

Children of God

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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.

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Music: C. Christian Hoffman

Hymn. 474:1–4

Father, we Your loving children
Lift our hearts in joy today,
Knowing well that You will keep us
Ever in Your blessed way.
You are Love and You are wisdom,
You are Life and You are All;
In Your Spirit living, moving,
We shall neither faint nor fall.

Come we daily then, dear Father,

Open hearts and willing hands,
Eager ears, expectant, joyful,
Ready for Your right commands.
We would hear no other voices,
We would heed no other call;
You alone are good and gracious,
You our Mind and You our All.

In Your house securely dwelling,
Where Your children live to bless,
Seeing only Your creation,
We can share Your happiness,
Share Your joy and spend it freely.
Loyal hearts can feel no fear;
We Your children know You, Father,
Love and Life forever near.

Father, we Your loving children
Lift our hearts in joy today,
Knowing well that You will keep us
Ever in Your blessed way.

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Hymn. 203:1, 2

O Father, may we bear each hour
The flag of hope and peace unfurled,
And mirror forth Love's sacred power
To feed and bless a hungry world.
We shall not falter by the way
If we but place our trust in Thee,
Obeying gladly day by day
The living Truth that makes men free.

Help us to know that all is well
E'en though we wander through earth's shade,
To know that all Thy children dwell
Within Love's stronghold unafraid.
Teach us to follow fearlessly
The way our gentle Master trod,
'Twill lead us safely home to Thee,
O loving Father-Mother, God.

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Music: H. Walford Davies

🗨 Psalm 147:12 (to 1st), 13

Glorify the Lord,...

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates and blessed your children within your walls.

II Kings 4:8-17

8 One day Elisha went to the town of Shunem. A wealthy woman lived there, and she urged him to come to her home for a meal. After that, whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for something to eat.

9 She said to her husband, "I am sure this man who stops in from time to time is a holy man of God. 10 Let's build a small room for him on the roof and furnish it with a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp. Then he will have a place to stay whenever he comes by."

11 One day Elisha returned to Shunem, and he went up to this upper room to rest. 12 He said to his servant Gehazi, "Tell the woman from Shunem I want to speak to her." When she appeared, 13 Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tell her, 'We appreciate the kind concern you have shown us. What can we do for you? Can we put in a good word for you to the king or to the commander of the army?'"

"No," she replied, "my family takes good care of me."

14 Later Elisha asked Gehazi, "What can we do for her?"

Gehazi replied, "She doesn't have a son, and her husband is an old man."

15 "Call her back again," Elisha told him. When the woman returned, Elisha said to her as she stood in the doorway, 16 "Next year at this time you will be holding a son in your arms!"

"No, my lord!" she cried. "O man of God, don't deceive me and get my hopes up like that."

17 But sure enough, the woman soon became pregnant. And at that time the following year she had a son, just as Elisha had said.

Psalm 127:3 (to ;)

Children are a gift from the Lord;

SH 109:24

24 When a new spiritual idea is borne to earth, the prophetic Scripture of Isaiah is renewedly fulfilled:

"Unto us a child is born, . . . and his name shall be
27 called Wonderful."

SH 63:5

In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor does he pass through material conditions prior to reaching intelligence. Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.

Spiritual
origin

SH 302:31-1; 303:5

Even in Christian Science, reproduction by Spirit's individual ideas is but the reflection of the creative power
1 of the divine Principle of those ideas.

Multiplication of God's chil-

- 6 dren comes from no power of propagation in matter, it
is the reflection of Spirit.

SH 582:28

CHILDREN. The spiritual thoughts and representa-
tives of Life, Truth, and Love.

SH 69:7–10, 13

- God's children already created
will be cognized only as man finds the truth of being.
9 Thus it is that the real, ideal man appears in proportion
as the false and material disappears.

- Spiritually to understand that there is but
one creator, God, unfolds all creation, confirms the Scrip-
15 tures, brings the sweet assurance of no parting, no pain,
and of man deathless and perfect and eternal.

SH 205:12–13

- 12 God created all through Mind,
and made all perfect and eternal.

SH 335:7–8 (to 2nd .)

XVIII. Spirit, God, has created all in and of Him-
self. Spirit never created matter.

SH 463:12–16

- 12 A spiritual idea has not a single element of error,
and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive.
The new idea, conceived and born of Truth and Love, is
15 clad in white garments. Its beginning will be meek, its
growth sturdy, and its maturity undecaying.



II Kings 4:18-21

18 One day when her child was older, he went out to help his
father, who was working with the harvesters. 19 Suddenly he cried

out, "My head hurts! My head hurts!"

His father said to one of the servants, "Carry him home to his mother."

20 So the servant took him home, and his mother held him on her lap. But around noontime he died. 21 She carried him up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and left him there.

Psalm 34:18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

Eph. 6:10, 18

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ...

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers ...

SH 206:19–21

Does God send sickness, giving the mother her child
for the brief space of a few years and then taking it away

21 by death?

SH 119:18

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The law-

giver, whose lightning palsies or prostrates in
death the child at prayer, is not the divine ideal

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of omnipresent Love. God is natural good, and is represented only by the idea of goodness; while evil should be regarded as unnatural, because it is opposed to the nature

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of Spirit, God.

God and
nature

SH 371:9, 27

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Mortals are believed to be here without their
consent and to be removed as involuntarily, not knowing
why nor when. As frightened children look everywhere

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for the imaginary ghost, so sick humanity sees danger in
every direction, and looks for relief in all ways except the

right one. 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.

