

Wed 7/24/24 - Heavenly riches are permanent



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Hymn. 224:1-3

O Lord, I would delight in Thee,
And on Thy care depend;
To Thee in every trouble flee,
My best, my ever Friend.
When all material streams are dried,
Thy fullness is the same;
May I with this be satisfied,
And glory in Thy name.

All good, where'er it may be found,
Its source doth find in Thee;
I must have all things and abound,
While God is God to me.
O that I had a stronger faith,
To look within the veil,
To credit what my Saviour saith,
Whose word can never fail.

He that has made my heaven secure,
Will here all good provide;
While Christ is rich, can I be poor?
What can I want beside?
O God, I cast my care on Thee;
I triumph and adore;
Henceforth my great concern shall be
To love and praise Thee more.

Words: JOHN RYLAND, ADAPTED

Music: Henry Hiles

Hymn. 437:1–4

All my hope on God is founded;
Day by day my trust is new.
Through the trials of life He guides me,
Only good and only true.
God alone, dearly known,
Calls my heart to be His own.

Earthly treasures, pride and glory,
Human power and worldly trust,
Though with care and toil are builded,
In the end will fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

Daily does th'almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow.
Love's desire our soul delighteth,
Joy attends us where we go.
Blessings stand at God's hand,
Healing flows at Love's command.

Now from man to God eternal
Endless thanks and praise be sung.
Hearts made new are anthems raising
Through the love of Christ, His Son.
Hear God's call, one and all,
We who follow shall not fall.

Words: JOACHIM NEANDER; TR. ROBERT BRIDGES; ADAPT. FENELLA BENNETTS, ALT.
Music: Herbert Howells

Hymn. 442:1–4

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Music: Irish melody, Joyce's Old Irish Folk Music and Songs, 1909; harm. Jack Schrader

Matt. 6:19–21

- 19 ¶ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
- 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
- 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Eccl. 1:13 I (to :), 14; 2:1, 4–6, 10 (to :), 11

- 13 ... I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all *things* that are done under heaven: ...
- 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.
- 1 I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also *is* vanity.
- 4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:
- 5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits:
- 6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:
- 10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: ...
- 11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all *was* vanity and vexation of spirit, and *there was* no profit under the sun.

Deut. 8:11 (to 1st), 12–15 (to 1st), 16 (to 1st), 17, 18 (to 2nd)

- 11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, ...
- 12 Lest *when* thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein*;
- 13 And *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;
- 14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;
- 15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, ...
- 16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, ...
- 17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth.
- 18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, ...

Prov. 23:5

- 5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

Matt. 19:16 behold, 21–24

- 16 ... behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?
- 21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me.
- 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.
- 23 ¶ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- 24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Heb. 10:34 2nd ye

- 34 ... ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

II Cor. 5:1

- 1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

James 1:17

- 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Mal. 3:10

- 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

Isa. 45:8

- 8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let

righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

Deut. 28:12 (to :)

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: ...

Ps. 85:11, 12

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give *that which is good*; and our land shall yield her increase.

Rom. 11:33

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Eph. 2:4 God, 5 (to 2nd), 6–8

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, ...

6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Phil. 4:19 my

19 ... my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

I Pet. 1:3, 4

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

SH 265:3–15

Godward
gravitation

3 Man understands spiritual existence
in proportion as his treasures of Truth and
Love are enlarged. Mortals must gravitate Godward,
6 their affections and aims grow spiritual, — they must near
the broader interpretations of being, and gain some proper
sense of the infinite, — in order that sin and mortality
9 may be put off.

This scientific sense of being, forsaking matter for
Spirit, by no means suggests man's absorption into Deity
12 and the loss of his identity, but confers upon man en-
larged individuality, a wider sphere of thought and action,
a more expansive love, a higher and more permanent
15 peace.

SH 241:5–7

Sensual treasures are laid up “where moth and rust
6 doth corrupt.” Mortality is their doom. Sin breaks in
upon them, and carries off their fleeting joys.

SH 593:6

6 **PURSE.** Laying up treasures in matter; error.

