

1.12.21 not alone

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 Title. never alone

 Hymn 105

 Bible

Ps. 25:16, 17

16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I *am* desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: *O* bring thou me out of my distresses.

Eccl. 4:8 (to :), 9–11

8 There is one *alone*, and *there is* not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: ...

9 ¶ Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *alone*?

I Tim. 5:5 she

5 ... she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

Ps. 68:5, 6 (to 1st :)

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy habitation.

6 God setteth the solitary in families: ...

Ps. 146:9 (to :)

9 The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: ...

Isa. 43:3 I (to :), 4 (to :), 5, 6

3 ... I *am* the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: ...

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: ...

5 Fear not: for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

Isa. 49:22

22 Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in *their* arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.

Isa. 35:1, 2 (to :), 8 (to 1st ;), 10

- 1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
- 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: ...
- 8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; ...
- 10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Ps. 91:1

- 1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Ps. 34:22

- 22 The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Isa. 60:1–5 (to ;)

- 1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
- 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
- 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
- 4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.
- 5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; ...

John 8:12, 28–30

- 12 ¶ Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
- 28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.
- 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.
- 30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

John 15:9–11

- 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.
- 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
- 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

John 12:46

- 46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

SH 259:1

1 Man is not absorbed in Deity, and
man cannot lose his individuality, for he re-
3 flects eternal Life; nor is he an isolated, soli-
tary idea, for he represents infinite Mind, the sum of all
substance.

God's man
discerned

SH 386:25

Error, not Truth, produces all the suffering on earth.

SH 266:6

6 Would existence without personal friends be to you
a blank? Then the time will come when you will be
solitary, left without sympathy; but this
9 seeming vacuum is already filled with divine
Love. When this hour of development comes, even if
you cling to a sense of personal joys, spiritual Love will
12 force you to accept what best promotes your growth.
Friends will betray and enemies will slander, until the
lesson is sufficient to exalt you; for "man's extremity
15 is God's opportunity." The author has experienced the
foregoing prophecy and its blessings. Thus He teaches
mortals to lay down their fleshliness and gain spirituality.
18 This is done through self-abnegation. Universal Love
is the divine way in Christian Science.

Uses of
adversity

SH 21:15

15 If my friends are going to Europe, while I am *en*
route for California, we are not journeying together.
We have separate time-tables to consult,
18 different routes to pursue. Our paths have
diverged at the very outset, and we have little oppor-
tunity to help each other. On the contrary, if my
21 friends pursue my course, we have the same railroad
guides, and our mutual interests are identical; or, if I
take up their line of travel, they help me on, and our
24 companionship may continue.

Inharmonious
travellers

SH 248:3-5

3 Love never loses sight of loveliness. Its halo rests upon
its object. One marvels that a friend can ever seem less
than beautiful.

SH 57:18-30

18 Happiness is spiritual,
born of Truth and Love. It is unselfish; therefore

Affection's
demands

it cannot exist alone, but requires all mankind to
21 share it.

Human affection is not poured forth vainly, even
though it meet no return. Love enriches the nature, en-
24 larging, purifying, and elevating it. The wintry
blasts of earth may uproot the flowers of affec-
tion, and scatter them to the winds; but this severance
27 of fleshly ties serves to unite thought more closely to
God, for Love supports the struggling heart until it ceases
to sigh over the world and begins to unfold its wings for
30 heaven.

Help and
discipline

SH 191:4

As mortals give up the delusion that there is more than
one Mind, more than one God, man in God's likeness will
6 appear, and this eternal man will include in that likeness
no material element.

SH 582:4 (only, to .), 9

BENJAMIN (Jacob's son). ...

9 Renewal of affections; self-offering; an improved
state of mortal mind; the introduction of a more spiritual
origin; a gleam of the infinite idea of the infinite Prin-
12 ciple; a spiritual type; that which comforts, consoles,
and supports.

SH 9:5–11

The test of all prayer lies in the answer to these
6 questions: Do we love our neighbor better because of
this asking? Do we pursue the old selfish-
ness, satisfied with having prayed for some-
9 thing better, though we give no evidence of the sin-
cerity of our requests by living consistently with our
prayer?

Summit of
aspiration

SH 205:22

When we realize that there is one Mind, the divine law
of loving our neighbor as ourselves is unfolded;
24 whereas a belief in many ruling minds hinders
man's normal drift towards the one Mind, one
God, and leads human thought into opposite channels
27 where selfishness reigns.

Redemption
from
selfishness

SH 88:18–20

18 To love one's neighbor as one's self, is a divine idea;
but this idea can never be seen, felt, nor understood
through the physical senses.

SH 467:9–13

9 It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one
Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love.
Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact
12 becomes apparent, war will cease and the true brother-
hood of man will be established.

SH 444:4

“All
things work together for good to them that love God,” is
6 the dictum of Scripture.

SH 333:16–27

XIII. The advent of Jesus of Nazareth marked the
first century of the Christian era, but the Christ is
18 without beginning of years or end of days.
Throughout all generations both before and
after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spirit-
21 ual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some
measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive
Christ, Truth. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and the prophets
24 caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, or Christ, which
baptized these seers in the divine nature, the essence of
Love. The divine image, idea, or Christ was, is, and
27 ever will be inseparable from the divine Principle, God.

The divine
Principle
and idea

 Hymns 217, 417