

Fifth Wednesday May 30 2018 “The Seed within the Seed is the Ever present Christ Within Man”

Hymns

Hymn 40:1-3

**Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish, Here health and peace are found,
Life, Truth, and Love; Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow but Love can remove.**

**Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, Hope of the penitent, fadeless and
pure; Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, Earth has no sorrow that
Love cannot cure.**

**Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing Forth from the throne of God,
pure from above; Come to the feast of love, come, ever knowing, Earth has no
sorrow but Love can remove.**

Hymn 513:1-5

**It matters not what be thy lot, So Love doth guide; For storm or shine, pure
peace is thine, Whate'er betide.**

**And of these stones, or tyrants' thrones, God able is To raise up seed—in
thought and deed—To faithful His.**

Aye, darkling sense, arise, go hence! Our God is good.

False fears are foes—truth tatters those,

When understood.

**Love looseth thee, and lifteth me, Ayont hate's thrall: There Life is light, and
wisdom might, And God is All.**

**The centuries break, the earth-bound wake, God's glorified! Who doth His will—
His likeness still—Is satisfied.**

Hymn 381:1-4 (to .)

What brightness dawned in resurrection And shone in Mary's wondering eyes!

Her heart was thrilled with new affection, She saw her Lord in life arise.

She knew the Christ, undimmed by dying, Alive forevermore to save;

Creative Mind, all good supplying, Had triumphed over cross and grave.

**With hope and faith, like exiles yearning For homelands loved through patient
years, The hearts of men are homeward turning To God Who giveth rest from
fears.**

**Assured and safe in Love's protection, Great peace have they, and unsought
joy; They rise from sin in resurrection, And works of love their hands employ.**

Holy Bible

1. Genesis 1:11-12 King James Version (KJV)

¹¹ And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

¹² And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

2. Luke 14:1,12-15 The Message (MSG) One time when Jesus went for a Sabbath meal with one of the top leaders of the Pharisees,

he turned to the host. "The next time you put on a dinner, don't just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor. Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks. You'll be—and experience—a blessing. They won't be able to return the favor, but the favor will be returned—oh, how it will be returned!—at the resurrection of God's people."

¹⁵ That triggered a response from one of the guests: "How fortunate the one who gets to eat dinner in God's kingdom!"

3. Psalm 85:4-7 The Message (MSG)

Help us again, God of our help; help us make a fresh start—a resurrection life? *Then* your people will laugh and sing! Show us how much you love us, GOD! Give us the salvation we need!

4. Acts 8:26-39

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

5. Matthew 13:1-31 New Living Translation (NLT)

Parable of the Farmer Scattering Seed

13 Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. ² A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore. ³ He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:

“Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. ⁴ As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn’t have deep roots, they died. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. ⁸ Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! ⁹ Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”

¹⁰ His disciples came and asked him, “Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?”

¹¹ He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets^[a] of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. ¹² To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. ¹³ That is why I use these parables,

For they look, but they don't really see.

They hear, but they don't really listen or understand.

14 This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says,

'When you hear what I say,

you will not understand.

When you see what I do,

you will not comprehend.

15 For the hearts of these people are hardened,

and their ears cannot hear,

and they have closed their eyes—

so their eyes cannot see,

and their ears cannot hear,

and their hearts cannot understand,

and they cannot turn to me

and let me heal them.'^[b]

16 "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. **17** I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn't see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn't hear it.

18 "Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: **19** The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts.²⁰ The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. **21** But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. **22** The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. **23** The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

Parable of the Wheat and Weeds

24 Here is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. **25** But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. **26** When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

27 "The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?'

28 "'An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed.

“Should we pull out the weeds?’ they asked.

²⁹ “No,’ he replied, ‘you’ll uproot the wheat if you do. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.”

Parable of the Mustard Seed

³¹ Here is another illustration Jesus used: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.”

6. Ps 91:8-16 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;*

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

1. SH 507:15

The universe of Spirit reflects the creative power of the divine Principle, or Life, which reproduces the multitudinous forms of Mind and governs the multiplication of the compound idea man. The tree and herb do not yield fruit because of any propagating power of their own, but because they reflect the Mind which includes all. A material world implies a mortal mind and man a creator. The scientific divine creation declares immortal Mind and the universe created by God.

2. SH 256:32-1 Infinite Mind is the creator, and creation is the infinite image or idea emanating from this Mind.

3. SH 508:14-16 The seed within itself is the pure thought emanating from divine Mind.

4. SH 367:24-27 The infinite Truth of the Christ-cure has come to this age through a “still, small voice,” through silent utterances and divine

anointing which quicken and increase the beneficial effects of Christianity.

