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Path of Purity

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Hymn 88

Hymn 88, 89

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(88)

HALLE

SCHICHT'S CHORALBUCH, 1819

(89)

JESU, JESU, DU MEIN HIRT

PAUL HEINLEIN

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would gracious be,
And with words that help and heal
Would Thy life in mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek
Christ's own gracious spirit speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would truthful be,
And with wisdom kind and clear
Let Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly
Follow Christ's sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would mighty be,
Mighty, that I may prevail
Where unaided man must fail;
Ever by triumphant hope
Pressing on and bearing up.

Hymn 423

Hymn 423, 69

JAMES J. ROME

(423)

PENITENTIA

EDWARD DEARLE

Give me, O Lord, an understanding heart,

That I may learn to know myself in Thee,
To spurn the wrong and choose the better part
And thus from sinful bondage be set free.

Give me, O Lord, a meek and contrite heart,
That I may learn to quell all selfish pride,
Bowing before Thee, see Thee as Thou art
And 'neath Thy sheltering presence safely hide.

Give me, O Lord, a gentle, loving heart,
That I may learn to be more tender, kind,
And with Thy healing touch, each wound and smart
With Christly bands of Love and Truth to bind.

Hymn 305

Hymn 304–309, 456

“FEED MY SHEEP”

MARY BAKER EDDY

(304)

GUIDANCE

LYMAN BRACKETT

(305)

SHEPHERD

ALBERT F. CONANT

(306)

CONCORD

WILLIAM LYMAN JOHNSON

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LLANFAIR

ARR. FROM ROBERT WILLIAMS

(308)

EGERTON

G. THALBEN-BALL

(309)

BENEVOLENCE

E. NORMAN GREENWOOD

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.

Ps. 51:10

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Ps. 24:1-5, 7

- 1 THE earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
- 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
- 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Eph. 2:8 (to saved)

8 For by grace are ye saved

I Pet. 1:13-25

- 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

- 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former
lusts in your ignorance:
- 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of
conversation;
- 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.
- 17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth
according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in
fear:
- 18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things,
as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from
your fathers;
- 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and
without spot:
- 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was
manifest in these last times for you,
- 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave
him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.
- 22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit
unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a
pure heart fervently:
- 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word
of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.
- 24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
- 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by
the gospel is preached unto you.

Matt. 4:1-11

- 1 THEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of
the devil.
- 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an
hungered.
- 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God,
command that these stones be made bread.
- 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
- 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a
pinnacle of the temple,
- 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is
written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their*
hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a
stone.
- 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy
God.
- 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and
sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

- And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down
9 and worship me.
- 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou
shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
- 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto
him.

Matt. 7:7, 8, 12-14

- 7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall
be opened unto you:
- 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to
him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- 12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye
even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.
- 13 ¶ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way,
that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:
- 14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life,
and few there be that find it.

James 1:12-25

- 12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall
receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love
him.
- 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot
be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
- 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and
enticed.
- 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is
finished, bringeth forth death.
- 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.
- 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down
from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of
turning.
- 18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a
kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
- 19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to
speak, slow to wrath:
- 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.
- 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and
receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your
souls.
- 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own
selves.
- 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man
beholding his natural face in a glass:

- 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.
- 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

I Pet. 1:3-7

- 3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
- 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:
- 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Matt. 15:1-3, 7, 8, 10-20

- 1 THEN came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,
- 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.
- 3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?
- 7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,
- 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.
- 10 ¶ And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:
- 11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.
- 12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?
- 13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.
- 14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.
- 15 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.
- 16 And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?
- 17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?
- 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.
- 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

- 20 These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

Matt. 22:1-10

- 1 AND Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,
- 2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,
- 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.
- 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and *my* fatlings *are* killed, and all things *are* ready: come unto the marriage.
- 5 But they made light of *it*, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:
- 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated *them* spitefully, and slew *them*.
- 7 But when the king heard *thereof*, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.
- 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.
- 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.
- 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

I Pet. 2:1-5

- 1 WHEREFORE laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
- 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.
- 4 To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,
- 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Eph. 2:4-10

- 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- 6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:
- 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

- 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is*
the gift of God:
- 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works,
which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ps. 119:45

- 45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

SH 323:6, 28

- 6 Through the wholesome chastisements of Love, we
are helped onward in the march towards righteousness,
peace, and purity, which are the landmarks
9 of Science. 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.

