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Faith by works

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Hymn 25

Hymn 23–28, 432, 433**CHRISTMAS MORN**

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SERENITY

ARR. FROM WILLIAM V. WALLACE

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CHRISTMAS MORN

ALBERT F. CONANT

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PERCY WHITLOCK

(28)

SELWORTHY

E. NORMAN GREENWOOD

Blest Christmas morn, though murky clouds
Pursue thy way,
Thy light was born where storm enshrouds
Nor dawn nor day!

Dear Christ, forever here and near,
No cradle song,
No natal hour and mother's tear,
To thee belong.

Thou God-idea, Life-encrowned,
The Bethlehem babe—

Beloved, replete, by flesh embound—
Was but thy shade!

Thou gentle beam of living Love,
And deathless Life!
Truth infinite,—so far above
All mortal strife,

Or cruel creed, or earth-born taint:
Fill us today
With all thou art—be thou our saint,
Our stay, always.

Hymn 88

Hymn 88, 89

THOMAS T. LYNCH*

(88)

HALLE

SCHICHT'S CHORALBUCH, 1819

(89)

JESU, JESU, DU MEIN HIRT

PAUL HEINLEIN

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would gracious be,
And with words that help and heal
Would Thy life in mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek
Christ's own gracious spirit speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would truthful be,
And with wisdom kind and clear
Let Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly
Follow Christ's sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would mighty be,
Mighty, that I may prevail
Where unaided man must fail;
Ever by triumphant hope
Pressing on and bearing up.

Hymn 226

Hymn 226

WASHINGTON GLADDEN*

(226)

ELLACOMBE

MAINZ GESANGBUCH, 1833

O Lord of life, to Thee we lift
 Our hearts in praise for those,
 Thy prophets, who have shown Thy gift
 Of grace that ever grows,
 Of truth that spreads from shore to shore,
 Of wisdom's widening ray,
 Of light that shineth more and more
 Unto Thy perfect day.

Shine forth, O Light, that we may see,
 With hearts all unafraid,
 The meaning and the majesty
 Of things that Thou hast made:
 Shine forth, and let the darkling past
 Beneath Thy beam grow bright;
 Shine forth, and touch the future vast
 With Thine untroubled light.

Light up Thy word; the fettered page
 From darkened bondage free:
 Light up our way; lead forth this age
 In love's large liberty.
 O Light of light, within us dwell,
 Through us Thy radiance pour,
 That word and deed Thy truths may tell,
 And praise Thee evermore.

James 2:14, 18

- 14 What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?
- 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Luke 2:42, 43, 45, 48 (to ?), 49, 51, 52

- 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.
- 43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not *of it*.
- 45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.
- 48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us?

- And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I
49 must be about my Father's business?
- 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto
them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.
- 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and
man.

Luke 4:1-21

- 1 AND Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led
by the Spirit into the wilderness,
- 2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat
nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.
- 3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this
stone that it be made bread.
- 4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by
bread alone, but by every word of God.
- 5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all
the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
- 6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory
of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.
- 7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.
- 8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is
written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou
serve.
- 9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple,
and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from
hence:
- 10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:
- 11 And in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy
foot against a stone.
- 12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the
Lord thy God.
- 13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for
a season.
- 14 ¶ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went
out a fame of him through all the region round about.
- 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.
- 16 ¶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his
custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up
for to read.
- 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And
when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

- 18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
- 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
- 20 And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.
- 21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Luke 7:12-16

- 12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.
- 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.
- 14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare *him* stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.
- 15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.
- 16 And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

John 11:11

- 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

, 21, 23, 39 (to 1st .), 41-44 1st And

John 16:31

- 31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

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John 17:1, 2

- 1 THESE words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
- 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

John 18:37 To

- 37 To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Matt. 11:15-22

- 15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.
- 16 ¶ But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,
- 17 And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.
- 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.
- 19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.
- 20 ¶ Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:
- 21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
- 22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

