

Wed 10/9/24 - Love's law controls



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Hymn. 591:1-4

We cannot turn away from God
Because, whichever way we face,
Spirit is there. In every place,
Every direction, everywhere,
Spirit is there.

Whether we turn to left or right,
To north or south or east or west,
We meet with Love—and we are blessed.
Upward or down, below, above,
We meet with Love.

Whether we plunge to ocean trench
Or plot our course for farthest space,
Love's law controls. Whatever race
We enter toward whatever goals,
Love's law controls.

Whether we build for centuries hence
Or let tomorrow bound our aim,
God sets the pace. Always the same,
With instant and eternal grace,
God sets the pace.

Words: PETER J. HENNIKER-HEATON

Music: Kevin McCarter

Hymn. 134:1–3

I look to Thee in every need,
And never look in vain;
I feel Thy touch, eternal Love,
And all is well again:
The thought of Thee is mightier far
Than sin and pain and sorrow are.

Thy calmness bends serene above,
My restlessness to still;
Around me flows Thy quickening life
To nerve my faltering will:
Thy presence fills my solitude;
Thy providence turns all to good.

Embosomed deep in Thy dear love,
Held in Thy law, I stand:
Thy hand in all things I behold,
And all things in Thy hand.
Thou leadest me by unsought ways,
Thou turn'st my mourning into praise.

Words: SAMUEL LONGFELLOW*

Music: Edward J. Hopkins

Hymn. 553:1–4

Our desire to heed God's calling
Lifts us to a new design,
Outlined by pure inspiration,
Rendered in Love's graceful line.

When our own plans seem to crumble
Incomplete or ill-defined,

Let us turn to God's creation,
Always perfectly aligned.

With the model right before us,
Perfect God and perfect man,
Let God's wholeness reign within us,
Let Mind's will perfect our plan.

Far beyond the bounds of matter,
Unrestrained by fear or time,
All our plans unfold together
In Soul's harmony and rhyme.

Words: MARA PURL, ALT.

Music: American melody, Pilsbury's United States' Sacred Harmony, 1799; arr.
CSPS

Ps. 46:1–3 (to 1st .), 4–7 (to 1st .), 8 (to 2nd .), 9 (to 1st ;), 10, 11 (to 1st .)

- 1 God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
- 3 *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. ...
- 4 *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High.
- 5 God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early.
- 6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.
- 7 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. ...
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, ...
- 9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; ...
- 10 Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.
- 11 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. ...

Ps. 89:8, 9

- 8 O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?
- 9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

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.

Luke 8:22–24

- 22 ¶ Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.
- 23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled *with water*, and were in jeopardy.
- 24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

Luke 21:9 when, 25–28

- 9 ... when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end *is* not by and by.
- 25 ¶ And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;
- 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.
- 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
- 28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Isa. 59:1

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

Deut. 31:8 the

- 8 ... the LORD, he *it is* that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

Ps. 37:23, 24

- 23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.
- 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him* with his hand.

Dan. 6:1, 2 (to :), 4 (to 2nd ;), 5–12 (to 7th), 13, 14 (to :), 15, 16, 18–23

- 1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;
- 2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel *was* first: ...
- 4 ¶ Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; ...
- 5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.
- 6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.
- 7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.
- 8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.
- 9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.
- 10 ¶ Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God,

as he did aforetime.

11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask *a petition* of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true, ...

13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

14 Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was sore displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: ...

15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians *is*, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

18 ¶ Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

Rom. 8:28 we

28 ... we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Rom. 13:1 (to :)

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

SH 544:16–17

All is under the control of the one Mind,
even God.

First evil
suggestion

SH 379:6

6 The real jurisdiction of the world is in Mind, controlling every effect and recognizing all causation as vested in divine Mind.

SH 171:12–13

12 Mind's control over the universe, including man, is no longer an open question, but is demonstrable Science.

SH 209:5–8, 10–11

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

The world would collapse without Mind, without the intelligence which holds the winds in its grasp.

