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Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Hymns (see lyrics below)

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The Bible

1. II Sam. 22:36 2nd thy

36 thy gentleness hath made me great.

2. Gal 5:22 the, 23 (to :)

22 the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance:

3. I Sam 25:1-15 Samuel, 18, 19, 23-25, 27, 28 (to :), 32, 33

1 Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

2 And *there was* a man in Maon, whose possessions *were* in Carmel; and the man *was* very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

3 Now the name of the man *was* Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and *she was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man *was* churlish and evil in his doings; and he *was* of the house of Caleb.

4 ¶ And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.

5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth *in prosperity*, Peace *be* both to thee, and peace *be* to thine house, and peace *be* unto all that thou hast.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there aught missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.

- 10 ¶ And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who *is* David? and who *is* the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.
- 11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* unto men, whom I know not whence they *be*?
- 12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.
- 13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.
- 14 ¶ But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.
- 15 But the men *were* very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:
- 18 ¶ Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them* on asses.
- 19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.
- 23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,
- 24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, *upon* me *let this* iniquity *be*: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.
- 25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, *even* Nabal: for as his name *is*, so *is* he; Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.
- 27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.
- 28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid:
- 32 ¶ And David said to Abigail, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:
- 33 And blessed *be* thy advice, and blessed *be* thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

4. I Pet. 2:17, 18

- 17 Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

- 18 Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

5. I Thess. 2:7 we

- 7 we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

6. Luke 14:1-4 it

- 1 it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.
 2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.
 3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?
 4 And they held their peace. And he took *him*, and healed him, and let him go;

7. Luke 17:1-6

- 1 THEN said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe *unto him*, through whom they come!
 2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.
 3 ¶ Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.
 4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.
 5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.
 6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

8. Titus 2:11 the, 12

- 11 the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

9. Titus 3:2

- 2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

10. II Tim. 2:24 1st the, 25 (to 1st ;)

- 24 the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,
 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves;

11. II Cor. 10:1-7 I

- 1 I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *am* base among you, but being absent *am* bold toward you:
- 2 But I beseech *you*, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.
- 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
- 4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
- 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
- 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.
- 7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he *is* Christ's, even so *are* we Christ's.

12. Ps. 18:35 2nd thy

- 35 thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

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

1. SH 332:4-5

VIII. Father-Mother is the name for Deity, which indicates His tender relationship to His spiritual creation.

2. SH 3:12-16

- 12 The Divine Being must be reflected by man, — else man is not the image and likeness of the patient, tender, and true, the One “altogether lovely;” but to understand God is the work of eternity, and demands absolute consecration of thought, energy, and desire.

3. SH 106:15, 26

- 15 Let this age, which sits in judgment on Christian Science, sanction only such methods as are demonstrable in Truth and known by their fruit, and classify
- 18 all others as did St. Paul in his great epistle to the Galatians, when he wrote as follows:
- But
- 27 the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

Right methods

4. SH 2:16-17

15 Goodness at-
tains the demonstration of Truth.

5. SH 9:11-14

If selfishness has given place to kindness,
12 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.

6. SH 57:10-11

Both sexes
should be loving, pure, tender, and strong.

7. SH 58:31-8

“She that is married careth . . . how she may please
her husband,” says the Bible; and this is the pleasantest
59:1 thing to do. Matrimony should never be entered into
without a full recognition of its enduring obligations on
3 both sides. There should be the most tender
solicitude for each other’s happiness, and mu-
tual attention and approbation should wait on all the years
6 of married life.

Differing duties

Mutual compromises will often maintain a compact
which might otherwise become unbearable.

8. SH 59:17-20

Tender words and unselfish care in what promotes the
18 welfare and happiness of your wife will prove more salutary
in prolonging her health and smiles than stolid
indifference or jealousy.

Trusting renewed

9. SH 66:14-16

Each suc-
15 cessive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine
goodness and love.

10. SH 115:19 (only), 25-27

SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATION OF MORTAL MIND

Second Degree: Evil beliefs disappearing.

MORAL. Humanity, honesty, affection, com-
27 passion, hope, faith, meekness, temperance.

Transitional
qualities

11. SH 119:21-24

God is natural good, and is repre-
sented only by the idea of goodness; while evil should be
regarded as unnatural, because it is opposed to the nature

24 of Spirit, God.

12. SH 147:29-31

A pure affection takes form in goodness, but Science alone reveals the divine Principle of goodness and demonstrates its rules.

13. SH 213:11-12

Every step towards goodness is a departure from materiality, and is a tendency towards God, Spirit.

