

Wed 1/15/25 - Safe from destruction



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Hymn. 457:1-3

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Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning;
 Teach me to do Your will, O God.
 Cause me to know the way where I should place my feet
 To walk in the pathway of Your love.

Verse 1

Not in the storm, nor the earthquake, nor the wave;
 You're not in the wind, nor the flame.
 In the still of the evening, in the hush of the morning,
 Call my name.

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Verse 2

Truth is my Rock; there is nothing I shall fear.
 You still all my worry and woe.
 And my heart's overflowing now; I rest where
 Your quiet waters flow.

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Words: PARA. I KINGS 19:11, 12, PSALMS 23:2, 4 PSALMS, 143:8, 10 SUSAN
 THIERMAN
 Music: Susan Thierman

Hymn. 347:1-4

Though mountains may depart from thee,
 And hills be far removed,

His kindness shall remain with thee,
His covenant be proved.

O thou afflicted, tossed with doubt,
God bids the storm to cease;
His children shall be taught of Him
And great shall be their peace.

Established in His righteousness,
He holds thee free from fear;
No weapon formed against His own
Shall prosper nor come near.

All tongues that rise condemning thee
Are silenced by His word;
This is thy precious heritage,
Thou servant of the Lord.

Words: UNA R. LIAS

Music: Edward Hodges

Hymn. 53:1-3

Everlasting arms of Love
Are beneath, around, above;
God it is who bears us on,
His the arm we lean upon.

He our ever-present guide
Faithful is, whate'er betide;
Gladly then we journey on,
With His arm to lean upon.

From earth's fears and vain alarms
Safe in His encircling arms,

He will keep us all the way,
 God, our refuge, strength and stay.

Words: BASED ON A HYMN BY JOHN R. MACDUFF

Music: Melody by John Dowland

Isa. 45:18 thus

18 ... thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else.

Ps. 24:1

1 The earth *is* the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Ps. 104:1–3, 5

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
 2 Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with* a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:
 3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:
 5 *Who* laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed for ever.

Ps. 121:1, 2, 5–7 (to :)

1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
 2 My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
 5 The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.
 6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
 7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: ...

Ps. 32:7 (to 1st .)

7 Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. ...

Isa. 60:18

18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

Ps. 9:6 destructions (to :)

6 ... destructions are come to a perpetual end: ...

Gen. 6:8 Noah, 12 (to ;), 13, 14 (to ;), 17 (to ;), 18, 19, 22

8 ... Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; ...
 13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.
 14 ¶ Make thee an ark of gopher wood; ...
 17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; ...
 18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.
 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.
 22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Gen. 7:1 (to ;), 10, 19, 23

1 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark;
 ...
 10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.
 19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered.
 23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl

of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

Gen. 8:1, 2

- 1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged;
- 2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

Gen. 9:1, 11–13, 16 2nd and

- 1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.
- 11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.
- 12 And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:
- 13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.
- 16 ... and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

Isa. 54:8–10

- 8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.
- 9 For this *is as* the waters of Noah unto me: for *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.
- 10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

Isa. 43:2

- 2 When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Ps. 91:1–6, 9, 10

- 1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
- 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;
- 6 *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.
- 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

SH 295:5 (only)

God creates and governs the universe, including man.

SH 550:5–7

- God is the Life, or intelligence, which forms
- 6 and preserves the individuality and identity of animals as well as of men.

Deep-
reaching
interrogations

SH 209:10–11

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

SH 240:1–6

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
 6 intelligence they reflect.

Some lessons
 from nature

SH 127:30–2 (to 1st .)

30 Christian Science eschews what is called natural science,
 in so far as this is built on the false hypotheses that matter
 is its own lawgiver, that law is founded on material con-
 1 ditions, and that these are final and overrule the might of
 divine Mind.

SH 119:1, 21

1 When we endow matter with vague spiritual power, —
 that is, when we do so in our theories, for of course we
 3 cannot really endow matter with what it does
 not and cannot possess, — we disown the Al-
 mighty, for such theories lead to one of two things. They
 6 either presuppose the self-evolution and self-government
 of matter, or else they assume that matter is the product
 of Spirit. To seize the first horn of this dilemma and con-
 9 sider matter as a power in and of itself, is to leave the cre-
 ator out of His own universe; while to grasp the other
 horn of the dilemma and regard God as the creator of
 12 matter, is not only to make Him responsible for all disas-
 ters, physical and moral, but to announce Him as their
 source, thereby making Him guilty of maintaining perpet-
 15 ual misrule in the form and under the name of natural
 law.

