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Quiet, Lord, my froward 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 pleaseth Thee.

What Thou shalt today provide Let me as a child receive, What tomorrow may betide Calmly to Thy wisdom leave; 'Tis enough that Thou wilt 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 Thee abide, As my Father, Friend, and Guide.

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SURREY Henry Carey

I walk with Love along the way, And O, it is a holy day; No more I suffer cruel fear, I feel God's presence with me here; The joy that none can take away Is mine; I walk with Love today.

Who walks with Love along the way, Shall talk with Love and Love obey; God's healing truth is free to all, Our Father answers every call; 'Tis He dispels the clouds of gray That all may walk with Love today.

Come, walk with Love along the way, Let childlike trust be yours today; Uplift your thought, with courage go, Give of your heart's rich overflow, And peace shall crown your joy-filled day. Come, walk with Love along the way.

The Bible

1. Job 33:9

9 I am clean without transgression, I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity in me.

2. Jer. 1:4-8

- 4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- ⁵ Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.
- 6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.
- ⁷ ¶ But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I *am* a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.
- 8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

3. Prov. 20:9, 11

- 9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
- 11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.

4. Prov. 22:6

- ⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- 5. 1 Sam 3:1-10, 21 the Lord revealed
 - 1 AND the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision.
 - 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli *was* laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not see;
 - 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep*;
 - 4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am* I.
 - ⁵ And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.
 - ⁶ And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.
 - 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.
 - 8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.
 - 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
- 10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.
- 21 the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.
- 6. Isa. 9:6 (to 2nd :)
 - 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
- 7. Matt. 4:23 Jesus
- 23 Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
- 8. Matt. 5:1, 2, 8, 9
 - 1 AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
 - 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

- 8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

9. Matt 11:25-30

- ²⁵ ¶ At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.
- 26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.
- 27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him*.
- 28 ¶ Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
- 30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

10. Matt. 18:1-6

- 1 AT the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,
- 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
- 5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.
- ⁶ But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

11. Mark 10:13-16

- 13 ¶ And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*.
- 14 But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
- 15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
- 16 And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them.

12. I Peter 2:1, 2

- 1 WHEREFORE laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

13. Isa. 11:1 there, 5, 6

- 1 there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
- 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
- ⁶ The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

1. SH 236:28-10

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

- 30 age is halting between two opinions or battling with false beliefs, youth makes easy and rapid strides towards Truth.
- 237:1 A little girl, who had occasionally listened to my explanations, badly wounded her finger. She seemed not
- to notice it. On being questioned about it she answered ingenuously, "There is no sensation in matter." Bounding off with laughing eyes, she presently added, "Mamma,
- 6 my finger is not a bit sore."

It might have been months or years before her parents would have laid aside their drugs, or reached the mental

9 height their little daughter so naturally attained.

2. SH 107:7-10

This apodictical Principle points to the revelation of Immanuel, "God with us," — the sovereign ever-pres-

9 ence, delivering the children of men from every ill "that flesh is heir to."

3. SH 130:20-25

Laboring long to shake the adult's

- 21 faith in matter and to inculcate a grain of faith in God, an inkling of the ability of Spirit to make the body harmonious, — the author has often remembered our Master's
- ²⁴ love for little children, and understood how truly such as

Soil and seed

Mission of Christian Science they belong to the heavenly kingdom.

4. SH ix:3-4

A child drinks in the outward world

through the eyes and rejoices in the draught.

5. SH 582:28-4

CHILDREN. The spiritual thoughts and representatives of Life, Truth, and Love.

- 583:1 Sensual and mortal beliefs; counterfeits of creation, whose better originals are God's thoughts, not in em-
- ³ bryo, but in maturity; material suppositions of life, substance, and intelligence, opposed to the Science of being.

6. SH 589:8-11

JAPHET (Noah's son). A type of spiritual peace, flow-

9 ing from the understanding that God is the divine Principle of all existence, and that man is His idea, the child of His care.

7. SH 236:25-27

Children are more tractable than adults,

and learn more readily to love the simple verities that will

²⁷ make them happy and good.

8. SH 221:1-24 (to ;")

- ^{221:1} I knew a person who when quite a child adopted the Graham system to cure dyspepsia. For many years, he
- ³ ate only bread and vegetables, and drank nothing but water. His dyspepsia increasing, he decided that his diet should be more rigid, and
- 6 thereafter he partook of but one meal in twenty-four hours, this meal consisting of only a thin slice of bread without water. His physician also recommended that
- 9 he should not wet his parched throat until three hours after eating. He passed many weary years in hunger and weakness, almost in starvation, and finally made up
- his mind to die, having exhausted the skill of the doctors, who kindly informed him that death was indeed his only alternative. At this point Christian Science saved him,
- 15 and he is now in perfect health without a vestige of the old complaint.

²⁴ He learned that suffering and disease were the self-

- imposed beliefs of mortals, and not the facts of being; that God never decreed disease, — never ordained a law that fasting should be a means of health. Hence semi-
- 21 starvation is not acceptable to wisdom, and it is equally far from Science, in which being is sustained by God, Mind.

Starvation and dyspepsia

These truths, opening his eyes, relieved his stomach, and he ate without suffering, "giving God thanks;"

9. SH 230:22

According to Holy Writ,

the sick are never really healed by drugs, hygiene, or any

24 material method. These merely evade the question. They are soothing syrups to put children to sleep, satisfy mortal belief, and quiet fear.

10. SH 382:21-23

This verifies the saying of our Master: "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein."

11. SH 514:18-19, 22-30

Tenderness accompanies all the might imparted by Spirit.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, And the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

24 And the calf and the young lion, and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them.

Understanding the control which Love held over all,

- 27 Daniel felt safe in the lions' den, and Paul proved the viper to be harmless. All of God's creatures, moving in the harmony of Science, are harm-
- ³⁰ less, useful, indestructible.

12. SH 572:8-11

In Science we are chil-

9 dren of God; but whatever is of material sense, or mortal, belongs not to His children, for materiality is the inverted image of spirituality.

13. SH 371:5

- 18 Disquisitions on disease have a mental effect similar
- 6 to that produced on children by telling ghost-stories in the dark. By those uninstructed in Christian Science, nothing is really understood of material
- 9 existence. Mortals are believed to be here without their consent and to be removed as involuntarily, not knowing why nor when. As frightened children look everywhere
- 12 for the imaginary ghost, so sick humanity sees danger in every direction, and looks for relief in all ways except the right one. Darkness induces fear. The adult, in bond-
- 15 age to his beliefs, no more comprehends his real being

Creatures of God useful

Ghost-stories inducing fear

than does the child; and the adult must be taken out of his darkness, before he can get rid of the illusive sufferings which throng the gloaming. The way in divine Science is the only way out of this condition.

14. SH 323:28

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen as felt. It is the "still, small voice" of Truth

³⁰ uttering itself. We are either turning away from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going up higher. Willingness to become as a little child and

^{324:1} to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of the advanced idea. Gladness to leave the false landmarks

- ³ and joy to see them disappear, this disposition helps to precipitate the ultimate harmony. The purification of sense and self is a proof of progress. "Blessed are the
- 6 pure in heart: for they shall see God."

Childlike receptivity

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