

Wed 7/17/24 - Neutralizing violence



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Hymn. 236:1–4

O peace of the world, O hope in each breast,
O Bethlehem star that ages have blest,
A day of fresh promise breaks over the land,
Gaunt warfare is doomed, and God's kingdom at hand!

From cannon and sword shape tillers of soil,
No more let dire hate man's spirit despoil,
Let Truth be proclaimed, let God's love be retold,
That men of good will may their brethren uphold.

As stars in their courses never contend,
As blossoms their hues in harmony blend,
As bird voices mingle in joyful refrain,
So God's loving children in concord remain.

Our God is one Mind, the Mind we adore;
Ineffable joy His love doth outpour;
Let nations be one in a union of love,
God's bountiful peace, all earth's treasures above.

Words: IRVING C. TOMLINSON

Music: William Croft

Hymn. 100:1–3

He that hath God his guardian made
Shall dwell beneath th' Almighty's shade;
Thus of the Lord I now will say,

He is my fortress, shield and stay,
My God; in Him I will confide
And in His secret place abide.

His tender love and watchful care
Shall free thee from the fowler's snare.
He over thee His wings shall spread,
To cover thy unguarded head,
And from the noisome pestilence
His truth shall be thy strong defense.

He gives His angels charge o'er thee,
No evil therefore shalt thou see.
Dwelling within His secret place,
Thou shalt behold His power and grace;
Thy refuge shall be God most high,
See His salvation ever nigh.

Words: NINETY-FIRST PSALM II VARIED FROM TATE AND BRADY
Music: Robert King in "The Divine Companion," 1772

Hymn. 521:1, 2

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, we are family.
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this
be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this
be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each

moment in peace eternally!

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.

Words: JILL JACKSON, ALT.

Music: Sy Miller; harm. Charles H. Webb

Luke 21:9 when (to :)

9 ... when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: ...

Isa. 60:18 (to ;)

18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; ...

Prov. 4:14, 15 (to 3rd), 17–27

14 ¶ Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, ...

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

20 ¶ My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 ¶ Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Ps. 140:1, 2

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

2 Which imagine mischiefs in *their* heart; continually are they gathered together *for* war.

II Sam. 22:49 2nd thou

49 ... thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

Ps. 91:9, 10

- 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Isa. 32:17 the, 18

- 17 ... the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.
- 18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

Isa. 54:17 (to 1st .)

- 17 ¶ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. ...

II Cor. 10:3–5 though

- 3 ... 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;

Rom. 12:21

- 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Luke 22:47–51 behold

- 47 ... behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.
- 48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?
- 49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?

50 ¶ And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.
51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

Matt. 5:9

9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Rom. 13:10

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

II Thess. 3:13–16 (to 1st .)

13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well-doing.
14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.
15 Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.
16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. ...

Mic. 4:1 in, 2 (to :), 3, 4

1 ... in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.
2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: ...
3 ¶ And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken *it*.

Lev. 26:6 I

6 ... I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

Isa. 11:6

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.

Luke 2:14

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

SH 228:25 (only)

There is no power apart from God.

SH 102:30–2

30 Mankind must learn that evil is not power. Its so-called despotism is but a phase of nothingness. Christian Science despoils the kingdom of evil, and pre-eminently
1 promotes affection and virtue in families and therefore in the community.

SH 186:19–20

The only power of evil is to destroy itself. It can never destroy one iota of good.

SH 96:5–23

Before error
6 is wholly destroyed, there will be interruptions of the general material routine. Earth will become dreary and desolate, but summer and winter,
9 seedtime and harvest (though in changed forms), will continue unto the end, — until the final spiritualization of all things. “The darkest hour precedes the dawn.”
12 This material world is even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord and dismay; on the other side there will be
15 Science and peace. The breaking up of material beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want

The darkest hours of all

Arena of contest

and woe, sin, sickness, and death, which assume new
18 phases until their nothingness appears. These disturb-
ances will continue until the end of error, when all
discord will be swallowed up in spiritual Truth.

21 Mortal error will vanish in a moral chemicalization.
This mental fermentation has begun, and will continue
until all errors of belief yield to understanding.

SH 327:23–24

Moral courage is requisite to meet the wrong and to
24 proclaim the right.

SH 28:32–5

There is too much animal courage in society and not
1 sufficient moral courage. Christians must take up arms
against error at home and abroad. They must grapple
3 with sin in themselves and in others, and
continue this warfare until they have finished
their course.

Christian
warfare

SH 192:17–19, 23

Moral and spiritual might belong to Spirit, who holds
18 the “wind in His fists;” and this teaching accords with
Science and harmony.

The good you do and embody gives you
24 the only power obtainable. Evil is not power. It is a
mockery of strength, which ere long betrays its weakness
and falls, never to rise.

