere, we labor for what we ask; and our Father, who seeth in secret, will reward us openly.

9. SH 67:4

When the ocean is stirred by a storm, then the clouds lower, the wind shrieks through the tightened shrouds, and the waves lift themselves into mountains.

We ask the helmsman: "Do you know your course? Can you steer safely amid the storm?" He answers bravely, but even the dauntless seaman is not sure of his safety; nautical science is not equal to the Science of Mind. Yet, acting up to his highest understanding, firm at the post of duty, the mariner works on and awaits the issue. Thus should we deport ourselves on the seething ocean of sorrow. Hoping and working, one should stick to the wreck, until an irresistible

Weathering the
storm

propulsion precipitates his doom or sunshine gladdens
the troubled sea.

10. SH 69:17-26

If Christian Scientists educate their own offspring
18 spiritually, they can educate others spiritually and not
conflict with the scientific sense of God's creation. Some
day the child will ask his parent: "Do you keep the First
21 Commandment? Do you have one God and creator, or
is man a creator?" If the father replies, "God creates
man through man," the child may ask, "Do you teach
24 that Spirit creates materially, or do you declare that
Spirit is infinite, therefore matter is out of the ques-
tion?"

11. SH 468:9-11

9 *Answer.* — There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor sub-
stance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite
manifestation, for God is All-in-all.

12. SH 496:9-14 Ask

9 Ask yourself:
Am I living the life that approaches the supreme good?
Am I demonstrating the healing power of
12 Truth and Love? If so, then the way will
grow brighter "unto the perfect day." Your fruits
will prove what the understanding of God brings to man.

Condition of
progress

13. SH 250:22

Now I ask, Is there any more reality in the waking
dream of mortal existence than in the sleeping dream?
24 There cannot be, since whatever appears to be a mortal
man is a mortal dream. Take away the mortal mind,
and matter has no more sense as a man than it has as
27 a tree. But the spiritual, real man is immortal.

14. SH 6:17-18

"God is Love." More than this we cannot ask,
18 higher we cannot look, farther we cannot go.

15. SH 472:23-30

Question. — Is there no sin?
24 *Answer.* — All reality is in God and His creation, har-
monious and eternal. That which He creates is good,
and He makes all that is made. Therefore
27 the only reality of sin, sickness, or death is
the awful fact that unrealities seem real to human, erring
belief, until God strips off their disguise. They are not

Unrealities that
seem real

30 true, because they are not of God.

16. SH 473:4 (only)

The Science of Mind disposes of all evil.

17. SH 469:12-21

12 *Question.* — What is Mind?

Answer. — Mind is God. The exterminator of error
is the great truth that God, good, is the *only* Mind, and

15 that the supposititious opposite of infinite Mind
— called *devil* or evil — is not Mind, is not

Truth, but error, without intelligence or reality. There

18 can be but one Mind, because there is but one God; and
if mortals claimed no other Mind and accepted no other,

sin would be unknown. We can have but one Mind, if

21 that one is infinite.

True sense of
infinite

18. SH 465:16-1

Question. — Is there more than one God or Principle?

Answer. — There is not. Principle and its idea is one,

18 and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omni-

466:1 present Being, and His reflection is man and the universe.

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added
unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

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Ask and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

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We do not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.

Allelu, alleluia!

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#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.

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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.

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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.

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#593

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,
To sing of God's goodness as year turns to year.
We gather professing Your grace and Your blessing,
With thanks for the gospel that gathers us here.

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Your Spirit consoles us. We're safe in Your keeping.
When roads are uncharted, Your love shows the way.
Where new hope is springing You fill us with singing;
Your presence delights us with each dawning day.

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What, then, can we give You in praise for our journey,
When all the earth's treasures were Yours from the start?
We offer our labors, our love for our neighbors,
Our gifts and the worship of each hand and heart.