

# Wed 18-Nov-14

Birthright of Man

## **Hymn. 382:1-4**

What is thy birthright, man,  
Child of the perfect One;  
What is thy Father's plan  
For His beloved son?

Thou art Truth's honest child,  
Of pure and sinless heart;  
Thou treadest undefiled  
In Christly paths apart.

Vain dreams shall disappear  
As Truth dawns on the sight;  
The phantoms of thy fear  
Shall flee before the light.

Take then the sacred rod;  
Thou art not error's thrall;  
Thou hast the gift of God—  
Dominion over all.

## **Hymn. 256:1-7**

O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind  
There sweeps a strain,  
Low, sad, and sweet, whose measures bind  
The power of pain,

And wake a white-winged angel throng  
Of thoughts, illumed  
By faith, and breathed in raptured song,  
With love perfumed.

Then His unveiled, sweet mercies show  
Life's burdens light.  
I kiss the cross, and wake to know  
A world more bright.

And o'er earth's troubled, angry sea  
I see Christ walk,  
And come to me, and tenderly,  
Divinely talk.

Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock,  
Upon Life's shore,  
'Gainst which the winds and waves can shock,  
Oh, nevermore!

From tired joy and grief afar,  
And nearer Thee,—  
Father, where Thine own children are,  
I love to be.

My prayer, some daily good to do  
To Thine, for Thee;  
An offering pure of Love, whereto  
God leadeth me.

**Hymn. 221:1–3**

O Jesus, our dear Master,  
Thy works, now understood,

Reveal their full effulgence  
Through love and brotherhood.  
Today Christ's precious Science  
Thy healing power makes plain:  
With joy may all obey thee  
And cast out sin and pain.

The Christ, eternal manhood,  
As God's own Son beloved,  
A tender ever-presence  
Within each heart is proved.  
O God, our Father-Mother,  
Thy name we see expressed  
By man, who in Thy Science  
Is perfect, holy, blessed.

O Science, God-sent message  
To tired humanity,  
Thou art Love's revelation  
Of Truth that makes us free.  
Thy kingdom, God, within us  
Shows forth Love's sweet control.  
God's idea, man, rejoices;  
He knows the reign of Soul.

**Gen. 1:26, 27**

- 26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:  
and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the  
fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over  
every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- 27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God  
created he him; male and female created he them.

**Gen. 1:31 (to .)**

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good.

**Gen. 25:20–28**

20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan–aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.

21 And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, *If it be so, why am I thus?* And she went to inquire of the LORD.

23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

24 ¶ And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were* twins in her womb.

25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac *was* threescore years old when she bare them.

27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob *was* a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

**Gen. 25:29–34**

29 ¶ And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he *was* faint:

30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red

*pottage*; for I *am* faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And Esau said, Behold, I *am* at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised *his* birthright.

### **Gen. 28:10-22**

10 ¶ And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them for* his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.

16 ¶ And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew *it* not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! *this is* none other but the house of God, and *this is* the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he

had put *for* his pillows, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of that city *was called* Luz at the first.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

22 And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

### **Ps. 82:6, 8**

6 I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

### **John 10:34–36**

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

### **John 14:1–4**

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and

receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

### **John 14:12**

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

### **John 14:16–18**

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

### **Phil. 4:4, 5 The, 7, 13, 19**

4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice.

5 ...The Lord *is* at hand.

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

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

### **James 1:17, 18**

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

### SH 517:30

30 Divine Love blesses its own ideas, and causes them to  
multiply, — to manifest His power. Man is not made  
1 to till the soil. His birthright is dominion, not sub-  
jection. He is lord of the belief in earth  
3 and heaven, — himself subordinate alone to  
his Maker. This is the Science of being.

Birthright  
of man

### SH 226:14

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-  
tion of “on earth peace, good-will toward men.”  
18 Human codes, scholastic theology, material medicine and  
hygiene, fetter faith and spiritual understanding. Divine  
Science rends asunder these fetters, and man's birthright  
21 of sole allegiance to his Maker asserts itself.

