

Third Wednesday June 20, 2018 “Divine Law Surpasses Unjust Law”

Hymns

Hymn 221

O Jesus, our dear Master, Thy works, now understood, Reveal their full
effulgence Through love and brotherhood. Today Christ’s precious Science Thy
healing power makes plain: with joy may all obey thee And cast out sin and
pain.

The Christ, eternal manhood, As God’s own Son beloved, A tender ever-
presence Within each heart is proved. O God, our Father-Mother, Thy name we
see expressed By man, who in Thy Science Is perfect, holy, blessed.

O Science, God-sent message To tired humanity, Thou art Love’s revelation Of
Truth that makes us free. Thy kingdom, God, within us Shows forth Love’s
sweet control. God’s idea, man, rejoices; He knows the reign of Soul.

Hymn 83

God made all His creatures free; Life itself is liberty; God ordained no other
bands Than united hearts and hands.

One in fellowship of Mind, We our bliss and glory find In that endless happy
whole, Where our God is Life and Soul.

So shall all our slavery cease, All God’s children dwell in peace, And the
newborn earth record Love, and Love alone, is Lord.

Hymn 421

From these Thy children gathered in Thy name, From hearts made whole, from
lips redeemed from woe, Thy praise, O Father, shall forever flow. Alleluia!

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O perfect Life, in Thy completeness held, None can beyond Thy omnipresence
stray; Safe in Thy Love, we live and sing always Alleluia! Alleluia!

O perfect Mind, reveal Thy likeness true, That higher selfhood which we all
must prove, Joy and dominion, love reflecting Love. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou, Soul, inspiring—give us vision clear, Break earth-bound fetters, sweep
away the veil, Show the new heaven and earth that shall prevail. Alleluia!

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Holy Bible

1. Eph 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.

2. **1 Thessalonians 5:17** Pray without ceasing.
3. **1 Thessalonians 5:17-21 New Living Translation (NLT)**
¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.
¹⁹ Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Do not scoff at prophecies, ²¹ but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good.
4. **II Cor. 19:4,5:** ... the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;
Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
5. **Ps 27:3** Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

Isaiah 44 New International Version (NIV)

6. **44** "But now listen, Jacob, my servant,
Israel, whom I have chosen.
² This is what the LORD says—
he who made you, who formed you in the womb,
and who will help you:
Do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant,
Jeshurun,^[a] whom I have chosen.
³ For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.
⁴ They will spring up like grass in a meadow,
like poplar trees by flowing streams.
⁵ Some will say, 'I belong to the LORD';
others will call themselves by the name of Jacob;
still others will write on their hand, 'The LORD's,'
and will take the name Israel.
7. **Genesis 21:9-20** Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.
Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.
And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.

And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he *is* thy seed.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave *it* unto Hagar, putting *it* on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

And she went, and sat her down over against *him* a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against *him*, and lift up her voice, and wept.

And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he *is*.

Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.

And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran:

8. Romans 12:4-10 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁴ Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, ⁵ so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

⁶ In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. ⁷ If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. ⁸ If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection,^[a] and take delight in honoring each other.

9. Matthew 5:43-45 You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I say, love your enemies!^[d] Pray for those who persecute you! ⁴⁵ In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures

1. SH 36:19-21 A selfish and limited mind may be unjust, but the unlimited and divine Mind is the immortal law of justice as well as of mercy.
2. SH 496:5 You will learn that in Christian Science the first duty is to obey God, to have one Mind, and to love another as yourself.
3. SH 572:6-8 “Love one another” (I John, iii. 23), is the most simple and profound counsel of the inspired writer.
4. SH 15:25 Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden from the world, but known to God. Self-forgetfulness, purity, and affection are constant prayers. Practice not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings. Trustworthiness is the foundation of enlightened faith. Without a fitness for holiness, we cannot receive holiness.
5. SH 261:31 We should forget our bodies in remembering good and the human race. Good demands of man every hour, in which to work out the problem of being. Consecration to good does not lessen man’s dependence on God, but heightens it. Neither does consecration diminish man’s obligations to God, but shows the paramount necessity of meeting them. Christian Science takes naught from the perfection of God, but it ascribes to Him the entire glory. By putting “off the old man with his deeds,” mortals “put on immortality.”
6. SH 353:22-24 When we learn that error is not real, we shall be ready for progress, “forgetting those things which are behind.”
7. SH 392:32-3 The issues of pain or pleasure must come through mind, and like a watchman forsaking his post, we admit the intruding belief, forgetting that through divine help we can forbid this entrance.
8. SH 15:14 In order to pray aright, we must enter into the closet and shut the door. We must close the lips and silence the material senses. In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings, we must deny sin and plead God’s allness. We must resolve to take up the cross, and go forth with honest hearts to work and watch for wisdom, Truth, and Love. We must “pray without

ceasing.” Such prayer is answered, in so far as we put our desires into practice. The Master’s injunction is, that we pray in secret and let our lives attest our sincerity.

