

# Wed 4/16/25 - Certainty

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## **Hymn. 77:1, 2**

God is my strong salvation;  
What foe have I to fear?  
In darkness and temptation,  
My light, my help is near:  
Though hosts encamp around me,  
Firm in the fight I stand;  
What terror can confound me,  
With God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance;  
My heart, with courage wait;  
His truth be thine affiance,  
When faint and desolate:  
His might thy heart shall strengthen,  
His love thy joy increase;  
Thy day shall mercy lengthen:  
The Lord will give thee peace.

Words: JAMES MONTGOMERY

Music: Meiningen Gesangbuch, 1693

## **Hymn. 293:1-3**

Rock of Ages, Truth divine,  
Be Thy strength forever mine;  
Let me rest secure on Thee,  
Safe above life's raging sea.  
Rock of Ages, Truth divine,  
Be Thy strength forever mine.

Rock of Truth, our fortress strong,  
Thou our refuge from all wrong,  
When from mortal sense I flee,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.  
Rock of Ages, Truth divine,  
Be Thy strength forever mine.

Christ, the Truth, foundation sure,  
On this rock we are secure;  
Peace is there our life to fill,  
Cure is there for every ill.  
Rock of Ages, Truth divine,  
Be Thy strength forever mine.

Words: FREDERIC W. ROOT, BASED ON A HYMN BY A. M. TOPLADY  
Music: Thomas Hastings

**Hymn. 596:1-4**

When peace, like a river, flows calmly each day,  
Or sorrows like seas surge and roll,  
Whatever my lot, Love has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**REFRAIN**

It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though terror may buffet, my joy is innate.  
This unchanging thought is my goal:  
That God has created my spiritual state,  
And has given me strength in my soul.

**REFRAIN**

Lord, hasten the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll.

When trumpets shall sound and we all see the light,  
I will sing, it is well with my soul.

## REFRAIN

Words: HORATIO G. SPAFFORD, ADAPT.

Music: Philip P. Bliss

### Ps. 121:1–3 (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.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: ...

### Ps. 112:1 Blessed, 6 (to :), 7, 8 (to 2nd ,)

- 1 ... Blessed is the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* delighteth greatly in his commandments.
- 6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: ...
- 7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.
- 8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, ...

### II Kings 4:8, 11–13 (to 1st ?), 14 2nd And, 16 (to 1st .), 17–22, 25–27 (to 1st :), 30, 32, 33, 34 6th and, 36

- 8 ¶ And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.
- 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.
- 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.
- 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? ...
- 14 ... And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.
- 16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt

embrace a son. ...

17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

18 ¶ And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.

21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is that Shunammite*:

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?* And she answered, *It is well.*

27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: ...

30 And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

34 ... and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

**Heb. 11:1, 2**

- 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

**Mark 11:22 Jesus, 23**

- 22 ... Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.
- 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

**Matt. 14:22–32**

- 22 ¶ And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.
- 23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.
- 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.
- 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.
- 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.
- 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.
- 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.
- 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.
- 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.
- 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?
- 32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

**Matt. 7:24 whosoever, 25**

- 24 ... whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
- 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

**I Cor. 3:10 I, 11**

- 10 ... I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.
- 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**Eccl. 2:4, 9 I (to :), 11**

- 4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:
- 9 ... I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: ...
- 11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all *was* vanity and vexation of spirit, and *there was* no profit under the sun.

**II Cor. 5:1 we**

- 1 ... we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**II Tim. 2:19 the (to 1st ,)**

- 19 ... the foundation of God standeth sure, ...

**I Pet. 5:10 the**

- 10 ... the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

**SH 112:32-3**

God is the Principle of divine metaphysics. As there is but one God, there can be but one divine Principle of

- 1 all Science; and there must be fixed rules for the demon-  
3 stration of this divine Principle.

### SH 128:27–28

- 27 Science relates to Mind, not matter. It rests on fixed  
Principle and not upon the judgment of false sensation.

### SH 81:25–28

- Though
- the inharmony resulting from material sense hides the  
27 harmony of Science, inharmony cannot destroy the divine  
Principle of Science.

