

Harmony & Peace...In the Home, Community, Our Nation & World

Wed Svc [Hymns 276, 236, 417]

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The harmony & peace of Christmas...which heals home, community, nation, & world

SECTION I

1 | **Isa 9:6,7(to ,)**

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,

2 | **Isa 11: 2-4(to :), 6**

2 And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth:

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

3 | **Luke 2:14**

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

4 | **Matt 4:17 Jesus (to ,); 5:1,2,9, 38-39, 41-48**

17 Jesus began to preach,

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

38 ¶Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 ¶Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you,

and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

5 | John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

6 | Ps 119:165

165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

7 | I Sam. 25:2-3(to 2nd ;), 4-7, 8 Wherefore, 9-10(to 2nd ?), 11-13(to 2nd ;), 14, 17(to 2nd ;), 18-19, 23-24, 27, 28(to :), 32-33

2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings;

4 ¶And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.

5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there aught missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.

10 ¶And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse?

11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be?

12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men;

14 ¶But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him.

18 ¶Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two

hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.

19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,

24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid:

32 ¶ And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:

33 And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

8 | Ps 37:9 evildoers (to :), 11

9 evildoers shall be cut off:

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

9 | Gal 5:22-25

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

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

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

10 | I John 4:11,12,20,21

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

11 | Phil 4:7

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

12 | Luke 2:14

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

1 | SH vii:2

The wakeful shepherd beholds

3 the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the full radiance of a risen day. So shone the pale star to the prophet-shepherds; yet it traversed the night, and came where, in

6 cradled obscurity, lay the Bethlehem babe, the human
herald of Christ, Truth, who would make plain to be-
nighted understanding the way of salvation through Christ
9 Jesus, till across a night of error should dawn the morn-
ing beams and shine the guiding star of being. The Wise-
men were led to behold and to follow this daystar of
12 divine Science, lighting the way to eternal harmony.

2 | SH 333:16-23 The

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. **The divine
Principle
and idea**
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.

3 | SH 242:9-20

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- **The one
only way**
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.

15 Self-love is more opaque than a solid body. In pa-
tient obedience to a patient God, let us labor to dis-
solve with the universal solvent of Love the adamant
18 of error, — self-will, self-justification, and self-love, —
which wars against spirituality and is the law of sin
and death.

4 | SH 226:14-17

God has built a higher platform of human rights, and
15 He has built it on diviner claims. These claims are not
made through code or creed, but in demonstra- **Cramping
systems**
tion of "on earth peace, good-will toward men."

5 | 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.

6 | SH 22:30-23:2

30 Justice requires reformation of the sinner. Mercy
cancels the debt only when justice approves. Revenge
is inadmissible. Wrath which is only appeased is not
23:1 destroyed, but partially indulged. Wisdom and Love
may require many sacrifices of self to save us from sin.

7 | SH 62:27-30

27 The higher nature of man is not governed by the lower;

if it were, the order of wisdom would be reversed.

Our false views of life hide eternal harmony,
 30 and produce the ills of which we complain.

Superior law
of Soul

8 | SH 94:14

Tyranny, intolerance, and bloodshed, wherever found,
 15 arise from the belief that the infinite is formed after the
 pattern of mortal personality, passion, and impulse.

9 | SH 162:9

9 The effect of this Science is
 to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it
 may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind.

10 | SH 469:28-470:20

This belief that there
 is more than one mind is as pernicious to divine theology
 30 as are ancient mythology and pagan idolatry. With
 470:1 one Father, even God, the whole family of man would
 be brethren; and with one Mind and that God, or good,
 3 the brotherhood of man would consist of Love and Truth,
 and have unity of Principle and spiritual power which
 constitute divine Science. The supposed existence of
 6 more than one mind was the basic error of idolatry. This
 error assumed the loss of spiritual power, the loss of the
 spiritual presence of Life as infinite Truth without an
 9 unlikeness, and the loss of Love as ever present and
 universal.

Divine Science explains the abstract statement that
 12 there is one Mind by the following self-evident propo-
 sition: If God, or good, is real, then evil, the
 unlikeness of God, is unreal. And evil can
 15 only seem to be real by giving reality to the
 unreal. The children of God have but one Mind. How
 can good lapse into evil, when God, the Mind of man,
 18 never sins? The standard of perfection was originally
 God and man. Has God taken down His own standard,
 and has man fallen?

The divine
standard of
perfection

11 | SH 150:4-8

To-day the healing power of Truth is widely demon-
 strated as an immanent, eternal Science, instead of a
 6 phenomenal exhibition. Its appearing is the
 coming anew of the gospel of "on earth peace,
 good-will toward men."

The main
purpose

12 | SH 340:23-25 (to ;)

One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; con-
 24 stitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the
 Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;

13 | SH 131:3

3 There is no error in Science, and our
lives must be governed by reality in order to be in har-
mony with God, the divine Principle of all being.

14 | SH 264:24-265:15

24 Spiritual living
and blessedness are the only evidences, by which we can
recognize true existence and feel the unspeakable peace
27 which comes from an all-absorbing spiritual love.

When we learn the way in Christian Science and rec-
ognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and under-
stand God's creation, — all the glories of earth and heaven
30 and man.

The universe of Spirit is peopled with spiritual beings,
265:1 and its government is divine Science. Man is the off-
spring, not of the lowest, but of the highest qualities of

3 Mind. Man understands spiritual existence **Godward**
in proportion as his treasures of Truth and **gravitation**
Love are enlarged. Mortals must gravitate Godward,
6 their affections and aims grow spiritual, — they must near
the broader interpretations of being, and gain some proper
sense of the infinite, — in order that sin and mortality
9 may be put off.

This scientific sense of being, forsaking matter for
Spirit, by no means suggests man's absorption into Deity
12 and the loss of his identity, but confers upon man en-
larged individuality, a wider sphere of thought and action,
a more expansive love, a higher and more permanent
15 peace.