

Wed 1/29/25 - "spotless purity and original perfection"



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Hymn. 15:1–3

As gold by fire is tested,
Its purity shown forth,
So cleansing fires of Truth may prove
To man his native worth.

And as a mirror shows us
A likeness clear and bright,
So God forever sees His child
Revealed in radiant light.

'Twas thus the loving Master
Saw man's perfection shine,
Beheld God's child forever pure
In radiance all divine.

Words: BASED ON THE DANISH OF BERNHARD S. INGEMANN
Music: C. Christian Hoffman

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,
Lab'ring 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. 475:1-4

Forget not who you are, O child of God,
For God demands of you reflection pure;
Your heritage is goodly, and your home,
In Spirit's warm embrace, is safe, secure.

You are the child of Spirit, sinless, pure—
Yours is a perfect beauty, born of Soul—
Complete with health, vitality, and grace.
For is not God, your Father, perfect, whole?

Your understanding, too, comes straight from God.
For in that Mind, magnificent and clear,

You are conceived by Love, a perfect child,
Unhampered by the flesh, or doubt, or fear.

So now look up to God's pure holy light
And greet with fearless joy each coming day.
Of royal birth, you are a King's own child—
And God is yours, and you are God's always.

Words: MILDRED SPRING CASE, ALT.

Music: Alfred Morton Smith

I Thess. 4:7 God

7 ... God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

Ps. 51:1, 2, 7, 10

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Ps. 19:12–14 cleanse

- 12 ... cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.
- 13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

I Thess. 5:23 the

- 23 ... the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

II Pet. 3:14 be

- 14 ... be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

II Kings 5:1–3, 9–14

- 1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, *but he was* a leper.
- 2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.
- 3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord *were* with the prophet that *is* in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.
- 9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.
- 10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.
- 11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.
- 12 *Are* not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.
- 13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee *do some* great thing, wouldest thou not have done *it*? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?
- 14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Job 33:9

- 9 I am clean without transgression, I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity in me.

Song 4:7

7 Thou *art* all fair, my love; *there is* no spot in thee.

II Cor. 6:16 for (to 1st ;)

16 ... for ye are the temple of the living God; ...

Jude 1:24, 25 (to 1st .)

24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

25 To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. ...

Matt. 5:48

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Ps. 37:37 (to :)

37 Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: ...

John 9:1–3 as, 6, 7

1 ... as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 *Jesus* answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

Matt. 6:22

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

John 1:29 John

29 ... *John* seeth *Jesus* coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Rev. 21:9–11 there, 22, 23, 27 (to :)

- 9 ... there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.
- 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
- 11 Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;
- 22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.
- 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.
- 27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: ...

I Pet. 1:16 Be, 18, 19

- 16 ... Be ye holy; for I am holy.
- 18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;
- 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

SH 19:6

- 6 Jesus aided in reconciling man to God by giving man a truer sense of Love, the divine Principle of Jesus' teachings, and this truer
- 9 sense of Love redeems man from the law of matter, sin, and death by the law of Spirit, — the law of divine Love.

SH 470:18–5

- 18 The standard of perfection was originally God and man. Has God taken down His own standard,

and has man fallen?

21 God is the creator of man, and, the divine Principle
of man remaining perfect, the divine idea or reflection,
man, remains perfect. Man is the expression
24 of God's being. If there ever was a moment
when man did not express the divine perfec-
tion, then there was a moment when man did not express
27 God, and consequently a time when Deity was unex-
pressed — that is, without entity. If man has lost per-
fection, then he has lost his perfect Principle, the divine
30 Mind. If man ever existed without this perfect Principle
or Mind, then man's existence was a myth.

Indestructible
relationship

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 258:27

27 Never born and
never dying, it were impossible for man, under
the government of God in eternal Science, to fall from his
30 high estate.

Individual
permanency

SH 200:16

The great truth in the Science of being, that the real
man was, is, and ever shall be perfect, is incontrovertible;
18 for if man is the image, reflection, of God, he is neither
inverted nor subverted, but upright and Godlike.

SH 476:28–5

When speaking of God's children, not the children of
men, Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you;"
30 that is, Truth and Love reign in the real

man, showing that man in God's image is
unfallen and eternal. Jesus beheld in Science the per-
1 perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal
man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour
3 saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man
healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom
of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy.

SH 281:20–24

When we put off the
21 false sense for the true, and see that sin and mortality
have neither Principle nor permanency, we shall learn
that sin and mortality are without actual origin or right-
24 ful existence.

SH 439:31–1

We send our best detectives to whatever locality is re-
ported to be haunted by Disease, but on visiting the spot,
33 they learn that Disease was never there, for he could not
1 possibly elude their search.

SH 391:3

3 Blot out the images of mortal thought and its beliefs in
sickness and sin. Then, when thou art delivered to the
judgment of Truth, Christ, the judge will say, "Thou
6 art whole!"

SH 564:3–7, 10–16

3 As of old, evil still charges the spiritual idea with error's
own nature and methods. This malicious animal in-
stinct, of which the dragon is the type, incites mortals to
6 kill morally and physically even their fellow-mortals, and
worse still, to charge the innocent with the crime.

The author is convinced that the accusations against

Jesus of Nazareth and even his crucifixion were instigated
12 by the criminal instinct here described. The
Revelator speaks of Jesus as the Lamb of God
and of the dragon as warring against innocence. Since Jesus
15 must have been tempted in all points, he, the immaculate,
met and conquered sin in every form.

Malicious
barbarity

SH 590:9 (only, to .), 9–10 The (to 2nd ;)

9 **LAMB OF GOD. ...** The spiritual idea of Love; self-im-
molation; innocence and purity; ...

SH 582:14–15 (to ;)

BRIDE. Purity and innocence, conceiving man in the
15 idea of God; ...

SH 567:14–5

Revelation xii. 9. And the great dragon was cast out,
15 that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiv-
eth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his
angels were cast out with him.

18 That false claim — that ancient belief, that old serpent
whose name is devil (evil), claiming that there is intelli-
gence in matter either to benefit or to injure
21 men — is pure delusion, the red dragon; and
it is cast out by Christ, Truth, the spiritual
idea, and so proved to be powerless. The words “cast
24 unto the earth” show the dragon to be nothingness, dust
to dust; and therefore, in his pretence of being a talker,
he must be a lie from the beginning. His angels, or mes-
27 sages, are cast out with their author. The beast and the
false prophets are lust and hypocrisy. These wolves in
sheep’s clothing are detected and killed by innocence, the
30 Lamb of Love.

Dragon
cast down
to earth

Divine Science shows how the Lamb slays the wolf.

1 Innocence and Truth overcome guilt and error. Ever

