

# Wed-17-Sept-6

Works of Faith

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

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## Hymn 8

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HENRY FRANCIS LYTE

(8)

### EVENTIDE

WILLIAM H. MONK

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

## Hymn 7

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BERTHA H. WOODS

*Based on hymn by H. F. Lyte*

(7)

### EVENTIDE

WILLIAM H. MONK

Abide with me; fast breaks the morning light;  
Our daystar rises, banishing all night;  
Thou art our strength, O Truth that maketh free,  
We would unfailingly abide in Thee.

I know no fear, with Thee at hand to bless,  
Sin hath no power and life no wretchedness;  
Health, hope and love in all around I see  
For those who trustingly abide in Thee.

I know Thy presence every passing hour,  
I know Thy peace, for Thou alone art power;

O Love divine, abiding constantly,  
I need not plead, Thou dost abide with me.

Hymn 292

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MARIA LOUISE BAUM

(292)

**PROTECTION**

DUTCH FOLK SONG

Put on the whole armor of pure consecration,  
The breastplate of righteousness valiantly gird,  
With shield of true faith, and the helmet of salvation—  
The sword of the Spirit is God's mighty Word!

For His is the greatness, the power and the glory,  
The victory His, when for succor we call;  
His majesty shines in creation's wondrous story,  
And He is exalted as head over all!

II Cor. 10:3-5

- 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
- 4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
- 5 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;

II Cor. 9:8

- 8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:

Rom. 13:1-3

- 1 LET every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
- 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.
- 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

Dan. 3:1-8, 12-14, 15 2nd if, 16-18, 19 (to 1st .), 20, 23-25, 28

- 1 NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the

plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

- 2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.
- 3 Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.
- 4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,
- 5 *That* at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:
- 6 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.
- 7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.
- 8 ¶ Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.
- 12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.
- 13 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego. Then they brought these men before the king.
- 14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, *Is it true*, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?
- 15 if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who *is* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?
- 16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter.
- 17 If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.
- 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.
- 19 ¶ Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury,
- 20 And he commanded the most mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning

fiery furnace.

- 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
- 24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.
- 25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.
- 28 *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

#### Dan. 4:1-3

- 1 NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.
- 2 I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.
- 3 How great *are* his signs! and how mighty *are* his wonders! his kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion *is* from generation to generation.

#### Dan. 6:1-28

- 1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;
- 2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel *was* first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.
- 3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit *was* in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.
- 4 ¶ Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.
- 5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.
- 6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.
- 7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of

any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

- 8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.
- 9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.
- 10 ¶ Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.
- 11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.
- 12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask *a petition* of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.
- 13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.
- 14 Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was sore displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.
- 15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians *is*, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.
- 16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.
- 17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.
- 18 ¶ Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him.
- 19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.
- 20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?
- 21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.
- 22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

- 23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.
- 24 ¶ And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.
- 25 ¶ Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.
- 26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he *is* the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion *shall be even* unto the end.
- 27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.
- 28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Heb. 11:1-3, 4 (to 1st ), 5 (to ;), 7 (to ;), 8 (to ;), 11 (to 1st ), 24, 25, 27 (to 1st ), 28 (to 1st ), 29 (to :), 30 (to ), 31-34

- 1 NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.
- 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.
- 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain,
- 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death;
- 7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house;
- 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed;
- 11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed,
- 24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;
- 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;
- 27 By faith he forsook Egypt,
- 28 Through faith he kept the passover,
- 29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry *land*:
- 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down,
- By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.
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- 32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthæ; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:
- 33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
- 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Heb. 12:1, 2

- 1 WHEREFORE seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
- 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

SH 20:24-14

- 24 Material belief is slow to acknowledge what the spiritual fact implies. The truth is the centre of all religion. It commands sure entrance into
- 27 the realm of Love. St. Paul wrote, "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us;" that is, let us put aside material self and sense, and seek the divine Principle and Science of all healing.

Behest of the cross

- 21:1 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.
- 6 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.

Moral victory

- 9 If the disciple is advancing spiritually, he is striving to enter in. He constantly turns away from material sense, and looks towards the imperishable things of Spirit. If honest, he will be in earnest from the start, and gain a little each day in the right direction, till at last he finishes his course with joy.

SH 23:21-10

- 21 In Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and English, *faith* and the words corresponding thereto have these two definitions, *trustfulness* and *trustworthiness*. One

24 kind of faith trusts one's welfare to others.  
Another kind of faith understands divine Love and how  
to work out one's "own salvation, with fear and trem-  
27 bling." "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief!"  
expresses the helplessness of a blind faith; whereas the  
injunction, "Believe . . . and thou shalt be saved!"  
30 demands self-reliant trustworthiness, which includes spir-  
itual understanding and confides all to God.

Self-reliance and  
confidence

The Hebrew verb *to believe* means also *to be firm* or  
24:1 *to be constant*. This certainly applies to Truth and Love  
understood and practised. Firmness in error will never  
3 save from sin, disease, and death.

Acquaintance with the original texts, and willingness  
to give up human beliefs (established by hierarchies, and  
6 instigated sometimes by the worst passions of  
men), open the way for Christian Science to be  
understood, and make the Bible the chart of life, where  
9 the buoys and healing currents of Truth are pointed  
out.

Life's healing  
currents

#### SH 29:7

Christian experience teaches faith in the right and dis-  
belief in the wrong. It bids us work the more earnestly  
9 in times of persecution, because then our labor is more  
needed. Great is the reward of self-sacrifice, though we  
may never receive it in this world.

#### SH 29:1

Christians must take up arms  
against error at home and abroad. They must grapple  
3 with sin in themselves and in others, and  
continue this warfare until they have finished  
their course. If they keep the faith, they will have the  
6 crown of rejoicing.

Christian warfare