27 The necessity for uplifting the race is father to
the fact that Mind can do it; for Mind can impart
purity instead of impurity, strength instead of weak-
30 ness, and health instead of disease. Truth is an altera-
tive in the entire system, and can make it “every whit
whole.”

SH 426:11–14

If the belief in death

12 were obliterated, and the understanding obtained that
there is no death, this would be a “tree of life,” known
by its fruits.

II Kings 4:22-37

22 She sent a message to her husband: “Send one of the servants and a donkey so that I can hurry to the man of God and come right back.”

23 “Why go today?” he asked. “It is neither a new moon festival nor a Sabbath.”

But she said, “It will be all right.”

24 So she saddled the donkey and said to the servant, “Hurry! Don’t slow down unless I tell you to.”

25 As she approached the man of God at Mount Carmel, Elisha saw her in the distance. He said to Gehazi, “Look, the woman from Shunem is coming. 26 Run out to meet her and ask her, ‘Is everything all right with you, your husband, and your child?’”

“Yes,” the woman told Gehazi, “everything is fine.”

27 But when she came to the man of God at the mountain, she fell to the ground before him and caught hold of his feet. Gehazi began to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone. She is deeply troubled, but the Lord has not told me what it is."

28 Then she said, "Did I ask you for a son, my lord? And didn't I say, 'Don't deceive me and get my hopes up'?"

29 Then Elisha said to Gehazi, "Get ready to travel[a]; take my staff and go! Don't talk to anyone along the way. Go quickly and lay the staff on the child's face."

30 But the boy's mother said, "As surely as the Lord lives and you yourself live, I won't go home unless you go with me." So Elisha returned with her.

31 Gehazi hurried on ahead and laid the staff on the child's face, but nothing happened. There was no sign of life. He returned to meet Elisha and told him, "The child is still dead."

32 When Elisha arrived, the child was indeed dead, lying there on the prophet's bed. 33 He went in alone and shut the door behind him and prayed to the Lord. 34 Then he lay down on the child's body, placing his mouth on the child's mouth, his eyes on the child's eyes, and his hands on the child's hands. And as he stretched out on him, the child's body began to grow warm again!

35 Elisha got up, walked back and forth across the room once, and then stretched himself out again on the child. This time the boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes!

36 Then Elisha summoned Gehazi. "Call the child's mother!" he said. And when she came in, Elisha said, "Here, take your son!" 37 She fell at his feet and bowed before him, overwhelmed with gratitude. Then she took her son in her arms and carried him downstairs.

Psalm 36:7

How precious is your unfailing love, O God!
All humanity finds shelter

in the shadow of your wings.

SH 322:26–32

The sharp experiences of belief in the supposititious life
27 of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless
woes, turn us like tired children to the arms
of divine Love. Then we begin to learn Life
30 in divine Science. Without this process of weaning,
“Canst thou by searching find out God?” It is easier
to desire Truth than to rid one’s self of error.

Uses of
suffering

SH 427:26–3

Called to the bed of death, what material remedy has
27 man when all such remedies have failed? Spirit is his
last resort, but it should have been his first
and only resort. The dream of death must
30 be mastered by Mind here or hereafter. Thought
will waken from its own material declaration, “I am
dead,” to catch this trumpet-word of Truth, “There
1 is no death, no inaction, diseased action, overaction, nor
reaction.”
3 Life is real, and death is the illusion.

No death
nor inaction

SH 206:25

Can there be any birth or death for man, the spiritual
image and likeness of God? Instead of God sending
27 sickness and death, He destroys them, and brings to light
immortality. Omnipotent and infinite Mind made all
and includes all. This Mind does not make mistakes
30 and subsequently correct them. God does not cause man
to sin, to be sick, or to die.

SH 412:28–31

If the case is that of a young child or an infant, it needs
to be met mainly through the parent’s thought, silently

30 or audibly on the aforesaid basis of Christian
Science.

The cure
of infants

SH 15:14–22

In order to pray aright, we must enter into the
15 closet and shut the door. We must close the lips and
silence the material senses. In the quiet
sanctuary of earnest longings, we must
18 deny sin and plead God’s allness. We must resolve to
take up the cross, and go forth with honest hearts to
work and watch for wisdom, Truth, and Love. We
21 must “pray without ceasing.” Such prayer is an-
swered, in so far as we put our desires into practice.

Effectual
invocation

Mark 10:13-16

13 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he
could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents
for bothering him.

14 When Jesus saw what was happening, ... He said to them, “Let
the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God
belongs to those who are like these children. 15 I tell you the truth,
anyone who doesn’t receive the Kingdom of God like a child will
never enter it.” 16 Then he took the children in his arms and
placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

Matt. 5:8

God blesses those whose hearts are pure,
for they will see God.

SH 130:20

21 Laboring long to shake the adult’s
faith in matter and to inculcate a grain of faith in God, —
an inkling of the ability of Spirit to make the body har-
monious, — the author has often remembered our Master’s

24 love for little children, and understood how truly such as
they belong to the heavenly kingdom.

SH 323:32–4; 324:5

Willingness to become as a little child and
1 to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of
the advanced idea. Gladness to leave the false landmarks
3 and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps
to precipitate the ultimate harmony.

“Blessed are the
6 pure in heart: for they shall see God.”

SH 288:20, 31–1

The chief stones in the temple of Christian Science are
21 to be found in the following postulates: that Life is God,
good, and not evil; that Soul is sinless, not
to be found in the body; that Spirit is not, and
24 cannot be, materialized; that Life is not subject
to death; that the spiritual real man has no birth, no ma-
terial life, and no death.

The chief
stones in
the temple

The eternal Truth destroys what mortals seem to have
learned from error, and man’s real existence as a child
1 of God comes to light.