

Third Wednesday April 18 2018 Spirit's Transforming Power Over Evil

Hymns

Hymn 3:1-4

**A grateful heart a garden is, Where there is always room For every lovely,
Godlike grace To come to perfect bloom.**

**A grateful heart a fortress is, A staunch and rugged tower, Where God's
omnipotence, revealed, Girds man with mighty power.**

**A grateful heart a temple is, A shrine so pure and white, Where angels of His
presence keep Calm watch by day or night.**

**Grant then, dear Father-Mother, God, Whatever else befall, This largess of a
grateful heart That loves and blesses all.**

Hymn 82:1-3 God is working His purpose out

**As year succeeds to year, God is working His purpose out And the time is
drawing near; Nearer and nearer draws the time, The time that shall surely
be, When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God As the waters cover the
sea.**

**What can we do to work God's work, To prosper and increase The brotherhood
of all mankind, The reign of the Prince of Peace? What can we do to hasten the
time, The time that shall surely be, When the earth shall be filled with the glory
of God As the waters cover the sea?**

**March we forth in the strength of God With the banner of Christ unfurled, That
the light of the glorious Gospel of truth May shine throughout the world; Fight
we the fight with sorrow and sin, To set their captives free, That the earth may
be filled with the glory of God As the waters cover the sea.**

Hymn 288:1-2 I (to 3rd .)

**I am the Way, the Truth, the Life. It is the straight and narrow way That leads to
that eternal day, That turns the darkness into light, That buries wrong and
honors right.**

**Press on, and know that God is all; He is the Life, the Truth, the Love. It is the
way the Saviour trod, It is the way that leads to God. Think of the words: No
cross, no crown; Though tasks are sore, be not cast down.**

The Holy Bible:

NIV New International Version

- 1. James 1:2-8 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you
face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith**

produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ...

2. **1 Corinthians 14:33** For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—

3. **Matt 19:26** ... With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

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4. **Luke 24: 13-38** Now that same day two of them (the apostles) were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him:.

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named

Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each

other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

5. Ps 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

6. Acts 17:28 in him we live, and move, and have our being

7. Rom 12:1-2 (present) present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Science & Health

1. SH 476:32 Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God’s own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy. Man is not a material habitation for Soul;

he is himself spiritual. Soul, being Spirit, is seen in nothing imperfect nor material.

2. **SH 571:16** Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil.
3. **SH 15:16-18** In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings, we must deny sin and plead God's allness.
4. **SH 326:20-21** Working and praying with true motives, your Father will open the way.
5. **SH 264:3-19** The crude creations of mortal thought must finally give place to the glorious forms which we sometimes behold in the camera of divine Mind, when the mental picture is spiritual and eternal. Mortals must look beyond fading, finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things. 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 have our being. As mortals gain more correct views of God and man, multitudinous objects of creation, which before were invisible, will become visible. When we realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of matter, this understanding will expand into self-completeness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other consciousness.
6. **SH 264:20** Spirit and its formations are the only realities of being.
7. **SH 317:16-20** The individuality of man is no less tangible because it is spiritual and because his life is not at the mercy of matter. The understanding of his spiritual individuality makes man more real, more formidable in truth, and enables him to conquer sin, disease, and death.
8. **SH 296:4** Progress is born of experience. It is the ripening of mortal man, through which the mortal is dropped for the immortal. Either here or hereafter, suffering or Science must destroy all illusions regarding life and mind, and regenerate material sense and self. The old man with his deeds must be put off. Nothing sensual or sinful is immortal. The death of a false material sense and of sin, not the death of organic matter, is what reveals man and Life, harmonious, real, and eternal.
9. **SH 22:3-6** Vibrating like a pendulum between sin and the hope of forgiveness, — selfishness and sensuality causing constant retrogression, — our moral progress will be slow.

10. SH 43:3 The magnitude of Jesus' work, his material disappearance before their eyes and his reappearance, all enabled the disciples to understand what Jesus had said. Heretofore they had only believed; now they understood. The advent of this understanding is what is meant by the descent of the Holy Ghost, — that influx of divine Science which so illuminated the Pentecostal Day and is now repeating its ancient history.
11. SH 34:18 Through all the disciples experienced, they became more spiritual and understood better what the Master had taught. His resurrection was also their resurrection. It helped them to raise themselves and others from spiritual dulness and blind belief in God into the perception of infinite possibilities. They needed this quickening, for soon their dear Master would rise again in the spiritual realm of reality, and ascend far above their apprehension. As the reward for his faithfulness, he would disappear to material sense in that change which has since been called the ascension.
12. SH 45:22 They who earliest saw Jesus after the resurrection and beheld the final proof of all that he had taught, misconstrued that event. Even his disciples at first called him a spirit, ghost, or spectre, for they believed his body to be dead. His reply was: "Spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." The reappearing of Jesus was not the return of a spirit. He presented the same body that he had before his crucifixion, and so glorified the supremacy of Mind over matter.
13. SH 46:5 In the walk to Emmaus, Jesus was known to his friends by the words, which made their hearts burn within them, and by the breaking of bread. The divine Spirit, which identified Jesus thus centuries ago, has spoken through the inspired Word and will speak through it in every age and clime. It is revealed to the receptive heart, and is again seen casting out evil and healing the sick.
14. SH 317:20-4 Our Lord and Master presented himself to his disciples after his resurrection from the grave, as the self-same Jesus whom they had loved before the tragedy on Calvary.
15. SH 23:32-1 The Hebrew verb to believe means also to be firm or to be constant.
16. SH 66:14-16 Each successive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine goodness and love.

17. SH 361:22-23_Spiritual ideas unfold as we advance.
18. SH 511:17-18 The changing glow and full effulgence of God's infinite ideas, images, mark the periods of progress.
19. SH 584:4-6 The objects of time and sense disappear in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind measures time according to the good that is unfolded.
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. 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 463:12-13 A spiritual idea has not a single element of error, and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive.
22. SH 505:28-29 God's ideas reflect the immortal, unerring, and infinite.
23. SH 191:4-7 As mortals give up the delusion that there is more than one Mind, more than one God, man in God's likeness will appear, and this eternal man will include in that likeness no material element.
24. SH 427:14-16_Nothing can interfere with the harmony of being nor end the existence of man in Science.
25. SH 283 Mind is the source of all movement, and there is no inertia to retard or check its perpetual and harmonious action.
26. SH 208:5-6 The Scriptures say, "In Him we live, and move, and have our being."
27. SH 41:6-7 Like our Master, we must depart from material sense into the spiritual sense of being.
28. SH 307:20 If we regard matter as intelligent, and Mind as both good and evil, every sin or supposed material pain and pleasure seems normal, a part of God's creation, and so weighs against our course Spiritward.
29. SH 481:1-2 How important, then, to choose good as the reality!
30. SH 509:24-28 The periods of spiritual ascension are the days and seasons of Mind's creation, in which beauty, sublimity, purity, and holiness — yea, the divine nature — appear in man and the universe never to disappear.