

First Wednesday, August 1, 2018 God's Providence Turns Man to A Change of Heart

Hymns

Hymn 9

All glory be to God most high, And on the earth be peace, The angels sang, in days of yore, The song that ne'er shall cease, Till all the world knows peace. God's angels ever come and go, All winged with light and love; They bring us blessings from on high, They lift our thoughts above, They whisper God is Love. O longing hearts that wait on God Through all the world so wide; He knows the angels that you need, And sends them to your side, To comfort, guard and guide.

O wake and hear the angel-song That bids all discord cease, From pain and sorrow, doubt and fear, It brings us sweet release; And so our hearts find peace.

Hymn 591

We cannot turn away from God because, whichever way we face, Spirit is there. In every place, every direction, everywhere, Spirit is there.

Whether we turn to left or right, to north or south or east or west, we meet with Love—and we are blessed. Upward or down, below, above, we meet with Love. Whether we plunge to ocean trench or plot our course for farthest space, Love's law controls. Whatever race we enter toward whatever goals, Love's law controls.

Whether we build for centuries hence or let tomorrow bound our aim, God sets the pace. Always the same, with instant and eternal grace, God sets the pace.

Hymn 499

I am the Lord, there is none else; There is no God beside Me. I girded thee, I girded thee, Though thou hast not even known Me. But know that from the rising sun To the west there is none beside Me, For I am the Lord, there is none else; There is no God beside Me.

I am the Truth, there is none else; There is no Truth beside Me. Infinite light, bountiful, bright, is ever present to guide thee. Beloved and free, eternally, Perfect peace and joy I provide thee, For I am the Lord, there is none else; There is no God beside Me.

Innocent one, sinless and pure, Nothing can ever divide thee. Governed by Love, you're safe and secure; I am forever beside thee. So rest and know wher-e'er you go, Home and heav'n cannot be denied thee, For I am the Lord, there is none else; There is no God beside Me.

Holy Bible

1. Eccl 3:1,11,12 To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.
I know that *there is* no good in them, but for *a man* to rejoice, and to do good in his life.
2. PSALM 91:1 HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty
3. Neh 1:9 But *if* ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.
4. Acts 26:12-22 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,
At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.
And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.
But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;
Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judæa, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill *me*.

Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

5. Phillipians 2:1-5

1If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

3Let nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6. Prov. 3-1-13

1MY son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments;

2For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

4So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5¶ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7¶ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

9Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

11 ¶ My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

13 ¶ Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

- 1. SH 530:5** In divine Science, man is sustained by God, the divine Principle of being. The earth, at God's command, brings forth food for man's use. Knowing this, Jesus once said, "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink," — presuming not on the prerogative of his creator, but recognizing God, the Father and Mother of all, as able to feed and clothe man as He doth the lilies.
- 2. SH 316:3** 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.
- 3. 458:31-1** Christianity causes men to turn naturally from matter to Spirit, as the flower turns from darkness to light.
- 4. SH 39:32-1** When mortals once admit that evil confers no pleasure, they turn from it.
- 5. SH 326:23-7** Saul of Tarsus beheld the way — the Christ, or Truth — only when his uncertain sense of right yielded to a spiritual sense, which is always right. Then the man was changed. Thought assumed a nobler outlook, and his life became more spiritual. He learned the wrong that he had done in persecuting Christians, whose religion he had not understood, and in humility he took the new name of Paul. He beheld for the first time the true idea of Love, and learned a lesson in divine Science.
Reform comes by understanding that there is no abiding pleasure in evil, and also by gaining an affection for good according to Science, which reveals the immortal fact that neither pleasure nor pain, appetite nor passion, can exist in or of matter, while divine Mind can and does destroy

the false beliefs of pleasure, pain, or fear and all the sinful appetites of the human mind.

6. SH 560:22-24 Abuse of the motives and religion of St. Paul hid from view the apostle's character, which made him equal to his great mission.
7. SH 107:7-11 This apodictical Principle points to the revelation of Immanuel, "God with us," — the sovereign ever-presence, delivering the children of men from every ill "that flesh is heir to." Through Christian Science, religion and medicine are inspired with a diviner nature and essence; fresh pinions are given to faith and understanding, and thoughts acquaint themselves intelligently with God.
Feeling so perpetually the false consciousness that life inheres in the body, yet remembering that in reality God is our Life, we may well tremble in the prospect of those days in which we must say, "I have no pleasure in them."
Whence came to me this heavenly conviction, — a conviction antagonistic to the testimony of the physical senses? According to St. Paul, it was "the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power." It was the divine law of Life and Love, unfolding to me the demonstrable fact that matter possesses neither sensation nor life; that human experiences show the falsity of all material things; and that immortal cravings, "the price of learning love," establish the truism that the only sufferer is mortal mind, for the divine Mind cannot suffer.
8. SH 79:17-18 The The Apostle Paul bade men have the Mind that was in the Christ.
9. SH 276:4-9 When the divine precepts are understood, they unfold the foundation of fellowship, in which one mind is not at war with another, but all have one Spirit, God, one intelligent source, in accordance with the Scriptural command: "Let this Mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."
10. SH 128:2 (Good) Good is natural and primitive. It is not miraculous to itself.
11. SH 20:27-32 St. Paul wrote, "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race

that is set before us;” that is, let us put aside material self and sense, and seek the divine Principle and Science of all healing.

12. SH 223:2-3 Paul said, “Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”
13. SH 315:26 The history of Jesus shows him to have been more spiritual than all other earthly personalities.
14. SH 316:2-3, 7-11 From him mortals may learn how to escape from evil.
Christ, Truth, was demonstrated through Jesus to prove the power of Spirit over the flesh, — to show that Truth is made manifest by its effects upon the human mind and body, healing sickness and destroying sin.
15. SH 69:6-10 Mortals can never understand God’s creation while believing that man is a creator. God’s children already created will be cognized only as man finds the truth of being. Thus it is that the real, ideal man appears in proportion as the false and material disappears.
16. SH 309:24-26 The Science of being shows it to be impossible for infinite Spirit or Soul to be in a finite body or for man to have an intelligence separate from his Maker.
17. SH 390:32-2_Rise in the conscious strength of the spirit of Truth to overthrow the plea of mortal mind, alias matter, arrayed against the supremacy of Spirit.