SH 451:14

Man walks in the
15 direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure
is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affec-
tions are spiritual, they come from above, not from be-
18 neath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

SH 594:19

SPIRIT. Divine substance; Mind; divine Principle;
all that is good; God; that only which is perfect, ever-
21 lasting, omnipresent, omnipotent, infinite.

SH 468:16–24

Question. — What is substance?

Answer. — Substance is that which is eternal and incapable of discord and decay. Truth, Life, and Love are substance, as the Scriptures use this word in Hebrews: “The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Spirit, the synonym of Mind, Soul, or God, is the only real substance. The spiritual universe, including individual man, is a compound idea, reflecting the divine substance of Spirit.

Spiritual
synonyms

SH 301:17–20

As God is substance and man is the divine image and likeness, man should wish for, and in reality has, only the substance of good, the substance of Spirit, not matter.

Inverted
images
and ideas

SH 200:9–13

Life is, always has been, and ever will be independent of matter; for Life is God, and man is the idea of God, not formed materially but spiritually, and not subject to decay and dust.

A mortal
not man

SH 247:10, 21–24, 28

Beauty, as well as truth, is eternal; but the beauty of material things passes away, fading and fleeting as mortal belief. Custom, education, and fashion form the transient standards of mortals. Immortality, exempt from age or decay, has a glory of its own, — the radiance of Soul. Immortal men and women are models of spiritual sense, drawn by perfect Mind and reflecting those higher conceptions of loveliness

Eternal
beauty

18 which transcend all material sense.

21 Beauty is a thing of life, which
dwells forever in the eternal Mind and re-
flects the charms of His goodness in expression, form,
24 outline, and color.

The divine
loveliness

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

SH 349:31

In Christian Science, substance is understood to be
Spirit, while the opponents of Christian Science believe
1 substance to be matter. They think of matter as some-
thing and almost the only thing, and of the things which
3 pertain to Spirit as next to nothing, or as very
far removed from daily experience. Christian
Science takes exactly the opposite view.

Substance
spiritual

SH 458:32–8

Christianity causes men to turn naturally from matter
1 to Spirit, as the flower turns from darkness to light.
Man then appropriates those things which “eye hath
3 not seen nor ear heard.” Paul and John
had a clear apprehension that, as mortal man
achieves no worldly honors except by sacrifice,
6 so he must gain heavenly riches by forsaking all worldli-
ness. Then he will have nothing in common with the
worldling’s affections, motives, and aims.

Advancement
by
sacrifice

SH 263:7–10

When mortal man blends his thoughts of existence
with the spiritual and works only as God works,
9 he will no longer grope in the dark and cling

to earth because he has not tasted heaven.

Mortal man
a mis-creator

SH 152:21

21 The author's medical researches and experiments had
prepared her thought for the metaphysics of Christian
Science. Every material dependence had
24 failed her in her search for truth; and she can
now understand why, and can see the means
by which mortals are divinely driven to a spiritual source
27 for health and happiness.

The author's
experiments
in medicine

SH 189:18

18 The human
mortal mind, by an inevitable perversion, makes all
things start from the lowest instead of from the highest
21 mortal thought. The reverse is the case with all the
formations of the immortal divine Mind. They proceed
from the divine source; and so, in tracing them, we con-
24 stantly ascend in infinite being.

Ascending
the scale

SH 507:28–29

Creation is ever appearing, and must ever con-
tinue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source.

SH 262:17

18 Job said: "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the
ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee." Mortals will echo
Job's thought, when the supposed pain and
pleasure of matter cease to predominate. They
21 will then drop the false estimate of life and happiness, of
joy and sorrow, and attain the bliss of loving unselfishly,
working patiently, and conquering all that is unlike God.
24 Starting from a higher standpoint, one rises spontane-
ously, even as light emits light without effort; for "where
your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The true
sense

SH 60:29–1

Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind,
30 and happiness would be more readily attained and would
be more secure in our keeping, if sought in Soul. Higher
enjoyments alone can satisfy the cravings of immortal
1 man.

SH 70:2–5

The testimony of the corporeal senses
3 cannot inform us what is real and what is delusive, but
the revelations of Christian Science unlock the treasures
of Truth.