

# Prepare thought to Perceive Christ, Truth

prepare, perceive , understand Christ, then demonstrate it

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## Hymns

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## The Bible

1. Isa. 40:3 Prepare (to 2nd ,)

3 Prepare ye the way of the LORD,

2. I Chron. 29:18

18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:

3. Gen. 5:21-24

21 ¶ And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him.

4. Heb. 11:5, 6 1st he

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

5. Isa. 40:5 1st the (to ,)

5 the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

6. Gen. 21:19 God (to 1st ,)

19 God opened her eyes,

7. II Kings 4:8-17

8 ¶ And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

- 10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.
- 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.
- 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.
- 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.
- 14 And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.
- 15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.
- 16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.
- 17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

8. Isa. 11:1-3 there

- 1 there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
- 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
- 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

9. Matt. 2:1-5 (to :), 7-12

- 1 NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
- 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
- 3 When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
- 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.
- 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa:
- 7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
- 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I

may come and worship him also.

- 9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
- 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
- 11 ¶ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.
- 12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

10. Luke 2:8-18, 40

- 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- 12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
- 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
- 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
- 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
- 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
- 17 And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
- 18 And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
- 40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

11. Isa. 55:10 as, 11

- 10 as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return  
unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall  
prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

12. Ps. 147:7, 8

7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our  
God:

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth,  
who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

13. Ps. 65:1 (to :), 2 (to ,), 9, 10

1 PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion:

2 O thou that hearest prayer,

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the  
river of God, *which* is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou  
hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows  
thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing  
thereof.

14. Matt. 4:23

23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and  
preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness  
and all manner of disease among the people.

15. Mark 4:1-20

1 AND he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto  
him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and  
the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

2 And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his  
doctrine,

3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls  
of the air came and devoured it up.

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and  
immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it  
withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it  
yielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and  
increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an  
hundred.

9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

- 10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.
- 11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all *these* things are done in parables:
- 12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and *their* sins should be forgiven them.
- 13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?
- 14 ¶ The sower soweth the word.
- 15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.
- 16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;
- 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.
- 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,
- 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.
- 20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive *it*, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

16. Mark 8:10-21

- 10 ¶ And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.
- 11 And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.
- 12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.
- 13 And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.
- 14 ¶ Now *the disciples* had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.
- 15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and *of* the leaven of Herod.
- 16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have no bread.
- 17 And when Jesus knew *it*, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart

yet hardened?

- 18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?
- 19 When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.
- 20 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven.
- 21 And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

17. Mark 7:16

- 16 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

18. Matt. 13:31, 32

- 31 ¶ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:
- 32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

19. Matt. 17:20 If

- 20 If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

20. Jer. 23:18 1st who

- 18 who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard *it*?

21. Prov. 1:2, 5

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;
- 5 A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

22. Prov. 4:7

- 7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

23. Phil. 4:7

- 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

24. Ps. 1:3

- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

### **Science and Health**

1. SH 29:26

The Christ dwelt forever

- 27 an idea in the bosom of God, the divine Principle of the man Jesus, and woman perceived this spiritual idea, though at first faintly developed.

2. SH 333:19-23

Throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spirit-

- 21 ual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth.

3. SH 131:22

As afore-

time, the spirit of the Christ, which taketh away the cere-

- 24 monies and doctrines of men, is not accepted until the hearts of men are made ready for it.

4. SH 247:19-21 Being

Be-

ing possesses its qualities before they are perceived hu-

- 21 manly.

5. SH 208:17

John Young of Edinburgh writes: “God is the father

- 18 of mind, and of nothing else.” Such an utterance is “the voice of one crying in the wilderness” of human beliefs and preparing the way of Science. Let us learn  
21 of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain  
24 forever unseen.

6. SH 205:9-13, 15

When will it be under-

stood that matter has neither intelligence, life, nor sensation, and that the opposite belief is the prolific  
12 source of all suffering? God created all through Mind, and made all perfect and eternal.

- 15 Befogged in error (the error of believing that matter can be intelligent for good or evil), we can catch clear glimpses of God only as the mists disperse,

The divine  
loveliness

18 or as they melt into such thinness that we per-  
ceive the divine image in some word or deed  
which indicates the true idea, — the supremacy and real-  
21 ity of good, the nothingness and unreality of evil.

7. SH 351:8-13

The author became a member of the orthodox Con-  
9 gregational Church in early years. Later she learned  
that her own prayers failed to heal her as did the prayers  
of her devout parents and the church; but when the  
12 spiritual sense of the creed was discerned in the Science  
of Christianity, this spiritual sense was a *present help*.

8. SH 361:22-28

21 Spir-  
itual ideas unfold as we advance. A human perception of  
24 divine Science, however limited, must be correct in order  
to be Science and subject to demonstration. A germ of in-  
finite Truth, though least in the kingdom of heaven, is the  
27 higher hope on earth, but it will be rejected and reviled  
until God prepares the soil for the seed.

9. SH 203:13

Spiritual perception brings  
out the possibilities of being, destroys reliance on aught  
15 but God, and so makes man the image of his Maker in  
deed and in truth.

