

Redefining Security

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Hymn. 188:1–3

No eye hath seen, nor tongue declared,
Nor hath it entered heart of man,
To know what God hath here prepared
For them that love and trust His plan.

But He whose Spirit searcheth deep
Hath sent His Word to all mankind,
The Word that bids them find and keep
The priceless treasures of His Mind.

O come and find, the Spirit saith,
The Truth that maketh all men free.
The world is sad with dreams of death.
Lo, I am Life, come unto Me.

Words: ELIZABETH C. ADAMS

Music: Edward Miller

Hymn. 215:1–3

O happy is the man who hears
Instruction's warning voice;
And who celestial wisdom makes
His early, only choice.

For she has treasures greater far
Than east or west unfold;
And her rewards more precious are
Than all their stores of gold.

According as her labors rise,
So her rewards increase;
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.

Words: MICHAEL BRUCE

Music: Scottish Psalter, 1635

Hymn. 593:1–3

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,
To sing of God's goodness as year turns to year.
We gather professing Your grace and Your blessing,
With thanks for the gospel that gathers us here.

Your Spirit consoles us. We're safe in Your keeping.
When roads are uncharted, Your love shows the way.
Where new hope is springing You fill us with singing;
Your presence delights us with each dawning day.

What, then, can we give You in praise for our journey,
When all the earth's treasures were Yours from the start?
We offer our labor, our love for our neighbors,
Our gifts and the worship of each hand and heart.

Words: RUTH DUCK, ORIGINAL FIRST LINE "IN JOYFUL THANKSGIVING," ALT.

Music: Valerius's Nederlandtsch Gedenck-clanck, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, alt.

Luke 12:15 Take

- 15 ... Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Isa. 33:6

- 6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, *and* strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD *is* his treasure.

Prov. 3:13–18

- 13 ¶ Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.
- 14 For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.
- 15 She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.
- 16 Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.
- 17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.
- 18 She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

II Sam. 12:1–7 (to .), 13 (to 1st .)

- 1 And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.
- 2 The rich *man* had exceeding many flocks and herds:
- 3 But the poor *man* had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.
- 4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.
- 5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this *thing* shall surely die:
- 6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.
- 7 ¶ And Nathan said to David, Thou *art* the man. ...
- 13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. ...

Job 27:19

- 19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he *is* not.

Matt. 19:1–3 (to 1st ,)

- 1 And it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judæa beyond Jordan;
- 2 And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.
- 3 ¶ The Pharisees also came unto him, ...

Matt. 22:35–40

- 35 Then one of them, *which was* a lawyer, asked *him a question*, tempting him, and saying,
- 36 Master, *which is* the great commandment in the law?
- 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
- 38 This is the first and great commandment.
- 39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matt. 19:16–22

- 16 ¶ And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?
- 17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.
- 18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,
- 19 Honour thy father and *thy* mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- 20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?
- 21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me.
- 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

Luke 12:16–21

- 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:
- 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
- 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
- 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and* be merry.
- 20 But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
- 21 So *is* he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Matt. 6:19 (to 1st ,)

- 19 ¶ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, ...

Luke 12:31–34

- 31 ¶ But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
- 33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.
- 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

SH 201:7 (only)

We cannot build safely on false foundations.

SH 96:12–15

- 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.

Arena of
contest

SH 95:28–29

Lulled by stupefying illusions, the world is asleep
in the cradle of infancy, dreaming away the hours.

SH 238:22–23

Attempts to conciliate society and so gain dominion over
mankind, arise from worldly weakness.

SH 232:3

- 3 Many theories relative to God and man neither make
man harmonious nor God lovable. The beliefs we com-
monly entertain about happiness and life
6 afford no scatheless and permanent evidence
of either. Security for the claims of harmonious and
eternal being is found only in divine Science.

Denials of
divine power

SH 181:21–25, 29 (only); 182:12

- 21 If you are too material to love the Science of Mind and
are satisfied with good words instead of effects, if you
adhere to error and are afraid to trust Truth,
24 the question then recurs, “Adam, where art
thou?”

Not words
but deeds

“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

- 12 It is impossible to work from two standpoints. If we
attempt it, we shall presently “hold to the one, and
despise the other.”

SH 231:20–21

- To hold yourself superior to sin, because God made
21 you superior to it and governs man, is true wisdom.

SH 263:1–5

- 1 Mortals are egotists. They believe themselves to be
independent workers, personal authors, and even privi-
3 leged originators of something which Deity
would not or could not create. The creations
of mortal mind are material.

Human
egotism

SH 196:1 (only)

- 1 If materialistic knowledge is power, it is not wisdom.

SH 23:1–2

- 1 Wisdom and Love
may require many sacrifices of self to save us from sin.

SH 494:15–19 Jesus

- 15 Jesus
demonstrated the inability of corporeality, as well as the
infinite ability of Spirit, thus helping erring
18 human sense to flee from its own convictions
and seek safety in divine Science.

Reason
and Science

SH 451:8

- Students of Christian Science, who start with its letter
9 and think to succeed without the spirit, will either make
shipwreck of their faith or be turned sadly
awry. They must not only seek, but strive,
12 to enter the narrow path of Life, for “wide is the gate,
and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and
many there be which go in thereat.” Man walks in the
15 direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure
is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affec-
tions are spiritual, they come from above, not from be-
18 neath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

Treasure
in heaven

SH 264:7–20, 28

Mortals must look beyond fading,
finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things.
9 Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm
of Mind? We must look where we would walk, and we
must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we
12 have our being.

As mortals gain more correct views of God and man,
multitudinous objects of creation, which before were
15 invisible, will become visible. When we
realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of
matter, this understanding will expand into self-com-
18 pleteness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other
consciousness.

Spirit and its formations are the only realities of being.

When we learn the way in Christian Science and rec-
ognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and under-
30 stand God's creation, — all the glories of earth and heaven
and man.

SH 467:3–8 The, 13

3 ... The first demand of this Science is, "Thou
shalt have no other gods before me." This *me* is Spirit.
Therefore the command means this: Thou shalt
6 have no intelligence, no life, no substance, no
truth, no love, but that which is spiritual. The second
is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Having no other gods,
turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide
15 him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, hav-
ing that Mind which was also in Christ.

Self-
completeness

Two chief
commands

SH 340:23

One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; con-
24 stitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the
Scripture, “Love thy neighbor as thyself;” annihilates
pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in
27 social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes;
equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves
nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

SH 60:29–1

Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind,
30 and happiness would be more readily attained and would
be more secure in our keeping, if sought in Soul. Higher
enjoyments alone can satisfy the cravings of immortal
1 man.

SH 262:24

24 Starting from a higher standpoint, one rises spontane-
ously, even as light emits light without effort; for “where
your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”