14. SH 247:19-5

Comeliness and grace are independent of matter. Being possesses its qualities before they are perceived humanly. Beauty is a thing of life, which dwells forever in the eternal Mind and reflects the charms of His goodness in expression, form, outline, and color. It is Love which paints the petal with myriad hues, glances in the warm sunbeam, arches the cloud with the bow of beauty, blazons the night with starry gems, and covers earth with loveliness.

The divine
loveliness

The embellishments of the person are poor substitutes for the charms of being, shining resplendent and eternal over age and decay.

The recipe for beauty is to have less illusion and more Soul, to retreat from the belief of pain or pleasure in the body into the unchanging calm and glorious freedom of spiritual harmony.

Love never loses sight of loveliness. Its halo rests upon its object. One marvels that a friend can ever seem less than beautiful.

Love's
endowment

15. SH 260:13-18

Science reveals the possibility of achieving all good, and sets mortals at work to discover what God has already done; but distrust of one's ability to gain the goodness desired and to bring out better and higher results, often hampers the trial of one's wings and ensures failure at the outset.

16. SH 4:22-26

We reach the Science of Christianity through demonstration of the divine nature; but in this wicked world goodness will "be evil spoken of," and patience must bring experience.

17. SH 362:1-12

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. Heedless of the fact that she was debarred from
 such a place and such society, especially under the stern
 9 rules of rabbinical law, as positively as if she were a Hin-
 doo pariah intruding upon the household of a high-caste
 Brahman, this woman (Mary Magdalene, as she has
 12 since been called) approached Jesus.

A gospel
 narrative

18. SH 363:8-9 (to .), 25

Did Jesus spurn the woman? Did he repel her adora-
 9 tion? No! He regarded her compassionately.
 24 Had she repented and reformed, and did his insight
 detect this unspoken moral uprising? She
 27 bathed his feet with her tears before she
 anointed them with the oil. In the absence of other
 proofs, was her grief sufficient evidence to warrant the
 30 expectation of her repentance, reformation, and growth
 in wisdom? Certainly there was encouragement in the
 mere fact that she was showing her affection for a man
 364:1 of undoubted goodness and purity, who has since been
 rightfully regarded as the best man that ever trod this
 3 planet. Her reverence was unfeigned, and it was mani-
 fested towards one who was soon, though they knew it
 not, to lay down his mortal existence in behalf of all
 6 sinners, that through his word and works they might be
 redeemed from sensuality and sin.

Divine insight

19. SH 592:25

OIL. Consecration; charity; gentleness; prayer; heav-
 enly inspiration.

20. SH 365:7-24

The benign thought of Jesus, finding utterance in such
 words as "Take no thought for your life," would heal
 9 the sick, and so enable them to rise above the supposed
 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.

21. SH 248:29-32

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.

Hymn Lyrics

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O sweet and tender as the dawn,
 With mighty power to heal and bless,
 Is God's dear gift to all His own:
 The happy grace of gentleness.

How quickly burdens fall away,
 How hearts grow light, rejoice, are glad,
 When Love with touch of gentleness
 Uplifts the sinning and the sad.

This gentle grace of Love divine
 Is sweet as breath of opening flower.
 Self-love and harshness disappear
 Beneath its tender, healing power.

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Quiet, Lord, my stubborn heart,
 Make me gentle, pure, and mild,
 Upright, simple, free from art;
 Make me as a little child,
 From distrust and envy free,
 Pleased with all that pleases Thee.

What You shall today provide
 Let me as a child receive,
 What tomorrow may betide
 Calmly to Your wisdom leave;
 It's enough that You will care,
 Why should I the burden bear?

As a little child relies
 On a care beyond its own,

Being neither strong nor wise,
Will not take a step alone,
Let me thus with You abide,
As my Mother, Friend, and Guide.

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O tender, loving Shepherd,
We long to follow thee,
To follow where you lead us,
Though rough the path may be;
Though dark and heavy shadows
Enshroud the way with gloom,
We know that Love will guide us,
And safely lead us home.

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We know, beloved Shepherd,
The path that you have trod
Leads ever out of darkness,
And on and up to God.
If from that path we wander,
And far astray we roam,
O, call us, faithful Shepherd,
And bring us safely home.

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Throughout the way, dear Shepherd,
Your strong hand does uphold;
The weary ones, at nightfall,
You gently will enfold.
And when to Truth's green pastures
With joy at length we come,
There shall we find, O Shepherd,
Our blest, eternal home.

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