

4 Wednesday October 31 2018 Evil Has No Victory over Good

Hymns

Hymn 584 The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd; I need not a thing, Green pastures give rest for my soul. Love leads me beside the still, still waters. Love restores me, and Love makes me whole.

Love leads me in right paths to honor God's name, And though I walk through darkest days, I won't be afraid for Love's here beside me To protect me and show me the way.

Though sin would surround me, my cup over-flows; You show that I'm never alone. Your goodness and love are mine forever, In the dwelling of Love, I am home.

Hymn 594 We're Steadfastly Protected by Your Power

We're steadfastly protected by Your power, Encircled in the caring arms of Love. Together we are sharing all our days now, And year by year come blessings from above.

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We're each held safe by God's own holy power. You're at our side at evening and at morning, and each new day unfolds as You have planned.

Your pure and quiet love spreads o'er us deeply: We know Your fullness now and feel Your peace. For Your one holy world of grace and power, We all praise You with joy that will not cease.

Hymn 573 Shepherd, Show Me How to Go

Shepherd, show me how to go O'er the hillside steep, How to gather, how to sow,—How to feed Thy sheep; I will listen for Thy voice, Lest my footsteps stray; I will follow and rejoice All the rugged way.

Thou wilt bind the stubborn will, Wound the callous breast, Make self-righteousness be still, Break earth's stupid rest. Strangers on a barren shore, Lab'ring long and lone, We would enter by the door, And Thou know'st Thine own;

So, when day grows dark and cold, Tear or triumph harms, Lead Thy lambkins to the fold, Take them in Thine arms; Feed the hungry, heal the heart, Till the morning's beam; White as wool, ere they depart, Shepherd, wash them clean.

Holy Bible

1. Psalm 10:1-12

WHY standest thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?

The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after* God: God *is* not in all his thoughts.

His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for *I shall* never be in adversity.

His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.

He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

2. Ps 23:1-6 THE LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

3. Luke 8:4-10 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:
A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.
And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.
And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.
And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.
And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?
And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

4. Luke 8:11-15 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.
Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.
They on the rock *are they*, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.
And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection.
But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep *it*, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

- 1. SH 94:14** Tyranny, intolerance, and bloodshed, wherever found, arise from the belief that the infinite is formed after the pattern of mortal personality, passion, and impulse.
- 2. SH 464:23-24** The weapons of bigotry, ignorance, envy, fall before an honest heart.

3. SH 8:3-6_We never need to despair of an honest heart; but there is little hope for those who come only spasmodically face to face with their wickedness and then seek to hide it.

4. SH 330:25 The notion that both evil and good are real is a delusion of material sense, which Science annihilates. Evil is nothing, no thing, mind, nor power. As manifested by mankind it stands for a lie, nothing claiming to be something, — for lust, dishonesty, selfishness, envy, hypocrisy, slander, hate, theft, adultery, murder, dementia, insanity, inanity, devil, hell, with all the etceteras that word includes.

5. SH 186:28-8 Mortal mind is ignorant of self, or it could never be self-deceived. If mortal mind knew how to be better, it would be better. Since it must believe in something besides itself, it enthrones matter as deity. The human mind has been an idolater from the beginning, having other gods and believing in more than the one Mind.
As mortals do not comprehend even mortal existence, how ignorant must they be of the all-knowing Mind and of His creations.
Here you may see how so-called material sense creates its own forms of thought, gives them material names, and then worships and fears them

6. SH 444:27-5 Immortals, or God’s children in divine Science, are one harmonious family; but mortals, or the “children of men” in material sense, are discordant and oftentimes false brethren.
The teacher must make clear to students the Science of healing, especially its ethics, — that all is Mind, and that the Scientist must conform to God’s requirements. Also the teacher must thoroughly fit his students to defend themselves against sin, and to guard against the attacks of the would-be *mental assassin*, who attempts to kill morally and physically.

7. SH 577:32-3 In the following Psalm one word shows, though faintly, the light which Christian Science throws on the Scriptures by substituting for the corporeal sense, the incorporeal or spiritual sense of Deity: —

PSALM XXIII

[DIVINE LOVE] is my shepherd; I shall not want.