Matt. 23:13-31

- 13 ¶ But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.
- 14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.
- 15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.
- 16 Woe unto you, *ye* blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!
- 17 *Ye* fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?
- 18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.
- 19 *Ye* fools and blind: for whether *is* greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?
- 20 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.
- 21 And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.
- 22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.
- 23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law,

judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

- 24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.
- 25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.
- 26 *Thou* blind Pharisee, cleanse first that *which is* within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.
- 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness.
- 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.
- 29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,
- 30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.
- 31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

Luke 11:17-20 Every

- 17 Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house *divided* against a house falleth.
- 18 If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.
- 19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? therefore shall they be your judges.
- 20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

James 2:24

- 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

SH 241:17

- The error of the ages is preaching without
18 practice.

SH 38:10-12 (to .)

- Jesus said: "These signs shall follow them that believe; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they
12 shall recover."

SH 39:4-7 2nd He, 13-14, 15 He (only)

He over-
came the world, the flesh, and all error, thus proving

6 their nothingness. He wrought a full salvation from sin,
sickness, and death.
The Bible calls death an enemy, and Jesus
overcame death and the grave instead of yielding to them. He was “the way.”

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SH 497:20-23

5. We acknowledge that the crucifixion of Jesus and
21 his resurrection served to uplift faith to understand eter-
nal Life, even the allness of Soul, Spirit, and the noth-
ingness of matter.

SH 1:1

1:1 The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the
sick is an absolute faith that all things are
3 possible to God, — a spiritual understanding of Him,
an unselfed love. Regardless of what another may say
or think on this subject, I speak from experience.
6 Prayer, watching, and working, combined with self-im-
molation, are God’s gracious means for accomplishing
whatever has been successfully done for the Christian-
9 ization and health of mankind.

SH 14:6-9

To be “present with the Lord” is to have, not
mere emotional ecstasy or faith, but the actual demon-
stration and understanding of Life as revealed in
9 Christian Science.

SH 16:2-4

16:1 The highest prayer
3 is not one of faith merely; it is demonstra-
tion.

Loftiest
adoration

SH 21:1-4

21:1 If Truth is overcoming error in your daily walk and
conversation, you can finally say, “I have fought a
3 good fight . . . I have kept the faith,” be-
cause you are a better man.

Moral victory

SH 22:23-27

Final deliverance from error, whereby we rejoice in
24 immortality, boundless freedom, and sinless sense, is not
reached through paths of flowers nor by pinning
one’s faith without works to another’s vicarious
27 effort.

Deliverance not
vicarious

SH 99:5-9

“Work

6 out your own salvation with fear and trembling,” says
 the apostle, and he straightway adds: “for it is God
 which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good
 9 pleasure” (Philippians ii. 12, 13).

SH 23:12

12 Rabbinical lore said: “He that taketh one doctrine,
 firm in faith, has the Holy Ghost dwelling in him.”
 This preaching receives a strong rebuke in
 15 the Scripture, “Faith without works is dead.”
 Faith, if it be mere belief, is as a pendulum swinging be-
 tween nothing and something, having no fixity. Faith,
 18 advanced to spiritual understanding, is the evidence gained
 from Spirit, which rebukes sin of every kind and estab-
 lishes the claims of God.

Doctrines and
 faith

SH 341:11-12, 17-1

In Christian Science mere opinion is valueless. Proof
 12 is essential to a due estimate of this subject. The facts are so absolute and numerous in support of
 18 Christian Science, that misrepresentation and denuncia-
 342:1 tion cannot overthrow it.

SH 224:22-25, 29-31 (to 1st .)

A higher and more practical Christianity, demonstrat-
 ing justice and meeting the needs of mortals in sickness
 24 and in health, stands at the door of this age, knocking
 for admission.
 The
 30 power of God brings deliverance to the cap-
 tive.

Mental
 emancipation

SH 45:17-21

Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of hu-
 18 man hope and faith, and through the reve-
 lation and demonstration of life in God, hath
 elevated them to possible at-one-ment with the spiritual
 21 idea of man and his divine Principle, Love.

The stone rolled
 away

SH 329:12-13 We

We
 must prove our faith by demonstration.