Cramping  
systems

### SH 227:24–2

24 Citizens of the world, accept the “glori-  
ous liberty of the children of God,” and be free! This  
is your divine right. The illusion of material sense, not  
27 divine law, has bound you, entangled your free limbs,  
crippled your capacities, enfeebled your body, and de-  
faced the tablet of your being.

30 If God had instituted material laws to govern man,  
disobedience to which would have made man ill, Jesus  
would not have disregarded those laws by healing in  
1 direct opposition to them and in defiance of all material  
conditions.

### SH 228:11–15

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.

God-given  
dominion

### SH 381:28–4

It is man's  
moral right to annul an unjust sentence, a sentence never  
30 inflicted by divine authority.

Christ Jesus overruled the error which would impose  
penalties for transgressions of the physical laws of  
1 health; he annulled supposed laws of matter, opposed  
to the harmonies of Spirit, lacking divine au-  
3 thority and having only human approval for  
their sanction.

Begin  
rightly

### SH 58:12 (only)

12 There is moral freedom in Soul.

### SH 150:4

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.” This coming, as was promised  
9 by the Master, is for its establishment as a permanent  
dispensation among men; but the mission of Christian  
Science now, as in the time of its earlier demonstration,  
12 is not primarily one of physical healing. Now, as then,  
signs and wonders are wrought in the metaphysical heal-  
ing of physical disease; but these signs are only to demon-  
strate its divine origin, — to attest the reality of the higher

The main  
purpose

15 mission of the Christ-power to take away the sins of the  
world.

### SH 57:18–19, 24

18 Happiness is spiritual,  
born of Truth and Love.  
24 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.

Affection's  
demands

Help and  
discipline

### SH 12:31–3

In divine  
Science, where prayers are mental, *all* may avail them-  
selves of God as “a very present help in trouble.”  
1 Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and  
3 bestowals.

### SH 107:7–10

This apodictical Principle points to the revelation of  
Immanuel, “God with us,” — the sovereign ever-pres-  
9 ence, delivering the children of men from  
every ill “that flesh is heir to.”

Mission of  
Christian  
Science

### SH 108:1

1 Whence came to me this heavenly conviction, — a con-  
viction antagonistic to the testimony of the physical senses?  
3 According to St. Paul, it was “the gift of the grace of  
God given unto me by the effectual working of His power.”

It was the divine law of Life and Love, unfolding to me  
6 the demonstrable fact that matter possesses neither sen-  
sation nor life; that human experiences show the falsity  
of all material things; and that immortal cravings, “the  
9 price of learning love,” establish the truism that the  
only sufferer is mortal mind, for the divine Mind cannot  
suffer.

### SH 344:19

There are various methods of treating disease, which  
are not included in the commonly accepted systems; but  
21 there is only one which should be presented  
to the whole world, and that is the Christian  
Science which Jesus preached and practised and left to us  
24 as his rich legacy.

The one  
divine method

### SH 249:1–10

1 Let us accept Science, relinquish all theories based on  
sense-testimony, give up imperfect models and illusive  
3 ideals; and so let us have one God, one Mind, and that  
one perfect, producing His own models of excellence.

Let the “male and female” of God's creating appear.  
6 Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into  
newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor  
material power as able to destroy. Let us re-  
9 jice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.”  
Such is the true Science of being.

Renewed  
selfhood

### SH 227:14–19

Discerning the rights of man, we cannot fail to fore-  
15 see the doom of all oppression. Slavery is not the legiti-  
mate state of man. God made man free.  
Paul said, “I was free born.” All men should

Native  
freedom

18 be free. “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

**SH 315:16**

The likeness of  
God we lose sight of through sin, which beclouds the spir-  
18 itual sense of Truth; and we realize this likeness only  
when we subdue sin and prove man's heritage, the liberty  
of the sons of God.

**SH 535:15**

15 When will man pass through the  
open gate of Christian Science into the heaven of Soul,  
into the heritage of the first born among men? Truth is  
18 indeed “the way.”