8. SH 275:17-19 No wisdom is wise but His wisdom; no truth is true, no love is lovely, no life is Life but the divine; no good is, but the good God bestows.
9. SH 578:6-7 [LOVE] maketh me to lie down in green pastures: [LOVE] leadeth me beside the still waters.
10. SH 514:10-19 Moral courage is “the lion of the tribe of Juda,” the king of the mental realm. Free and fearless it roams in the forest. Undisturbed it lies in the open field, or rests in “green pastures, . . . beside the still waters.” In the figurative transmission from the divine thought to the human, diligence, promptness, and perseverance are likened to “the cattle upon a thousand hills.” They carry the baggage of stern resolve, and keep pace with highest purpose. Tenderness accompanies all the might imparted by Spirit.
11. SH 578: 8 [LOVE] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]:
12. SH 390:4-9 We cannot deny that Life is self-sustained, and we should never deny the everlasting harmony of Soul, simply because, to the mortal senses, there is seeming discord. It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony.
13. SH 209:31-32 Spiritual sense is a conscious, constant capacity to understand God.
14. SH 578: 9 [LOVE] leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.
15. SH 2:4 Are we benefited by praying? Yes, the desire which goes forth hungering after righteousness is blessed of our Father, and it does not return unto us void.
16. SH 323:6-9 Through the wholesome chastisements of Love, we are helped onward in the march towards righteousness, peace, and purity, which are the landmarks of Science.

17. SH 578: 10-11 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
 - a. for [LOVE] is with me;
18. SH 596:23 Though the way is dark in mortal sense, divine Life and Love illumine it, destroy the unrest of mortal thought, the fear of death, and the supposed reality of error. Christian Science, contradicting sense, maketh the valley to bud and blossom as the rose.
19. SH 578:11-12 [LOVE'S] rod and [LOVE'S] staff they comfort me.
20. SH 454:18 Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way. Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action. Love is priestess at the altar of Truth. Wait patiently for divine Love to move upon the waters of mortal mind, and form the perfect concept. Patience must "have her perfect work."
21. SH 578:13-14 [LOVE] prepareth a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
22. SH 234:4 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.
23. SH 30:26 If we have triumphed sufficiently over the errors of material sense to allow Soul to hold the control, we shall loathe sin and rebuke it under every mask. Only in this way can we bless our enemies, though they may not so construe our words. We cannot choose for ourselves, but must work out our salvation in the way Jesus taught.
24. SH 578: 14-15 [LOVE] anointeth my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
25. SH 592:25 OIL. Consecration; charity; gentleness; prayer; heavenly inspiration.
26. SH 367:10 This is what is meant by seeking Truth, Christ, not "for the loaves and fishes," nor, like the Pharisee, with the arrogance of rank and display of scholarship, but like Mary Magdalene, from the summit of devout consecration, with the oil of gladness and the perfume of *gratitude*, with tears of repentance and with those hairs all numbered by the Father.

27. SH 578:16-18 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [LOVE] for ever.

28. SH 205:32-3 When we fully understand our relation to the Divine, we can have no other Mind but His, — no other Love, wisdom, or Truth, no other sense of Life, and no consciousness of the existence of matter or error.

29. SH 266:27-5 Man is the idea of Spirit; he reflects the beatific presence, illuming the universe with light. Man is deathless, spiritual. He is above sin or frailty. He does not cross the barriers of time into the vast forever of Life, but he coexists with God and the universe. Every object in material thought will be destroyed, but the spiritual idea, whose substance is in Mind, is eternal.

30. SH 103:-25

The truths of immortal Mind sustain man, and they annihilate the fables of mortal mind, whose flimsy and gaudy pretensions, like silly moths, singe their own wings and fall into dust.

In reality there is no *mortal* mind, and consequently no transference of mortal thought and will-power. Life and being are of God. In Christian Science, man can do no harm, for scientific thoughts are true thoughts, passing from God to man.

31. SH 253:9-14 I hope, dear reader, I am leading you into the understanding of your divine rights, your heaven-bestowed harmony, — that, as you read, you see there is no cause (outside of erring, mortal, material sense which is not power) able to make you sick or sinful; and I hope that you are conquering this false sense. Knowing the falsity of so-called material sense, you can assert your prerogative to overcome the belief in sin, disease, or death.