10. SH 272:3-8

3 The spiritual sense of truth must be gained before  
Truth can be understood. This sense is assimilated only  
as we are honest, unselfish, loving, and meek.  
6 In the soil of an “honest and good heart” the  
seed must be sown; else it beareth not much fruit, for the  
swinish element in human nature uproots it.

11. SH 214:5

If Enoch’s perception had been confined to the evidence  
6 before his material senses, he could never have “walked  
with God,” nor been guided into the demonstration of  
life eternal.

12. SH 191:4-17

As mortals give up the delusion that there is more than  
one Mind, more than one God, man in God’s likeness will  
6 appear, and this eternal man will include in that likeness  
no material element.

As a material, theoretical life-basis is found to be a

9 misapprehension of existence, the spiritual and divine  
Principle of man dawns upon human thought,  
and leads it to “where the young child was,”  
12 — even to the birth of a new-old idea, to the spiritual  
sense of being and of what Life includes. Thus the whole  
earth will be transformed by Truth on its pinions of light,  
15 chasing away the darkness of error.

The immortal  
birth

The human thought must free itself from self-imposed  
materiality and bondage.

Spiritual  
freedom

13. SH 40:2-5, 8-9

The ad-

3 vanced thinker and devout Christian, perceiv-  
ing the scope and tendency of Christian healing  
and its Science, will support them.

Sin and penalty

Divine Science adjusts the balance as Jesus adjusted  
9 it.

14. SH 128:4-11

The term Science, properly understood, refers only to  
the laws of God and to His government of the universe,  
6 inclusive of man. From this it follows that  
business men and cultured scholars have found  
that Christian Science enhances their endurance and  
9 mental powers, enlarges their perception of character,  
gives them acuteness and comprehensiveness and an  
ability to exceed their ordinary capacity.

Practical Science

15. SH 202:6

6 If men would bring to bear upon the study of the  
Science of Mind half the faith they bestow upon the so-  
called pains and pleasures of material sense,  
9 they would not go on from bad to worse,  
until disciplined by the prison and the scaffold; but  
the whole human family would be redeemed through  
12 the merits of Christ, — through the perception and ac-  
ceptance of Truth. For this glorious result Christian  
Science lights the torch of spiritual understanding.

Divine study

16. SH 487:27-6

27 The understanding that Life is God, Spirit, lengthens  
our days by strengthening our trust in the deathless  
reality of Life, its almightiness and immortality.

30 This faith relies upon an understood Principle. This  
Principle makes whole the diseased, and brings out the  
488:1 enduring and harmonious phases of things. The result  
of our teachings is their sufficient confirmation. When,  
3 on the strength of these instructions, you are

able to banish a severe malady, the cure shows  
that you understand this teaching, and therefore you re-  
6 ceive the blessing of Truth.

17. SH vii:1-2

vii:1 To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is  
big with blessings.

18. SH 322:3

3 When understanding changes the standpoints of life and  
intelligence from a material to a spiritual basis, we shall  
gain the reality of Life, the control of Soul over  
6 sense, and we shall perceive Christianity, or  
Truth, in its divine Principle. This must be the climax  
before harmonious and immortal man is obtained and his  
9 capabilities revealed. It is highly important — in view  
of the immense work to be accomplished before this recog-  
nition of divine Science can come — to turn our thoughts  
12 towards divine Principle, that finite belief may be pre-  
pared to relinquish its error.

Standpoints  
changed

19. SH 323:9

Beholding the infinite tasks of  
truth, we pause, — wait on God. Then we push onward,  
until boundless thought walks enraptured, and concep-  
12 tion unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory.

hymn 121

**Hymn 121, 122**

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(121)

**MANOAH**

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(122)

**WINCHESTER OLD**

ESTE'S PSALTER, 1592

How blest are they whose hearts are pure;  
From guile their thoughts are free,  
To them shall God reveal Himself,  
They shall His glory see.

They truly rest upon His word  
In fullest light of love;  
In this their trust, they ask no more

Than guidance from above.

They who in faith unmixed with doubt  
Th' engrafted word receive,  
Whom every sign of heavenly power  
Persuades, and they believe,—

For them far greater things than these  
Doth Christ the Lord prepare;  
Whose bliss no human heart can reach,  
No human voice declare.

hymn 216

### **Hymn 216**

**FROM THE GERMAN OF**  
GEORG NEUMARK

(216)

**NEUMARK**

GEORG NEUMARK

O he who trusts in God's protection  
And hopes in Him when fears alarm,  
Is sheltered by His loving-kindness,  
Delivered by His mighty arm;  
If ye God's law can understand,  
Ye have not builded on the sand.

O wait on Him with veneration,  
Be silent in humility;  
He leads you after His own counsel,  
His will is done and still shall be;  
All good for you His wisdom planned;  
O trust in God and understand.

hymn 123

### **Hymn 123**

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*Adapted*

(123)

**ADESTE FIDELES**

18TH CENTURY

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,

To you who to God for your refuge have fled:

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand;

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.