SH 240:1–11

1 Nature voices natural, spiritual law and divine Love,
but human belief misinterprets nature. Arctic regions,
3 sunny tropics, giant hills, winged winds,
mighty billows, verdant vales, festive flowers,
and glorious heavens, — all point to Mind, the spiritual

Some lessons
from nature

6 intelligence they reflect. The floral apostles are hiero-
glyphs of Deity. Suns and planets teach grand lessons.
The stars make night beautiful, and the leaflet turns nat-
9 urally towards the light.

In the order of Science, in which the Principle is above
what it reflects, all is one grand concord.

SH 295:5–8

God creates and governs the universe, including man.
6 The universe is filled with spiritual ideas, which He
evolves, and they are obedient to the Mind
that makes them.

Mortals
unlike
immortals

SH 318:28–30 In

In

Science man is governed by God, divine Principle, as
30 numbers are controlled and proved by His laws.

SH 514:26–28

Understanding the control which Love held over all,
27 Daniel felt safe in the lions' den, and Paul proved the
viper to be harmless.

SH 470:32

The relations of God and man, divine Principle and
1 idea, are indestructible in Science; and Science knows
no lapse from nor return to harmony, but holds the divine
3 order or spiritual law, in which God and all that He cre-
ates are perfect and eternal, to have remained unchanged
in its eternal history.

SH 275:10–12

To grasp the reality and order of being in its Science,
you must begin by reckoning God as the divine Principle
12 of all that really is.

SH 304:16–17, 20

Harmony is produced by its Principle, is controlled by it and abides with it.

Harmony in man is as beautiful
21 as in music, and discord is unnatural, unreal.

SH 587:25

HEAVEN. Harmony; the reign of Spirit; government by divine Principle; spirituality; bliss; the atmosphere
27 of Soul.

SH 122:1–7

1 The evidence of the physical senses often reverses the real Science of being, and so creates a reign of discord, —
3 assigning seeming power to sin, sickness, and death; but the great facts of Life, rightly understood, defeat this triad of errors, contradict their false
6 witnesses, and reveal the kingdom of heaven, — the actual reign of harmony on earth.

Opposing
testimony

SH 83:16

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

SH 193:32–2

It has been demonstrated to me that Life is God
1 and that the might of omnipotent Spirit shares not its strength with matter or with human will.

SH 207:10–13

Evil is not
supreme; good is not helpless; nor are the
12 so-called laws of matter primary, and the law of Spirit
secondary.

Subordination
of evil

SH 480:10–12, 13–14

Consciousness, as well as action, is governed
by Mind, — is in God, the origin and gov-
12 ernor of all that Science reveals.

Harmony
from Spirit

Harmonious
action proceeds from Spirit, God.

SH 283:4–6

Mind is the source of all movement, and there is no
inertia to retard or check its perpetual and harmonious
6 action.

SH 151:18–21

18 Fear never stopped being and its action. The
blood, heart, lungs, brain, etc., have nothing
to do with Life, God. Every function of the
21 real man is governed by the divine Mind.

Man governed
by Mind

SH 495:16–20

Let neither
fear nor doubt overshadow your clear sense and
18 calm trust, that the recognition of life harmonious — as
Life eternally is — can destroy any painful sense of, or
belief in, that which Life is not.

Steadfast and
calm trust

SH 417:27–31

27 Explain audibly to your patients, as soon as they can
bear it, the complete control which Mind holds over the

body. Show them how mortal mind seems to induce
30 disease by certain fears and false conclusions, and how
divine Mind can cure by opposite thoughts.

SH 570:18

18 What if the old dragon
should send forth a new flood to drown the Christ-idea?
He can neither drown your voice with its roar, nor again
21 sink the world into the deep waters of chaos and old night.
In this age the earth will help the woman; the spiritual
idea will be understood. Those ready for the blessing
24 you impart will give thanks. The waters will be paci-
fied, and Christ will command the wave.

SH 255:3–6

3 “Let there be light,”
is the perpetual demand of Truth and Love,
changing chaos into order and discord into the
6 music of the spheres.

Inadequate
theories of
creation

SH 506:10–12

Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites under-
standing to eternal harmony. The calm and exalted
12 thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace.