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Inspiration of the Almighty

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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 162

Hymn 160–162, 447**SATISFIED**

MARY BAKER EDDY

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GLOAMING

JOHN STAINER

(161)

FORTITUDE

WALTER E. YOUNG

(162)

SATIS

PERCY WHITLOCK

It matters not what be thy lot,

So Love doth guide;
 For storm or shine, pure peace is thine,
 Whate'er betide.

And of these stones, or tyrants' thrones,
 God able is
 To raise up seed—in thought and deed—
 To faithful His.

Aye, darkling sense, arise, go hence!
 Our God is good.
 False fears are foes—truth tatters those,
 When understood.

Love looseth thee, and lifteth me,
 Ayont hate's thrall:
 There Life is light, and wisdom might,
 And God is All.

The centuries break, the earth-bound wake,
 God's glorified!
 Who doth His will—His likeness still—
 Is satisfied.

Hymn 180

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BASED ON THE DANISH OF

JENS N. L. SCHJØRRING

(180)

CHARITY

C. F. JAEHNIGEN

Love the Lord thy God:
 Love is staff and rod
 For heart and soul and mind.
 In this command forever strong,
 To silence thoughts of wrong
 All laws fulfillment find.

Here we rest content:
 Good from God is sent
 Where seeds of Love are sown.
 Who as himself his neighbor loves,
 By constant purpose proves
 His neighbor's good his own.

They whose every thought
 Still from Love is sought,
 In Soul, not flesh, abide.
 Love's presence gives a joy untold:
 Now may we all behold

The Spirit and the bride.

Job 32:8

- 8 But *there is* a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Job 33:4

- 4 The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

II Tim. 3:14-17

- 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;
- 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- 16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

John 2:1-10

- 1 AND the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:
- 2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.
- 3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.
- 4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.
- 5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do *it*.
- 6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
- 7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
- 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare *it*.
- 9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,
- 10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now.

Matt. 22:23-30

- ¶ The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,
- 23 Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.
- 25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:
- 26 Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.
- 27 And last of all the woman died also.
- 28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.
- 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.
- 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Matt. 22:1-14

- 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.
- 11 ¶ And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:
- 12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.
- 13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and

gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

Rev. 21:2, 3

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

SH 572:6-8

“Love one another” (I John, iii. 23), is the most simple and profound counsel of the inspired writer.

SH 454:17-22

Love for God and man is the true

18 incentive in both healing and teaching. Love inspires, illumines, designates, and leads the way. Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to
21 speech and action. Love is priestess at the altar of Truth.

SH 568:26-30

24 A louder song, sweeter
27 than has ever before reached high heaven,
now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ;
for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her
30 primal and everlasting strain.

SH 569:3

Every mortal at some period,
here or hereafter, must grapple with and overcome the mortal belief in a power opposed to God.

SH 569:11-14

He that touches the hem

12 of Christ’s robe and masters his mortal beliefs, animality, and hate, rejoices in the proof of healing, — in a sweet and certain sense that God is Love.

SH 35:19-20, 27-29 2nd Our

Our baptism is a purification from all error. Our church is built on the divine Principle, Love. Our wine the inspiration of Love, the draught our Master drank and commended to his followers.

SH 255:18 (only)

18 Eye hath not seen Spirit, nor hath ear heard His voice.

SH 256:2

256:1 Advancing to a higher plane of ac-

3 tion, thought rises from the material sense to
the spiritual, from the scholastic to the in-
spirational, and from the mortal to the immortal. All
6 things are created spiritually. Mind, not matter, is the
creator. Love, the divine Principle, is the Father and
Mother of the universe, including man.

No material
creation

SH 262:9-26

9 We cannot fathom the nature and quality of God's
creation by diving into the shallows of mortal belief. We
must reverse our feeble flutterings — our efforts to find
12 life and truth in matter — and rise above the testimony
of the material senses, above the mortal to the immortal
idea of God. These clearer, higher views inspire the God-
15 like man to reach the absolute centre and circumference
of his being.

Job said: "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the
18 ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee." Mortals will echo
Job's thought, when the supposed pain and
pleasure of matter cease to predominate. They
21 will then drop the false estimate of life and happiness, of
joy and sorrow, and attain the bliss of loving unselfishly,
working patiently, and conquering all that is unlike God.
24 Starting from a higher standpoint, one rises spontane-
ously, even as light emits light without effort; for "where
your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The true sense

SH 582:14-20

BRIDE. Purity and innocence, conceiving man in the
15 idea of God; a sense of Soul, which has spiritual bliss
and enjoys but cannot suffer.

BRIDEGROOM. Spiritual understanding; the pure con-
18 sciousness that God, the divine Principle, creates man
as His own spiritual idea, and that God is the only crea-
tive power.

SH 598:17 (only)

WINE. Inspiration; understanding.

SH 65:3-6

3 May Christ, Truth, be present at every bridal
altar to turn the water into wine and to give to
human life an inspiration by which man's spiritual and
6 eternal existence may be discerned.

SH 192:30-31

Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power.

SH 319:21-322:13

21 The divine Science taught in the original language
of the Bible came through inspiration, and needs inspi-
24 ration to be understood. Hence the misappre-
hension of the spiritual meaning of the Bible,
and the misinterpretation of the Word in
some instances by uninspired writers, who only wrote
27 down what an inspired teacher had said. A misplaced
word changes the sense and misstates the Science of
the Scriptures, as, for instance, to name Love as merely
30 an attribute of God; but we can by special and proper
capitalization speak of the love of Love, meaning by that
what the beloved disciple meant in one of his epistles,
320:1 when he said, "God is love." Likewise we can speak of
the truth of Truth and of the life of Life, for Christ plainly
3 declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Scriptures
misinterpreted

Metaphors abound in the Bible, and names are often
expressive of spiritual ideas. The most distinguished
6 theologians in Europe and America agree that
the Scriptures have both a spiritual and lit-
eral meaning. In Smith's Bible Dictionary it is said:
9 "The spiritual interpretation of Scripture must rest
upon both the literal and moral;" and in the learned
article on Noah in the same work, the familiar text,
12 Genesis vi. 3, "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not
always strive with man, for that he also is flesh," is quoted
as follows, from the original Hebrew: "And Jehovah
15 said, My spirit shall not forever rule [or be humbled] in
men, seeing that they are [or, in their error they are]
but flesh." Here the original text declares plainly the
18 spiritual fact of being, even man's eternal and harmo-
nious existence as image, idea, instead of matter (how-
ever transcendental such a thought appears), and avers
21 that this fact is not forever to be humbled by the belief
that man is flesh and matter, for according to that error
man is mortal.

Interior meaning

24 The one important interpretation of Scripture is the
spiritual. For example, the text, "In my flesh shall I
see God," gives a profound idea of the di-
27 vine power to heal the ills of the flesh, and
encourages mortals to hope in Him who healeth all our
diseases; whereas this passage is continually quoted
30 as if Job intended to declare that even if disease and

Job, on the
resurrection

worms destroyed his body, yet in the latter days he should stand in celestial perfection before Elohim, still clad
 321:1 in material flesh, — an interpretation which is just the opposite of the true, as may be seen by studying the book
 3 of Job. As Paul says, in his first epistle to the Corinthians, “Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.”

6 The Hebrew Lawgiver, slow of speech, despaired of making the people understand what should be revealed to him. When, led by wisdom to cast down his
 9 rod, he saw it become a serpent, Moses fled before it; but wisdom bade him come back and handle the serpent, and then Moses’ fear departed. In
 12 this incident was seen the actuality of Science. Matter was shown to be a belief only. The serpent, evil, under wisdom’s bidding, was destroyed through understanding
 15 divine Science, and this proof was a staff upon which to lean. The illusion of Moses lost its power to alarm him, when he discovered that what he apparently saw was really
 18 but a phase of mortal belief.

It was scientifically demonstrated that leprosy was a creation of mortal mind and not a condition of matter,
 21 when Moses first put his hand into his bosom and drew it forth white as snow with the dread disease, and presently restored his hand to its natural condition by the same simple process. God had lessened
 24 Moses’ fear by this proof in divine Science, and the inward voice became to him the voice of God, which said:
 27 “It shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.” And so it was in the coming
 30 centuries, when the Science of being was demonstrated by Jesus, who showed his students the power of Mind by changing water into wine, and taught them how to handle
 322:1 serpents unharmed, to heal the sick and cast out evils in proof of the supremacy of Mind.

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 recognition of divine Science can come — to turn our thoughts
 12 towards divine Principle, that finite belief may be pre-

Fear of the
 serpent
 overcome

Leprosy healed

Standpoints
 changed

pared to relinquish its error.

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