### SH 188:28–13

- When darkness comes over the earth, the physical  
senses have no immediate evidence of a sun.  
30 The human eye knows not where the orb of  
day is, nor if it exists. Astronomy gives the  
desired information regarding the sun. The human or  
1 material senses yield to the authority of this science, and  
they are willing to leave with astronomy the explanation of  
3 the sun's influence over the earth. If the eyes see no sun  
for a week, we still believe that there is solar light and  
heat. Science (in this instance named natural) raises  
6 the human thought above the cruder theories of the  
human mind, and casts out a fear.

Sense  
yields to  
understanding

- In like manner mortals should no more deny the power  
9 of Christian Science to establish harmony and to explain  
the effect of mortal mind on the body, though the cause  
be unseen, than they should deny the existence of the sun-  
12 light when the orb of day disappears, or doubt that the sun  
will reappear.

**SH 223:14–18**

The question, “What is Truth,” convulses the world.

- 15 Many are ready to meet this inquiry with the assurance  
which comes of understanding; but more are  
blinded by their old illusions, and try to “give  
18 it pause.”

The question  
of the ages

**SH 83:9**

- 9 Nothing is more antagonistic to Christian Science  
than a blind belief without understanding, for such a  
belief hides Truth and builds on error.

**SH 12:22–24**

- The common custom of praying for the recovery of the  
sick finds help in blind belief, whereas help should come  
24 from the enlightened understanding.

**SH 488:7–11**

- The Hebrew and Greek words often translated *belief*  
differ somewhat in meaning from that conveyed by the  
9 English verb *believe*; they have more the sig-  
nificance of faith, understanding, trust, con-  
stancy, firmness.

Belief and  
firm trust

**SH 297:26**

- A belief in Truth is better than a  
27 belief in error, but no mortal testimony is founded on the  
divine rock. Mortal testimony can be shaken. Until  
belief becomes faith, and faith becomes spiritual under-  
30 standing, human thought has little relation to the actual  
or divine.

**SH 269:21**

- 21 The testimony of the material senses is neither abso-  
lute nor divine. I therefore plant myself unreservedly



Biblical  
foundations

on the teachings of Jesus, of his apostles, of  
 24 the prophets, and on the testimony of the  
 Science of Mind. Other foundations there are none.  
 All other systems — systems based wholly or partly on  
 27 knowledge gained through the material senses — are reeds  
 shaken by the wind, not houses built on the rock.

### SH 138:14–15

The supremacy of Spirit was the foundation on which  
 15 Jesus built.

### SH 487:27–30

27 The understanding that Life is God, Spirit, lengthens  
 our days by strengthening our trust in the deathless  
 reality of Life, its almightiness and immortality.  
 30 This faith relies upon an understood Principle.

### SH 15:28–30

Practice not profession, understanding not  
 belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and  
 30 they assuredly call down infinite blessings.

Trustworthy  
beneficence

### SH 162:25

Christian Science heals organic disease as  
 surely as it heals what is called functional, for it requires  
 27 only a fuller understanding of the divine Principle of  
 Christian Science to demonstrate the higher rule.

### SH 445:5–8

No

6 hypothesis as to the existence of another power should  
 interpose a doubt or fear to hinder the demonstration of  
 Christian Science.

Conforming  
to explicit  
rules

**SH 459:24–26**

24 To mortal sense Christian Science seems abstract, but  
the process is simple and the results are sure if the Science  
is understood.

**SH 418:5**

Stick to the truth of being in contradistinction to the  
6 error that life, substance, or intelligence can be in matter.  
Plead with an honest conviction of truth and  
a clear perception of the unchanging, unerr-  
9 ing, and certain effect of divine Science. Then, if your  
fidelity is half equal to the truth of your plea, you will  
heal the sick.

Christian  
pleading

**SH 90:24–27**

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

Scientific  
finalities

**SH 96:21–4**

21 Mortal error will vanish in a moral chemicalization.  
This mental fermentation has begun, and will continue  
until all errors of belief yield to understanding. Belief is  
24 changeable, but spiritual understanding is changeless.

As this consummation draws nearer, he who has  
shaped his course in accordance with divine Science  
27 will endure to the end. As material knowl-  
edge diminishes and spiritual understanding  
increases, real objects will be apprehended mentally  
30 instead of materially.

Millennial  
glory

During this final conflict, wicked minds will endeavor  
to find means by which to accomplish more evil; but  
1 those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in

check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They  
3 will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the  
certainty of ultimate perfection.

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