

Wed 12/4/24 - Open doors, not dead ends



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Hymn. 64:1-3

From sense to Soul my pathway lies before me,
From mist and shadow into Truth's clear day;
The dawn of all things real is breaking o'er me,
My heart is singing: I have found the way.

I reach Mind's open door, and at its portal
I know that where I stand is holy ground;
I feel the calm and joy of things immortal,
The loveliness of Love is all around.

The way leads upward and its goal draws nearer,
Thought soars enraptured, fetterless and free;
The vision infinite to me grows clearer,
I touch the fringes of eternity.

Words: VIOLET HAY

Music: George Dyson

Hymn. 574:1-3

Shepherd, show me how to go
O'er the hillside steep,
How to gather, how to sow,—
How to feed Thy sheep;
I will listen for Thy voice,
Lest my footsteps stray;
I will follow and rejoice
All the rugged way.

Thou wilt bind the stubborn will,
Wound the callous breast,
Make self-righteousness be still,
Break earth's stupid rest.
Strangers on a barren shore,
Lambkins long and lone,
We would enter by the door,
And Thou know'st Thine own;

So, when day grows dark and cold,
Tear or triumph harms,
Lead Thy lambkins to the fold,
Take them in Thine arms;
Feed the hungry, heal the heart,
Till the morning's beam;
White as wool, ere they depart,
Shepherd, wash them clean.

Words: MARY BAKER EDDY

Music: Andrew D. Brewis, alt.

Hymn. 189:1, 2

Mine eyes look toward the mountains,
Help cometh from on high;
From God who never slumbers,
Whose care is ever nigh.
My foot shall not be moved,
My keeper is the Lord,
He never shall forsake me;
I trust me to His Word.

God keepeth me from falling,
Fulfilleth all my need;
His love doth e'er uphold me

In faithful word and deed.
He keepeth me from evil,
My onward way doth trace,
My going and my coming
He crowneth with His grace.

Words: PSALM 121 FROM SWEDISH VERSION

Music: Bohemian Brethren

Rev. 3:8 behold (to 2nd :)

8 ... behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: ...

Ps. 121:8 (to in)

8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in ...

Ps. 40:1, 2

- 1 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.

Jonah 1:1, 2 (to 3rd), 3 (to :), 4–7, 11 (to ?), 12, 15, 17; 2:1–3, 5, 7, 9 Salvation,

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- 1 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
- 2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, ...
- 3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: ...
- 4 ¶ But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.
- 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that *were* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.
- 6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.
- 7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may

know for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

11 ¶ Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? ...

12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you.

15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

17 ¶ Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

1 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice.

3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

5 The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

9 ... Salvation *is* of the LORD.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

Luke 1:37

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Ps. 18:29 2nd by, 30 (to 1st :), 32

29 ... by my God have I leaped over a wall.

30 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect: ...

32 *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

John 10:7, 9 by, 10 I

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

- 9 ... by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
- 10 ... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

John 14:6 I (to :)

- 6 ... I am the way, the truth, and the life: ...

Luke 11:5–10 Which

- 5 ... Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
- 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?
- 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.
- 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.
- 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

John 5:1–9 Jesus (to :)

- 1 ... Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
- 3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.
- 4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
- 5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
- 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?
- 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is

troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked:

...

Prov. 12:28

28 In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death.

Acts 16:19 they, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26

19 ... they caught Paul and Silas, and drew *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers,

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely:

25 ¶ And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Phil. 3:13, 14

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

I Cor. 16:9 (to ,)

9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, ...

SH 99:9–11

9 Truth has furnished
the key to the kingdom, and with this key Christian Science has opened the door of the human understanding.

SH 288:27

27 Science reveals the glorious possibilities of immortal man, forever unlimited by the mortal senses.
The Christ-element in the Messiah made him
30 the Way-shower, Truth and Life.

The
Christ-element

SH 468:27 (only)

27 Life is without beginning and without end.

SH 90:24–27

24 The admission to one's self that man is God's own likeness sets man free to master the infinite idea. This conviction shuts the door on death, and opens it
27 wide towards immortality.

Scientific
finalities

SH 326:20

Working and praying with true motives,
21 your Father will open the way. "Who did hinder you, that ye should not obey the truth?"

