

# 20201202 The Lord is My Strength and Song

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## 1. Hymn. 440:1

As sings the mountain stream,  
Past rock and verdure wild,  
So let me sing my way to You,  
Your pure and happy child.

## 2. Hymn. 457:2

Verse 1

Not in the storm, nor the earthquake, nor the wave;  
You're not in the wind, nor the flame.  
In the still of the evening, in the hush of the morning,  
Call my name.

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## 3. Hymn. 465:5

Your grace and mercy every day  
Bring blessings from above.  
I'm living in the house of God,  
The consciousness of Love.

## 1. Ps. 121:1-8

- 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
- 2 My help *cometh* from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord *is* thy keeper: the Lord *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

## 2. Prov. 11:1, 3, 5 (to :), 6, 10 (to :), 11, 12, 14, 17–21, 24, 25, 30

- 1 A false balance *is* abomination to the Lord: but a just weight *is* his delight.
- 3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.
- 5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: ...
- 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in *their own* naughtiness.
- 10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: ...
- 11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.
- 14 Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.
- 17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is* cruel troubleth his own flesh.
- 18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness *shall be* a sure reward.
- 19 As righteousness *tendeth* to life: so he that pursueth evil *pursueth it* to his own death.
- 20 They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the Lord: but *such as are* upright in *their way are* his delight.
- 21 *Though* hand *join* in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.
- 24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that withholdeth more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty.
- 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise.

## 3. Matt. 5:7–10

- 7 Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- 10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

#### 4. Matt. 10:5–8, 11–20, 22 he, 23, 40–42

- 5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not.
- 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
- 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.
- 12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.
- 13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.
- 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.
- 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.
- 16 ¶ Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.
- 17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;
- 18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.
- 19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.
- 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.
- 22 ... he that endureth to the end shall be saved.
- 23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be

come.

40 ¶ He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

## 5. John 15:1–5, 7, 8

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

## 1. SH 280:1

1 In the infinitude of Mind, matter must be unknown.

Symbols and elements of discord and decay are not prod-

3 ucts of the infinite, perfect, and eternal *All*.

From Love and from the light and harmony which are the abode of Spirit, only reflections

6 of good can come. All things beautiful and harmless are ideas of Mind. Mind creates and multiplies them, and the product must be mental.

The things  
of God are  
beautiful

## 2. SH 94:12–23, 28–10

12 The eastern empires and nations owe their false gov-  
ernment to the misconceptions of Deity there prevalent.  
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.

The progress of truth confirms its claims, and our  
18 Master confirmed his words by his works. His healing-  
power evoked denial, ingratitude, and be-  
trayal, arising from sensuality. Of the ten  
21 lepers whom Jesus healed, but one returned to give God  
thanks, — that is, to acknowledge the divine Principle  
which had healed him.

Ingratitude  
and denial

Our Master read mortal mind  
on a scientific basis, that of the omnipresence of Mind.  
30 An approximation of this discernment indicates spiritual  
growth and union with the infinite capacities of the one  
Mind. Jesus could injure no one by his Mind-reading.  
1 The effect of his Mind was always to heal and to save,  
and this is the only genuine Science of reading mortal  
3 mind. His holy motives and aims were tra-  
duced by the sinners of that period, as they  
would be to-day if Jesus were personally present. Paul  
6 said, “To be spiritually minded is life.” We approach  
God, or Life, in proportion to our spirituality, our fidel-  
ity 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.

Spiritual  
insight

### 3. SH 54:8–17 All, 21–29 (np)

All

9 must sooner or later plant themselves in Christ, the true  
idea of God. That he might liberally pour  
his dear-bought treasures into empty or sin-

Inspiration  
of sacrifice

12 filled human storehouses, was the inspiration of Jesus'  
intense human sacrifice. In witness of his divine com-  
mission, he presented the proof that Life, Truth, and  
15 Love heal the sick and the sinning, and triumph over  
death through Mind, not matter. This was the highest  
proof he could have offered of divine Love.

21 His earthly cup of bitterness was drained to the  
dregs. There adhered to him only a few unpretentious  
friends, whose religion was something more  
24 than a name. It was so vital, that it en-  
abled them to understand the Nazarene and to share  
the glory of eternal life. He said that those who fol-  
27 lowed him should drink of his cup, and history has con-  
firmed the prediction.

If that Godlike and glorified man were physically on  
30 earth to-day, would not some, who now pro-  
fess to love him, reject him? Would they  
not deny him even the rights of humanity, if he enter-  
1 tained any other sense of being and religion than theirs?  
The advancing century, from a deadened sense of the  
3 invisible God, to-day subjects to unchristian comment and  
usage the idea of Christian healing enjoined by Jesus; but  
this does not affect the invincible facts.

6 Perhaps the early Christian era did Jesus no more  
injustice than the later centuries have bestowed upon  
the healing Christ and spiritual idea of being. Now  
9 that the gospel of healing is again preached by the  
wayside, does not the pulpit sometimes scorn it? But  
that curative mission, which presents the Saviour in a  
12 clearer light than mere words can possibly do, cannot be  
left out of Christianity, although it is again ruled out of  
the synagogue.

15 Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries,

Spiritual  
friendship

Injustice to  
the Saviour

gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning. My weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall  
18 recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as himself, — when he shall realize God's omnipotence and the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done  
21 and is doing for mankind. The promises will be fulfilled. The time for the reappearing of the divine healing is throughout all time; and whosoever layeth his earthly  
24 all on the altar of divine Science, drinketh of Christ's cup now, and is endued with the spirit and power of Christian healing.

27 In the words of St. John: “He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you *forever*.” This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science.

#### 4. SH 340:15

15 “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus xx. 3.) The First Commandment is my favorite text. It demonstrates Christian Science. It inculcates the tri-  
18 unity of God, Spirit, Mind; it signifies that man shall have no other spirit or mind but God, eternal good, and that all men shall have one Mind. The divine Principle  
21 of the First Commandment bases the Science of being, by which man demonstrates health, holiness, and life eternal. 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;” annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in  
27 social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

#### 5. SH 252:31–8

Spirit, bearing opposite testimony, saith:

I am Spirit. Man, whose senses are spiritual, is my

1 likeness. He reflects the infinite understanding, for I am  
Infinity. The beauty of holiness, the perfection of being,  
3 imperishable glory, — all are Mine, for I am  
God. I give immortality to man, for I am  
Truth. I include and impart all bliss, for I am Love.  
6 I give life, without beginning and without end, for I am  
Life. I am supreme and give all, for I am Mind. I am  
the substance of all, because I AM THAT I AM.

Testimony  
of Soul

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