A bright outlook

- The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen
as felt. It is the “still, small voice” of Truth
30 uttering itself. We are either turning away
from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going
up higher. Willingness to become as a little child and
324:1 to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of
the advanced idea. Gladness to leave the false landmarks
and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps
3 to precipitate the ultimate harmony. The purification
of sense and self is a proof of progress. “Blessed are the
6 pure in heart: for they shall see God.”

Childlike
receptivity

SH 10:12

- 12 Christian Science reveals a necessity for overcoming the
world, the flesh, and evil, and thus destroying all error.

SH 38:24

- Jesus
mapped out the path for others. He unveiled the Christ,
the spiritual idea of divine Love. To those buried in the
27 belief of sin and self, living only for pleasure or the grati-
fication of the senses, he said in substance: Having eyes
ye see not, and having ears ye hear not; lest ye should un-
30 derstand and be converted, and I might heal you. He
taught that the material senses shut out Truth and its
healing power.

SH 129:22-24

- 21 We must look deep
into realism instead of accepting only the out-

24 ward sense of things.

Ontology needed

SH 129:31

30 The sinner sees,
in the system taught in this book, that the demands of
130:1 God must be met. The petty intellect is alarmed by constant appeals to Mind. The licentious disposition is discouraged over its slight spiritual prospects.

Reluctant guests

3 When all men are bidden to the feast, the excuses come. One has a farm, another has merchandise,
6 and therefore they cannot accept.

SH 130:15-19

15 Christian Science, properly understood, would dis-
abuse the human mind of material beliefs which war
against spiritual facts; and these material
18 beliefs must be denied and cast out to make
place for truth.

Children and
adults

SH 337:14-19

XXVI. Christian Science demonstrates that none but
15 the pure in heart can see God, as the gospel
teaches. In proportion to his purity is man
perfect; and perfection is the order of celestial
18 being which demonstrates Life in Christ, Life's spiritual
ideal.

Purity the path to
perfection

SH 131:6

6 When once destroyed by divine Science, the false evi-
dence before the corporeal senses disappears. Hence the
opposition of sensuous man to the Science of
9 Soul and the significance of the Scripture, "The
carnal mind is enmity against God." The central fact of
the Bible is the superiority of spiritual over physical power.

The error of
carnality

SH 253:32

The divine demand, "Be ye therefore perfect," is sci-
254:1 entific, and the human footsteps leading to perfection are
indispensable. Individuals are consistent who, watching
3 and praying, can "run, and not be weary; . . .
walk, and not faint," who gain good rapidly
and hold their position, or attain slowly and
6 yield not to discouragement. God requires perfection,
but not until the battle between Spirit and flesh is fought
and the victory won. To stop eating, drinking, or being
9 clothed materially before the spiritual facts of existence
are gained step by step, is not legitimate. When we wait
patiently on God and seek Truth righteously, He directs

Patience and
final perfection

12 our path. Imperfect mortals grasp the ultimate of spir-
itual perfection slowly; but to *begin* aright and to con-
15 tinue the strife of demonstrating the great problem of
being, is doing much.

SH 241:27-14

The baptism of Spirit, washing the body of all
the impurities of flesh, signifies that the pure in heart
see God and are approaching spiritual Life and its
30 demonstration.

It is “easier for a camel to go through the eye of a
needle,” than for sinful beliefs to enter the kingdom of
242:1 heaven, eternal harmony. Through repentance, spiritual
baptism, and regeneration, mortals put off their material
3 beliefs and false individuality. It is only a
question of time when “they shall all know
Me [God], from the least of them unto the greatest.”
6 Denial of the claims of matter is a great step towards
the joys of Spirit, towards human freedom and the final
triumph over the body.

9 There is but one way to heaven, harmony, and Christ
in divine Science shows us this way. It is to know no
other reality — to have no other conscious-
12 ness of life — than good, God and His reflec-
tion, and to rise superior to the so-called pain and pleasure
of the senses.

Spiritual baptism

The one only
way

SH 241:23-27

One’s aim, a point beyond faith, should be to find the
24 footsteps of Truth, the way to health and holiness. We
should strive to reach the Horeb height where God is re-
vealed; and the corner-stone of all spiritual building is
27 purity.