5. SH 66:11 Spiritual development germinates not from seed sown in the soil of material hopes, but when these decay, Love propagates anew the higher joys of Spirit, which have no taint of earth. Each successive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine goodness and love.
6. SH 511:1-4 This Mind forms ideas, its own images, subdivides and radiates their borrowed light, intelligence, and so explains the Scripture phrase, “whose seed is in itself.”
7. SH 463:12-16 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 clad in white garments. Its beginning will be meek, its growth sturdy, and its maturity undecaying.
8. SH 508:2-5 But the seed is in itself, only as the divine Mind is All and reproduces all — as Mind is the multiplier, and Mind’s infinite idea, man and the universe, is the product.
9. SH 409:23 This mortal is put off, and the new man or real man is put on, in proportion as mortals realize the Science of man and seek the true model.
10. SH 406:20-25 We can, and ultimately shall, so rise as to avail ourselves in every direction of the supremacy of Truth over error, Life over death, and good over evil, and this growth will go on until we arrive at the fulness of God’s idea, and no more fear that we shall be sick and die.
11. SH 412:24 Realize the presence of health and the fact of harmonious being, until the body corresponds with the normal conditions of health and harmony.
12. SH 412:23 Mentally insist that harmony is the fact, and that sickness is a temporal dream.
13. SH 180:5 The patient sufferer tries to be satisfied when he sees his would-be healers busy, and his faith in their efforts is somewhat helpful to them and to himself; but in Science one must understand the resuscitating law of Life. This is the seed within itself bearing fruit after its kind, spoken of in Genesis.
14. SH 299:30-12 If man were solely a creature of the material senses, he would have no eternal Principle and would be mutable and mortal. Human logic is awry when it attempts to draw correct spiritual

conclusions regarding life from matter. Finite sense has no true appreciation of infinite Principle, God, or of His infinite image or reflection, man. The mirage, which makes trees and cities seem to be where they are not, illustrates the illusion of material man, who cannot be the image of God.

So far as the scientific statement as to man is understood, it can be proved and will bring to light the true reflection of God — the real man, or the *new man* (as St. Paul has it).

15. SH 473:12-15 Jesus is the name of the man who, more than all other men, has presented Christ, the true idea of God, healing the sick and the sinning and destroying the power of death.
16. SH 316:3-7 The real man being linked by Science to his Maker, mortals need only turn from sin and lose sight of mortal selfhood to find Christ, the real man and his relation to God, and to recognize the divine sonship.
17. SH 332:19 (Jesus) Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ is the divine idea of God — the Holy Ghost, or Comforter, revealing the divine Principle, Love, and leading into all truth.
18. SH 332:29 He expressed the highest type of divinity, which a fleshly form could express in that age. Into the real and ideal man the fleshly element cannot enter. Thus it is that Christ illustrates the coincidence, or spiritual agreement, between God and man in His image.
19. SH 234:4-8 Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love — be it song, sermon, or Science — blesses the human family with crumbs of comfort from Christ's table, feeding the hungry and giving living waters to the thirsty.
20. SH 218:32-2 When we wake to the truth of being, all disease, pain, weakness, weariness, sorrow, sin, death, will be unknown, and the mortal dream will forever cease.
21. SH 58:21 Home is the dearest spot on earth, and it should be the centre, though not the boundary, of the affections.
22. SH 35:20-25 We can unite with this church only as we are new-born of Spirit, as we reach the Life which is Truth and the Truth which is Life by bringing forth the fruits of Love, — casting out error and healing the sick.

23. SH 57:24 The wintry blasts of earth may uproot the flowers of affection, and scatter them to the winds; but this severance of fleshly ties serves to unite thought more closely to God, for Love supports the struggling heart until it ceases to sigh over the world and begins to unfold its wings for heaven⁵.
24. SH 102:9 There is but one real attraction, that of Spirit. The pointing of the needle to the pole symbolizes this all-embracing power or the attraction of God, divine Mind.
25. SH 323:29-30_It is the “still, small voice” of Truth uttering itself.
26. SH 2:28 The unspoken desire does bring us nearer the source of all existence and blessedness.
- SH 559:8-12 The “still, small voice” 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.” It is heard in the desert and in dark places of fear.
27. SH 593:9-11 Spiritualization of thought; a new and higher idea of immortality, or spiritual existence; material belief yielding to spiritual understanding.
28. SH 581:8-13 **ARK.** Safety; the idea, or reflection, of Truth, proved to be as immortal as its Principle; the understanding of Spirit, destroying belief in matter.
God and man coexistent and eternal; Science showing that the spiritual realities of all things are created by Him and exist forever.
29. SH 242:9-10 There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ in divine Science shows us this way.