

Hymns 281, 139, 250

The Bible

1. Neh. 8:10 3rd the

10 ... the joy of the LORD is your strength.

2. Ps. 105:1–5, 7, 8, 26, 39–41, 43

1 O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

4 Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

7 He *is* the LORD our God: his judgments *are* in all the earth.

8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations.

26 He sent Moses his servant; *and* Aaron whom he had chosen.

39 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

40 *The people* asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his chosen with gladness:

3. Ps. 5:11; 16:11; 51:8 (to ;), 12

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; ...

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

4. Ps. 143:10

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my God: thy spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

5. Eccl. 2:26 (to :)

26 For *God* giveth to a man that *is* good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: ...

6. John 4:24

24 *God is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

7. Acts 16:16–34

16 ¶ And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

19 ¶ And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers,

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 ¶ And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

8. Eph. 5:1, 9–11, 17 be, 18–21 be

1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.

17 ... be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 ... be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

9. Gal. 5:22 the, 25

22 ... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

10. SH 548:12–13

12 Earth has little light or joy for mortals before
Life is spiritually learned.

The clouds
dissolving

11. SH 390:9

9 Truth
will at length compel us all to exchange the pleasures and
pains of sense for the joys of Soul.

12. SH 566:1–9

1 As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly
through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides
3 of human fear, — as they were led through the
wilderness, walking wearily through the great
desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised
6 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
9 them who love God.

Spiritual
guidance

13. SH 106:7

God has endowed man with inalien-
able rights, among which are self-government,
9 reason, and conscience. Man is properly self-
governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by
his Maker, divine Truth and Love.

Proper self-
government

14. SH 14:25

Entirely separate from the belief and dream of mate-
rial living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual under-
27 standing and the consciousness of man's dominion
over the whole earth. This understanding casts out
error and heals the sick, and with it you can speak
30 "as one having authority."

15. SH 39:18

18 "Now," cried the apostle, "is the accepted time; be-
hold, now is the day of salvation," — meaning, not that
now men must prepare for a future-world salva-
21 tion, or safety, but that now is the time in which
to experience that salvation in spirit and in life. Now is
the time for so-called material pains and material pleas-
24 ures to pass away, for both are unreal, because impossible
in Science. To break this earthly spell, mortals must get

Present
salvation

the true idea and divine Principle of all that really exists
27 and governs the universe harmoniously. This thought is
apprehended slowly, and the interval before its attain-
ment is attended with doubts and defeats as well as
30 triumphs.

16. SH 66:6–7, 10

6 Trials teach mortals not to lean on a material staff, —
a broken reed, which pierces the heart.

Trials are
proofs of God’s care. Spiritual development germi-
12 nates not from seed sown in the soil of material hopes,
but when these decay, Love propagates anew the higher
joys of Spirit, which have no taint of earth. Each suc-
15 cessive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine
goodness and love.

17. SH 191:16

The human thought must free itself from self-imposed
materiality and bondage. It should no longer
18 ask of the head, heart, or lungs: What are
man’s prospects for life? Mind is not helpless. Intelli-
gence is not mute before non-intelligence.

Spiritual
freedom

18. SH 228:11

The enslavement of man is not legitimate. It will
12 cease when man enters into his heritage of freedom, his
God-given dominion over the material senses.
Mortals will some day assert their freedom in
15 the name of Almighty God. Then they will control their
own bodies through the understanding of divine Science.
Dropping their present beliefs, they will recognize har-
18 mony as the spiritual reality and discord as the material
unreality.

God-given
dominion

19. SH 377:1

1 If your patient believes in taking cold, mentally con-
vince him that matter cannot take cold, and that thought
3 governs this liability. If grief causes suffering, convince
the sufferer that affliction is often the source of joy, and
that he should rejoice always in ever-present Love.

20. SH 219:23

We may hear a sweet melody, and yet misunderstand
24 the science that governs it. Those who are healed
through metaphysical Science, not compre-

hending the Principle of the cure, may misun-
27 derstand it, and impute their recovery to change of air or
diet, not rendering to God the honor due to Him alone.
Entire immunity from the belief in sin, suffering, and
30 death may not be reached at this period, but we may look
for an abatement of these evils; and this scientific begin-
ning is in the right direction.

21. SH 264:3

3 The crude crea-
tions of mortal thought must finally give place
to the glorious forms which we sometimes behold in the
6 camera of divine Mind, when the mental picture is spir-
itual and eternal. Mortals must look beyond fading,
finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things.
9 Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm
of Mind? We must look where we would walk, and we
must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we
12 have our being.

22. SH 451:16

 If our hopes and affec-
tions are spiritual, they come from above, not from be-
18 neath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

23. SH 246:23

 Man,
24 governed by immortal Mind, is always beautiful and
grand. Each succeeding year unfolds wisdom, beauty,
and holiness.