

Cherishing the children of God

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Ps. 100:1–3

- 1 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
- 2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- 3 Know ye that the Lord he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

I Sam. 3:1–7, 9, 10, 19

- 1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision.
- 2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli *was* laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not see;
- 3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep*;
- 4 That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am* I.
- 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.
- 6 And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.
- 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him.
- 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
- 10 And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.
- 19 ¶ And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

I Sam. 16:1, 4–7, 10–12

- 1 And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.
- 4 And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?
- 5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.
- 6 ¶ And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the

Lord's anointed *is* before him.

- 7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the Lord seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.
- 10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these.
- 11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.
- 12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

Luke 18:15–17

- 15 And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when *his* disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them.
- 16 But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.
- 17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

Rom. 8:14–17 (to 2nd ;)

- 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
- 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
- 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; ...

SH 582:28

CHILDREN. The spiritual thoughts and representatives of Life, Truth, and Love.

SH 62:16

- Children should be allowed to remain children in knowledge, and should
- 18 become men and women only through growth in the understanding of man's higher nature.

SH 236:28–29; 237:1, 15

Jesus loved little children because of their freedom from wrong and their receptiveness of right.

A little girl, who had occasionally listened to my ex-

1 planations, badly wounded her finger. She seemed not
3 to notice it. On being questioned about it she answered
ingenuously, "There is no sensation in matter." Bound-
ing off with laughing eyes, she presently added, "Mamma,
6 my finger is not a bit sore."

15 Children should be taught the Truth-cure, Christian
Science, among their first lessons, and kept from discuss-
ing or entertaining theories or thoughts about
18 sickness. To prevent the experience of error
and its sufferings, keep out of the minds of your children
either sinful or diseased thoughts. The latter should
21 be excluded on the same principle as the former. This
makes Christian Science early available.

Teaching
children

SH 260:19–28

Mortals must change their ideals in order to improve
their models. A sick body is evolved from
21 sick thoughts. Sickness, disease, and death
proceed from fear. Sensualism evolves bad
physical and moral conditions.

Requisite
change of
our ideals

24 Selfishness and sensualism are educated in mortal
mind by the thoughts ever recurring to one's self, by
conversation about the body, and by the expectation of
27 perpetual pleasure or pain from it; and this education
is at the expense of spiritual growth.

SH 69:7–8

God's children already created
will be cognized only as man finds the truth of being.

SH 409:20–23

The real man is
21 spiritual and immortal, but the mortal and imperfect
so-called "children of men" are counterfeits from the
beginning, to be laid aside for the pure reality.

SH 572:8

In Science we are chil-
9 dren of God; but whatever is of material sense, or mor-
tal, belongs not to His children, for materiality is the
inverted image of spirituality.

SH 475:13–15 (to ;), 23–31; 476:9–13, 17–18, 21–22, 28–5

Man is idea, the image, of
Love; he is not physique. He is the compound idea of
15 God, including all right ideas; ...

And God said: “Let us make man in our image, after
24 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
27 creepeth upon the earth.”

Man is incapable of sin, sickness, and death. The
real man cannot depart from holiness, nor
30 can God, by whom man is evolved, engender
the capacity or freedom to sin.

Man
unfallen

9 God is the Principle of
man, and man is the idea of God. Hence man is not
mortal nor material. Mortals will disappear, and im-
12 mortals, or the children of God, will appear as the only
and eternal verities of man.

Mortals are
not immortals

Mortality is finally swallowed
18 up in immortality.

21 Learn this, O mortal, and earnestly seek the spiritual
status of man, which is outside of all material selfhood.

When speaking of God's children, not the children of
men, Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you;”
30 that is, Truth and Love reign in the real
man, showing that man in God's image is
unfallen and eternal. Jesus beheld in Science the per-
1 fect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal
man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour
3 saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man
healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom
of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy.

The kingdom
within

SH 323:28

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen
as felt. It is the “still, small voice” of Truth

Childlike
receptivity

30 uttering itself. We are either turning away
from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going
up higher. Willingness to become as a little child and
1 to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of
the advanced idea. Gladness to leave the false landmarks
3 and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps
to precipitate the ultimate harmony. The purification
of sense and self is a proof of progress. “Blessed are the
6 pure in heart: for they shall see God.”

SH 566:1–9

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
desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised
6 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.

Spiritual
guidance

SH 227:24–25

24 Citizens of the world, accept the “glori-
ous liberty of the children of God,” and be free!

Standard
of liberty

Hymn. 564

Quiet, Lord, my stubborn heart,
Make me gentle, pure, and mild,
Upright, simple, free from art;
Make me as a little child,
From distrust and envy free,
Pleased with all that pleases Thee.

What You shall today provide
Let me as a child receive,
What tomorrow may betide
Calmly to Your wisdom leave;
It's enough that You will care,
Why should I the burden bear?

As a little child relies
On a care beyond its own,

Being neither strong nor wise,
Will not take a step alone,
Let me thus with You abide,
As my Mother, Friend, and Guide.

Words: JOHN NEWTON, ADAPT., ALT.
Music: Fenella Bennetts

Hymn. 374

We thank Thee and we bless Thee,
O Father of us all,
That e'en before we ask Thee
Thou hear'st Thy children's call.
We praise Thee for Thy goodness
And tender, constant care,
We thank Thee, Father-Mother,
That Thou hast heard our prayer.

We thank Thee and we bless Thee,
O Lord of all above,
That now Thy children know Thee
As everlasting Love.
And Love is not the author
Of discord, pain and fear;
O Love divine, we thank Thee
That good alone is here.

We thank Thee, Father-Mother,
For blessings, light and grace
Which bid mankind to waken
And see Thee face to face.
We thank Thee, when in anguish
We turn from sense to Soul,
That we may hear Thee calling:
Rejoice, for thou art whole.

Words: JOHN RANDALL DUNN
Music: Henry S. Cutler

Hymn. 474

Father, we Your loving children
Lift our hearts in joy today,

Knowing well that You will keep us
Ever in Your blessed way.
You are Love and You are wisdom,
You are Life and You are All;
In Your Spirit living, moving,
We shall neither faint nor fall.

Come we daily then, dear Father,
Open hearts and willing hands,
Eager ears, expectant, joyful,
Ready for Your right commands.
We would hear no other voices,
We would heed no other call;
You alone are good and gracious,
You our Mind and You our All.

In Your house securely dwelling,
Where Your children live to bless,
Seeing only Your creation,
We can share Your happiness,
Share Your joy and spend it freely.
Loyal hearts can feel no fear;
We Your children know You, Father,
Love and Life forever near.

Father, we Your loving children
Lift our hearts in joy today,
Knowing well that You will keep us
Ever in Your blessed way.

Words: ELIZABETH C. ADAMS, ALT.

Music: Joy Tessman and Scott Martin; transc. Robert Wyckoff, alt.