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God of Abraham

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Hymn 160

Hymn 160–162, 447**SATISFIED**

MARY BAKER EDDY

(160)

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 34

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MARION SUSAN CAMPBELL

(34)

HOME

ARR. FROM W. A. MOZART

Christ comes again with holy power,
 To lift our blinded eyes to see;
 The sick are healed, the sinner blest,
 As on that eve in Galilee.

Once more the lonely heart is fed.
 Who dwells with Love hath perfect ease,
 Faith, hope, and joy are with us all;
 Great are companions such as these.

The weak and thirsty are refreshed,
 Again each empty cup is filled;
 The tender Christ is here to bless,
 And all the storms of earth are stilled.

In Truth there is no pain or death
 Nor any shades of coming night;
 The promise of our God still stands:
 At eventide it shall be light.

Hymn 9

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VIOLET HAY

(9)

CAROL

ARRANGED FROM DAVID G. CORNER

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All glory be to God most high,
 And on the earth be peace,
 The angels sang, in days of yore,
 The song that ne'er shall cease,
 Till all the world knows peace.

God's angels ever come and go,
 All winged with light and love;
 They bring us blessings from on high,
 They lift our thoughts above,
 They whisper God is Love.

O longing hearts that wait on God

Through all the world so wide;
 He knows the angels that you need,
 And sends them to your side,
 To comfort, guard and guide.

O wake and hear the angel-song
 That bids all discord cease,
 From pain and sorrow, doubt and fear,
 It brings us sweet release;
 And so our hearts find peace.

Gen. 17:1-8

- 1 AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.
- 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.
- 3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,
- 4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.
- 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.
- 6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.
- 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.
- 8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Gen. 22:1-18

- 1 AND it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here I am*.
- 2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.
- 3 ¶ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.
- 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.
- 5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

- And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.
- And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?
- And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.
- And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.
- And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.
- And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am* I.
- And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* from me.
- And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.
- And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.
- ¶ And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,
- And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*:
- That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;
- And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Acts 7:2-50 Men

- Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,
- And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.
- Then came he out of the land of the Chaldæans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.
- And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child.

- And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange
6 land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil
four hundred years.
- 7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God:
and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.
- 8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* begat
Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac *begat* Jacob; and
Jacob *begat* the twelve patriarchs.
- 9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was
with him,
- 10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and
wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor
over Egypt and all his house.
- 11 Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and
great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.
- 12 But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers
first.
- 13 And at the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brethren; and
Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.
- 14 Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to *him*, and all his kindred,
threescore and fifteen souls.
- 15 So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,
- 16 And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that
Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor *the father* of
Sychem.
- 17 But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to
Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,
- 18 Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.
- 19 The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so
that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.
- 20 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up
in his father's house three months:
- 21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished
him for her own son.
- 22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was
mighty in words and in deeds.
- 23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his
brethren the children of Israel.
- 24 And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended *him*, and avenged him
that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:
- 25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his
hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

- 26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?
- 27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?
- 28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?
- 29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.
- 30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.
- 31 When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold *it*, the voice of the Lord came unto him,
- 32 *Saying*, I *am* the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.
- 33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.
- 34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.
- 35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.
- 36 He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.
- 37 ¶ This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.
- 38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:
- 39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,
- 40 Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for *as for* this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.
- 41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.
- 42 Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of* forty years in the wilderness?
- 43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 But Solomon built him an house.

48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what *is* the place of my rest?

50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

SH 308:14-15

The Soul-inspired patriarchs heard the voice of Truth,
15 and talked with God as consciously as man talks with man.

SH 270:14

The prophets of old looked for something higher than
15 the systems of their times; hence their fore-
sight of the new dispensation of Truth. But
they knew not what would be the precise nature of the
18 teaching and demonstration of God, divine Mind, in His
more infinite meanings, — the demonstration which was
to destroy sin, sickness, and death, establish the definition
21 of omnipotence, and maintain the Science of Spirit.

Prophetic
ignorance

SH 333:19-26

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.

SH 224:22

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. Will you open or close the door upon this
angel visitant, who cometh in the quiet of meekness, as he
27 came of old to the patriarch at noonday?

SH 579:10-14

ABRAHAM. Fidelity; faith in the divine Life and in the eternal Principle of being.

- 12 This patriarch illustrated the purpose of Love to create trust in good, and showed the life-preserving power of spiritual understanding.

SH 95:5-10

Paul

- 6 said, "To be spiritually minded is life." We approach God, or Life, in proportion to our spirituality, our fidelity to Truth and Love; and in that ratio we know all
9 human need and are able to discern the thought of the sick and the sinning for the purpose of healing them.

SH 52:17-18

- 15 To-day, as of old, error and evil again
18 make common cause against the exponents of truth.

SH 347:23

- If Christian Science takes away the popular gods, —
24 sin, sickness, and death, — it is Christ, Truth, who destroys these evils, and so proves their nothingness.

SH 451:16-18

- 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.

SH 565:13

- The impersonation of the
spiritual idea had a brief history in the earthly life of our
15 Master; but "of his kingdom there shall be no end,"
for Christ, God's idea, will eventually rule all nations
and peoples — imperatively, absolutely, finally — with di-
18 vine Science. This immaculate idea, represented first
by man and, according to the Revelator, last by woman,
will baptize with fire; and the fiery baptism will burn up
21 the chaff of error with the fervent heat of Truth and Love,
melting and purifying even the gold of human character.
After the stars sang together and all was primeval har-
24 mony, the material lie made war upon the spiritual idea;
but this only impelled the idea to rise to the zenith of
demonstration, destroying sin, sickness, and death, and
27 to be caught up unto God, — to be found in its divine
Principle.

SH 347:14-17

- 12 Christ, as the spir-

15 itual or true idea of God, comes now as of
old, preaching the gospel to the poor, heal-
ing the sick, and casting out evils.

SH 566:1-24

566:1 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
6 desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised
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. Stately Science pauses not, but
moves before them, a pillar of cloud by day and of fire
by night, leading to divine heights.

12 If we remember the beautiful description which Sir
Walter Scott puts into the mouth of Rebecca the Jewess
in the story of Ivanhoe, —

15 When Israel, of the Lord beloved,
Out of the land of bondage came,
Her fathers' God before her moved,
18 An awful guide, in smoke and flame, —

Spiritual
guidance

we may also offer the prayer which concludes the same
hymn, —

21 And oh, when stoops on Judah's path
In shade and storm the frequent night,
Be Thou, longsuffering, slow to wrath,
24 A burning and a shining light!