9. SH 494:10-11 Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need.
10. SH 583:5-9 Children of Israel. The representatives of Soul, not corporeal sense; the offspring of Spirit, who, having wrestled with error, sin, and sense, are governed by divine Science; some of the ideas of God beheld as men, casting out error and healing the sick; Christ’s offspring.
11. SH 566:1-9 As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides of human fear, — as they were led through the wilderness, walking wearily through the great desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised joy, — so shall the spiritual idea guide all right desires in their passage from sense to Soul, from a material sense of existence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for them who love God.
12. SH 371:27-30 The necessity for uplifting the race is father to the fact that Mind can do it; for Mind can impart purity instead of impurity, strength instead of weakness, and health instead of disease.
13. SH 583:10-11 Christ. The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error.
14. SH 58:5 Ill-arranged notes produce discord. Tones of the human mind may be different, but they should be concordant in order to blend properly. Unselfish ambition, noble life-motives, and purity, — these constituents of thought, mingling, constitute individually and collectively true happiness, strength, and permanence.
15. SH 332:9-11 (Christ) Christ is the true idea voicing good, the divine message from God to men speaking to the human consciousness.
16. SH 332:19 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.
17. SH 332:26 Mary’s conception of him was spiritual, for only purity could reflect Truth and Love, which were plainly incarnate in the good and pure

Christ Jesus. 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.

18. SH 333:26-27 The divine image, idea, or Christ was, is, and ever will be inseparable from the divine Principle, God.
19. SH 54:1-7 Through the magnitude of his human life, he [Jesus] demonstrated the divine Life. Out of the amplitude of his pure affection, he defined Love. With the affluence of Truth, he vanquished error. The world acknowledged not his righteousness, seeing it not; but earth received the harmony his glorified example introduced.
20. SH 494:5-15 Is it not a species of infidelity to believe that so great a work as the Messiah's was done for himself or for God, who needed no help from Jesus' example to preserve the eternal harmony? But mortals did need this help, and Jesus pointed the way for them. Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need. It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.
21. The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love.
22. SH 614-9 The good in human affections must have ascendancy over the evil and the spiritual over the animal, or happiness will never be won.
23. SH 273:21 God never ordained a material law to annul the spiritual law. If there were such a material law, it would oppose the supremacy of Spirit, God, and impugn the wisdom of the creator. Jesus walked on the waves, fed the multitude, healed the sick, and raised the dead in direct opposition to material laws. His acts were the demonstration of Science, overcoming the false claims of material sense or law.
24. SH 102:16-23 The mild forms of animal magnetism are disappearing, and its aggressive features are coming to the front. The looms of crime, hidden in the dark recesses of mortal thought, are every hour weaving webs more complicated and subtle. So secret are the present methods of animal magnetism that they ensnare the age into indolence, and produce the very apathy on the subject which the criminal desires.

25. SH 569:3-5 Every mortal at some period, here or hereafter, must grapple with and overcome the mortal belief in a power opposed to God.
26. SH 571:15-16 At all times and under all circumstances, overcome evil with good.
27. SH 21:1 1 If Truth is overcoming error in your daily walk and conversation, you can finally say, "I have fought a good fight . . . I have kept the faith," because you are a better man. This is having our part in the at-one-ment with Truth and Love. Christians do not continue to labor and pray, expecting because of another's goodness, suffering, and triumph, that they shall reach his harmony and reward.
28. SH 570:14 Millions of unprejudiced minds — simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert — are waiting and watching for rest and drink. Give them a cup of cold water in Christ's name, and never fear the consequences. What if the old dragon should send forth a new flood to drown the Christ-idea? He can neither drown your voice with its roar, nor again sink the world into the deep waters of chaos and old night. In this age the earth will help the woman; the spiritual idea will be understood. Those ready for the blessing you impart will give thanks. The waters will be pacified, and Christ will command the wave.
29. SH 565:23 After the stars sang together and all was primeval harmony, the material lie made war upon the spiritual idea; but this only impelled the idea to rise to the zenith of demonstration, destroying sin, sickness, and death, and to be caught up unto God, — to be found in its divine Principle.