SH 10:14

Seeking is not sufficient. It is striving that enables
15 us to enter. Spiritual attainments open the door to a higher understanding of the divine Life.

SH 226:22–2

I saw before me the sick, wearing out years of servitude to an unreal master in the belief that the body governed them, rather than Mind.
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The lame, the deaf, the dumb, the blind, the sick, the sensual, the sinner, I wished to save from the slavery of

27 their own beliefs and from the educational
systems of the Pharaohs, who to-day, as of
yore, hold the children of Israel in bondage. I saw be-
30 fore me the awful conflict, the Red Sea and the wilder-
ness; but I pressed on through faith in God, trusting
Truth, the strong deliverer, to guide me into the land
1 of Christian Science, where fetters fall and the rights of
man are fully known and acknowledged.

House of
bondage

SH 227:14–19, 21–26

Discerning the rights of man, we cannot fail to fore-
15 see the doom of all oppression. Slavery is not the legiti-
mate state of man. God made man free.

Native
freedom

Paul said, “I was free born.” All men should
18 be free. “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is lib-
erty.”

21 Christian Science raises the standard of liberty and
cries: “Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sick-
ness, sin, and death!” Jesus marked out the
24 way. Citizens of the world, accept the “glori-
ous liberty of the children of God,” and be free! This
is your divine right.

Standard
of liberty

SH 430:17–20

Suppose a mental case to be on trial, as cases are tried
18 in court. A man is charged with having committed liver-
complaint. The patient feels ill, ruminates,
and the trial commences.

A mental
court case

SH 433:1–3, 15–19, 31–3

1 The testimony for the plaintiff, Personal Sense, being
closed, Judge Medicine arises, and with great solemnity
3 addresses the jury of Mortal Minds.

15 The case is given to the jury. A
brief consultation ensues, and the jury returns a verdict
of “Guilty of liver-complaint in the first degree.”

18 Judge Medicine then proceeds to pronounce the solemn
sentence of death upon the prisoner.

 Ah! but Christ, Truth, the spirit of Life and the
friend of Mortal Man, can open wide those prison doors
1 and set the captive free. Swift on the wings of divine
Love, there comes a despatch: “Delay the execution;
3 the prisoner is not guilty.”

SH 442:5–8

 The Jury of Spiritual Senses agreed at once upon a
6 verdict, and there resounded throughout the vast audience-
chamber of Spirit the cry, Not guilty. Then
the prisoner rose up regenerated, strong, free.

Divine
verdict

SH 495:6

6 If sickness is true or the idea of Truth, you cannot
destroy sickness, and it would be absurd to try. Then
classify sickness and error as our Master did,
9 when he spoke of the sick, “whom Satan hath
bound,” and find a sovereign antidote for error in the life-
giving power of Truth acting on human belief, a power
12 which opens the prison doors to such as are bound, and
sets the captive free physically and morally.

Destruction
of all evil

SH 486:27

27 If the
five corporeal senses were the medium through which
to understand God, then palsy, blindness, and deafness
30 would place man in a terrible situation, where he would
be like those “having no hope, and without God in the
world;” but as a matter of fact, these calamities often

1 drive mortals to seek and to find a higher sense of happiness and existence.

SH 420:10–13

Instruct the sick that they are not helpless victims,
for if they will only accept Truth, they can resist disease
12 and ward it off, as positively as they can the
temptation to sin.

Positive
reassurance

SH 378:10–12, 14–16

By
looking a tiger fearlessly in the eye, Sir Charles
12 Napier sent it cowering back into the jungle.

Latent
power

A man's gaze, fastened
15 fearlessly on a ferocious beast, often causes the beast to
retreat in terror.

SH 371:14

Darkness induces fear. The adult, in bond-
15 age to his beliefs, no more comprehends his real being
than does the child; and the adult must be taken out of
his darkness, before he can get rid of the illusive suffer-
18 ings which throng the gloaming. The way in divine
Science is the only way out of this condition.

SH 45:16

Glory be to God, and peace to the struggling hearts!
Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of hu-
18 man hope and faith, and through the reve-
lation and demonstration of life in God, hath
elevated them to possible at-one-ment with the spiritual
21 idea of man and his divine Principle, Love.

The stone
rolled away

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