Unescapable
 dilemma

21 God is natural good, and is repre-

sented only by the idea of goodness; while evil should be regarded as unnatural, because it is opposed to the nature
 24 of Spirit, God.

SH 192:11

Erring power is a material belief, a blind miscalled force,
 12 the offspring of will and not of wisdom, of the mortal mind
 and not of the immortal. It is the headlong
 cataract, the devouring flame, the tempest's
 15 breath. It is lightning and hurricane, all that is selfish,
 wicked, dishonest, and impure.

Human power
 a blind force

SH 586:13 (only, to 5th ;)

FIRE. Fear; remorse; lust; hatred; destruction; ...

SH 597:27 (only, to .), 29

27 **WIND.** ...
 Destruction; anger; mortal
 30 passions.

SH 210:28

To
 mortal sense, sin and suffering are real, but immortal
 30 sense includes no evil nor pestilence. Because immortal
 sense has no error of sense, it has no sense of error; there-
 fore it is without a destructive element.

Matter
 mindless

SH 293:21

21 There is no vapid fury of mortal mind — expressed in
 earthquake, wind, wave, lightning, fire, bestial ferocity
 — and this so-called mind is self-destroyed.
 24 The manifestations of evil, which counterfeit
 divine justice, are called in the Scriptures, “The anger
 of the Lord.” In reality, they show the self-destruction
 27 of error or matter and point to matter's opposite, the
 strength and permanency of Spirit. Christian Science

The counterfeit
 forces

brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal har-
 30 mony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness
 of evil.

SH 96:12

12 This material world is even now becoming the arena
 for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord
 and dismay; on the other side there will be
 15 Science and peace. The breaking up of mate-
 rial beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want
 and woe, sin, sickness, and death, which assume new
 18 phases until their nothingness appears. These disturb-
 ances will continue until the end of error, when all
 discord will be swallowed up in spiritual Truth.

Arena of
 contest

SH 97:7–13

Ac-
 cording to human belief, the lightning is fierce
 9 and the electric current swift, yet in Christian Science
 the flight of one and the blow of the other will become
 harmless. The more destructive matter becomes, the
 12 more its nothingness will appear, until matter reaches
 its mortal zenith in illusion and forever disappears.

Dangerous
 resemblances

SH 192:17–21

Moral and spiritual might belong to Spirit, who holds
 18 the “wind in His fists;” and this teaching accords with
 Science and harmony. In Science, you can
 have no power opposed to God, and the physi-
 21 cal senses must give up their false testimony.

The one
 real power

SH 581:8 (only, to .), 8 Safety (only, to ;), 9 the

ARK. Safety; ...
 9 the understanding of
 Spirit, destroying belief in matter.

SH 559:8–16

The “still, small voice”

9 of scientific thought reaches over continent and ocean
to the globe’s remotest bound. The inaudible voice of
Truth is, to the human mind, “as when a lion roareth.”
12 It is heard in the desert and in dark places of fear. It
arouses the “seven thunders” of evil, and stirs their latent
forces to utter the full diapason of secret tones. Then is
15 the power of Truth demonstrated, — made manifest in
the destruction of error.

SH 299:24

24 Truth never destroys God’s idea. Truth is spiritual,
eternal substance, which cannot destroy the right reflec-
tion. Corporeal sense, or error, may seem to hide Truth,
27 health, harmony, and Science, as the mist obscures the
sun or the mountain; but Science, the sunshine of Truth,
will melt away the shadow and reveal the celestial
30 peaks.

SH 597:27–29

27 **WIND.** That which indicates the might of omnipo-
tence and the movements of God’s spiritual government,
encompassing all things.

SH 510:28–1

Sci-
ence reveals only one Mind, and this one shin-
30 ing by its own light and governing the universe, including
1 man, in perfect harmony.

Spiritual
subdivision**SH 444:10**

Step by
step will those who trust Him find that “God is our refuge
and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Refuge and
strength

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