

Wed 8/21/24 - Under God's government

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Hymn. 271:1-4

Our God shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

All people shall with joyful tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

For blessings flow where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to loose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise, and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Let angel songs be heard again
And earth repeat the long Amen.

Words: ISAAC WATTS, ADAPTED

Music: Percy C. Buck

Hymn. 329:1-3

The heavens declare the glory
Of Him who made all things;
Each day repeats the story,

Each night its tribute brings.
To earth's remotest border
His mighty power is known;
In beauty, grandeur, order,
His handiwork is shown.

His law man's pathway brightens,
His judgments all are pure,
His Word the thought enlightens,
And ever shall endure.
To heed His testimony,
And Wisdom's way to hold,
Is sweeter far than honey,
And better far than gold.

In daily contemplation
Of Thee, I take delight;
O, let my meditation
Lay hold of Thee aright.
O, aid me in suppression
Of idle thought or word;
O, keep me from transgression,
Redeemer, strength, and Lord.

Words: FREDERIC W. ROOT

Music: Joseph Barnby

Hymn. 82:1-3

God is working His purpose out
As year succeeds to year,
God is working His purpose out
And the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with

the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work,
To prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind,
The reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with
the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God
With the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious Gospel of truth
May shine throughout the world;
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
To set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled with
the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

Words: ARTHUR C. AINGER
Music: H. Walford Davies

Zech. 14:1 (to 2nd), 9

- 1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, ...
- 9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Ps. 67:4 (to 1st .)

- 4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. ...

Isa. 33:22 the

22 ... the LORD *is* our judge, the LORD *is* our lawgiver, the LORD *is* our king; he will save us.

Gen. 18:25 Shall

25 ... Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

I Cor. 2:5 your

5 ... your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Rom. 13:1 (to :)

1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: ...

Isa. 59:1

1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

Isa. 45:22, 23

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Dan. 3:1 (to :), 2, 4–6, 8, 9, 12–14, 15–21 2nd if, 24–28

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof six cubits: ...

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

5 *That* at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image

that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

6 And whoso falleth not down and worshipping shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

8 ¶ Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.

9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.

12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

13 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, *Is it* true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 ... if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who *is* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17 If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

19 ¶ Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

20 And he commanded the most mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonied, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst

of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

26 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king’s counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

28 *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

Matt. 4:10 Thou

10 ... Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Ps. 19:7, 8

7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.

Ex. 20:1–4 God (to 1st), 7 (to ;), 8, 12 (to :), 13–17 (to 1st covet)

1 ... God spake all these words, saying,

2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, ...

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; ...

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

12 ¶ Honour thy father and thy mother: ...

13 Thou shalt not kill.

- 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 15 Thou shalt not steal.
- 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- 17 Thou shalt not covet ...

Matt. 22:36–40

- 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
- 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
- 38 This is the first and great commandment.
- 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

II Thess. 3:5 the (to ,)

- 5 ... the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, ...

Ps. 97:1 (to 2nd ;), 6

- 1 The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; ...
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

Rev. 11:15 there, 17 We

- 15 ... there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
- 17 ... We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

SH 532:3 God

- 3 God makes
and governs all.

SH 420:3–4

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

True government
of man

SH 14:9

9 To be “with the Lord” is to be in
obedience to the law of God, to be absolutely governed
by divine Love, — by Spirit, not by matter.

SH 264:32–1

The universe of Spirit is peopled with spiritual beings,
1 and its government is divine Science.

SH 128:4–6

The term Science, properly understood, refers only to
the laws of God and to His government of the universe,
6 inclusive of man.

SH 83:16

The belief that the universe, in-
cluding man, is governed in general by material laws, but
18 that occasionally Spirit sets aside these laws, — this be-
lief belittles omnipotent wisdom, and gives to matter the
precedence over Spirit.

SH 94:14

Tyranny, intolerance, and bloodshed, wherever found,
15 arise from the belief that the infinite is formed after the
pattern of mortal personality, passion, and impulse.

SH 542:19–21

Let Truth uncover and destroy error in God’s
own way, and let human justice pattern the
21 divine.

Retribution
and remorse

SH 378:22

Disease is not an intelligence to dispute the empire of
Mind or to dethrone Mind and take the government into
24 its own hands. Sickness is not a God-given,
nor a self-constituted material power, which

Disease
powerless

27 copes astutely with Mind and finally conquers it. God
never endowed matter with power to disable Life or to
chill harmony with a long and cold night of discord.
Such a power, without the divine permission, is incon-
30 ceivable; and if such a power could be divinely directed,
it would manifest less wisdom than we usually find dis-
played in human governments.

SH 472:9–10

9 Sickness, sin, and death, being inharmonious, do not
originate in God nor belong to His government.

SH 405:19 Immortal

Im-
mortal man demonstrates the government of God, good,
21 in which is no power to sin.

SH 125:16–17

Reflecting God's
government, man is self-governed.

SH 106:6

6 Like our nation, Christian Science has its Declaration
of Independence. God has endowed man with inalien-
able rights, among which are self-government,
9 reason, and conscience. Man is properly self-
governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by
his Maker, divine Truth and Love.

Proper self-
government

SH 393:10–24 Take

Take
possession of your body, and govern its feeling and action.
12 Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike
good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing
can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on
man.

15 Be firm in your understanding that the divine Mind
governs, and that in Science man reflects God's govern-
18 ment. Have no fear that matter can ache,
swell, and be inflamed as the result of a law
of any kind, when it is self-evident that matter can have
21 no pain nor inflammation. Your body would suffer no
more from tension or wounds than the trunk of a tree
which you gash or the electric wire which you stretch,
24 were it not for mortal mind.

No pain
in matter

SH 381:15, 27

15 God is the
lawmaker, but He is not the author of barbarous codes.
In infinite Life and Love there is no sickness, sin, nor
18 death, and the Scriptures declare that we live, move, and
have our being in the infinite God.

27 Let us banish sickness as an outlaw, and abide by the
rule of perpetual harmony, — God's law. It is man's
moral right to annul an unjust sentence, a sentence never
30 inflicted by divine authority.

SH 168:15

15 Because man-made systems insist that man becomes
sick and useless, suffers and dies, all in consonance with
the laws of God, are we to believe it? Are
18 we to believe an authority which denies God's
spiritual command relating to perfection, — an authority
which Jesus proved to be false? He did the will of the
21 Father. He healed sickness in defiance of what is called
material law, but in accordance with God's law, the law
of Mind.

The divine
authority

SH 209:1–8

1 Man, being immortal, has a perfect
indestructible life. It is the mortal belief which makes
3 the body discordant and diseased in proportion as igno-
rance, *fear*, or human will governs mortals.

 Mind, supreme over all its formations and governing
6 them all, is the central sun of its own systems of ideas,
the life and light of all its own vast creation;
and man is tributary to divine Mind.

Allness of
Truth

SH 471:18

18 God is infinite, therefore ever present, and
there is no other power nor presence. Hence the spirit-
uality of the universe is the only fact of creation. “Let
21 God be true, but every [material] man a liar.”

SH 208:20

 Let us learn
21 of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of
Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of
universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain
24 forever unseen.