SH 404:29–11

Hatred, envy, dishonesty, fear, and so forth,
30 make a man sick, and neither material medi-
cine nor Mind can help him permanently, even in body,
unless it makes him better mentally, and so delivers him

Sin or fear
the root of
sickness

1 from his destroyers. The basic error is mortal mind.
Hatred inflames the brutal propensities. The indulgence
3 of evil motives and aims makes any man, who is above the
lowest type of manhood, a hopeless sufferer.

Christian Science commands man to master the pro-
6 pensities, — to hold hatred in abeyance with kindness,
to conquer lust with chastity, revenge with
charity, and to overcome deceit with hon-
9 esty. Choke these errors in their early stages, if you
would not cherish an army of conspirators against
health, happiness, and success.

Mental
conspirators

SH 263:11

Carnal beliefs defraud us. They make man an involun-
12 tary hypocrite, — producing evil when he would create
good, forming deformity when he would outline grace
and beauty, injuring those whom he would bless. He
15 becomes a general mis-creator, who believes he is a
semi-god. His “touch turns hope to dust, the dust we
all have trod.” He might say in Bible language: “The
18 good that I would, I do not: but the evil which I would
not, *that I do.*”

SH 188:8

Passion, depraved appetites,
9 dishonesty, envy, hatred, revenge ripen into action, only to
pass from shame and woe to their final punishment.

SH 234:26–27, 31–3

You must control evil thoughts in the first
27 instance, or they will control you in the second.

Evil thoughts and aims reach no farther and do no more
harm than one’s belief permits. Evil thoughts, lusts, and
1 malicious purposes cannot go forth, like wandering pollen,

from one human mind to another, finding unsuspected
3 lodgment, if virtue and truth build a strong defence.

SH 571:18–19

18 Clad in the panoply of Love,
human hatred cannot reach you.

The armor
of divinity

SH 93:15–17

15 Good does not create a mind susceptible of causing
evil, for evil is the opposing error and not the truth of
creation.

SH 103:29

In reality there is no *mortal* mind, and conse-
30 quently no transference of mortal thought
and will-power. Life and being are of
God. In Christian Science, man can do no harm, for
1 scientific thoughts are true thoughts, passing from God
to man.

Thought-
transference

SH 490:3

3 Will-power is but a product of belief, and this belief
commits depredations on harmony. Human will is an
animal propensity, not a faculty of Soul.
6 Hence it cannot govern man aright. Chris-
tian Science reveals Truth and Love as the
motive-powers of man. Will — blind, stubborn, and head-
9 long — cooperates with appetite and passion. From this
cooperation arises its evil. From this also comes its pow-
erlessness, since all power belongs to God, good.

Will-power
an animal
propensity

SH 289:8

A wicked mortal is not the idea of God. He is little
9 else than the expression of error. To suppose that sin,
lust, hatred, envy, hypocrisy, revenge, have life
abiding in them, is a terrible mistake. Life

Wickedness
is not man

12 and Life's idea, Truth and Truth's idea, never make men
sick, sinful, or mortal.

SH 420:3–4

3 Truth not error, Love
not hate, Spirit not matter, governs man.

True government
of man

SH 514:18–30

18 Tenderness accompa-
nies all the might imparted by Spirit. The individ-
uality created by God is not carnivorous, as witness the
21 millennial estate pictured by Isaiah: —

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.

Creatures of
God useful

SH 293:21

21 There is no vapid fury of mortal mind — expressed in
earthquake, wind, wave, lightning, fire, bestial ferocity
— and this so-called mind is self-destroyed.

24 The manifestations of evil, which counterfeit
divine justice, are called in the Scriptures, “The anger
of the Lord.” In reality, they show the self-destruction
27 of error or matter and point to matter's opposite, the
strength and permanency of Spirit. Christian Science
brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal har-
30 mony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness

The counterfeit
forces

of evil.

SH 458:23–25 (to 1st .)

The Christianly scientific man reflects the
24 divine law, thus becoming a law unto himself. He does
violence to no man.

The panoply
of wisdom

SH 48:17

Judas had the world's weapons. Jesus had not one
18 of them, and chose not the world's means of defence.
“He opened not his mouth.” The great dem-
onstrator of Truth and Love was silent before
21 envy and hate. Peter would have smitten the enemies of
his Master, but Jesus forbade him, thus rebuking re-
sentment or animal courage. He said: “Put up thy
24 sword.”

Defensive
weapons

SH 340:23

One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; con-
24 stitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the
Scripture, “Love thy neighbor as thyself;” annihilates
pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in
27 social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes;
equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves
nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

SH 43:32 (only)

Love must triumph over hate.