

Home and Heaven are Within You.

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 The phrase "home for the holidays" conjures up happy images of family togetherness. But many families have endured months of physical separation and in some cases family turmoil has led to separations of a more permanent nature. Homelessness continues to plague our country and indeed the whole world. Tonight's readings are based on words from Hymn 278 "home and heaven are within you." Can we achieve a more permanent, heavenly sense of home?

 Hymns

Hymn. 278:1

Pilgrim on earth, home and heaven are within thee, / Heir of the ages and child of the day. /
Cared for, watched over, beloved and protected, / Walk thou with courage each step of the way.

Words: P. M., ADAPTED

Music: H. Walford Davies

Hymn. 499:3

Innocent one, sinless and pure, / Nothing can ever divide thee. / Governed by Love, you are
secure; / I am forever beside thee. / So rest and know wher-e'er you go, / Home and heaven
cannot be denied thee, / For I am the Lord, there is none else; / There is no God beside Me.

Words: DÉsirÉE GOYETTE, ALT.

Music: Désirée Goyette

Hymn. 245:3

Throughout the way, dear Shepherd, / Thy strong hand doth uphold; / The weary ones, at
nightfall, / Thou gently dost enfold. / And when to Truth's green pastures / With joy at length
we come, / There shall we find, O Shepherd, / Our blest, eternal home.

Words: FREDERIC W. ROOT

Music: Arthur S. Sullivan

 Bible

Deut. 33:27 (to :)

The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms: ...

Ps. 52:1 the

... the goodness of God *endureth* continually.

Gen. 13:1, 7 (to :), 8, 9, 11, 14, 15

And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. ...

And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: ...

And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we *be* brethren. *Is* not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left. ...

Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. ...

... ¶ And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

Heb. 11:1–3, 8–10

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. ...

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

Ps. 90:1

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Ps. 91:1, 2

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Ps. 23:1, 2, 6

The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ...

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Ps. 36:7, 10 (to ;)

How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. ...

O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; ...

II Cor. 5:1

For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Deut. 32:9, 10

For the Lord's portion *is* his people; Jacob *is* the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

Matt. 8:19, 20

And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head.

Matt. 6:19–21, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34 (to 1st .)

¶ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ...

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? ...

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: ...

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought,

saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ...

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. ...

Matt. 5:6

Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Ps. 121:5–8

The Lord *is* thy keeper: the Lord *is* thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Ps. 143:8

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

 Science and Health

SH 254:31

Pilgrim on earth, thy home is heaven; stranger, thou art the guest of God.

SH 291:12

Universal salvation rests on progression and probation, and is unattainable without them. Heaven is not a locality, but a divine state of Mind in which all the manifestations of Mind are harmonious and immortal, because sin is not there and man is found having no righteousness of his own, but in possession of “the mind of the Lord,” as the Scripture says.

Salvation
and
probation

SH 587:25

HEAVEN. Harmony; the reign of Spirit; government by divine Principle; spirituality; bliss; the atmosphere of Soul.

SH 590:1

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. The reign of harmony in divine Science; the realm of unerring, eternal, and omnipotent Mind; the atmosphere of Spirit, where Soul is supreme.

SH 58:21

Home is the dearest spot on earth, and it should be the centre, though not the boundary, of the affections.

SH 454:5–9

The understanding, even in a degree, of the divine All-power destroys fear, and plants the feet in the true path, — the path which leads to the house built without hands “eternal in the heavens.”

Impotence
of hate

SH 390:4–9

We cannot deny that Life is self-sustained, and we should never deny the everlasting harmony of Soul, simply because, to the mortal senses, there is seeming discord. It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony.

Ultimate
harmony

SH 57:24

The wintry blasts of earth may uproot the flowers of affection, and scatter them to the winds; but this severance 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 heaven.

Help and
discipline

SH 511:23

To mortal mind, the universe is liquid, solid, and aëriform. Spiritually interpreted, rocks and mountains stand for solid and grand ideas. Animals and mortals metaphorically present the gradation of mortal thought, rising in the scale of intelligence, taking form in masculine, feminine, or neuter gender. The fowls, which fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven, correspond to aspirations soaring beyond and above corporeality to the understanding of the incorporeal and divine Principle, Love.

Soaring
aspirations

SH 451:14

Man walks in the direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affections are spiritual, they come from above, not from beneath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

SH 530:5

In divine Science, man is sustained by God, the divine Principle of being. The earth, at God's command, brings forth food for man's use. Knowing this, Jesus once said, “Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink,” — presuming not on the prerogative of his creator, but recognizing God, the Father and Mother of all, as able to feed and clothe man as He doth the lilies.

Divine
providence

SH 206:15

In the scientific relation of God to man, we find that whatever blesses one blesses all, as Jesus showed with the loaves and the fishes, — Spirit, not matter, being the source of supply.

SH 507:3–6

Spirit duly feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the fatherhood and motherhood of God.

SH 60:29–2

Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind, and happiness would be more readily attained and would be more secure in our keeping, if sought in Soul. Higher enjoyments alone can satisfy the cravings of immortal man. We cannot circumscribe happiness within the limits of personal sense.

SH 520:3

Unfathomable Mind is expressed. The depth, breadth, height, might, majesty, and glory of infinite Love fill all space. That is enough! Human language can repeat only an infinitesimal part of what exists. The absolute ideal, man, is no more seen nor comprehended by mortals, than is his infinite Principle, Love. Principle and its idea, man, are coexistent and eternal. The numerals of infinity, called *seven days*, can never be reckoned according to the calendar of time. These days will appear as mortality disappears, and they will reveal eternity, newness of Life, in which all sense of error forever disappears and thought accepts the divine infinite calculus.

Love and man
coexistent

SH 578:5–9, 16

[DIVINE LOVE] is my shepherd; I shall not want.

[LOVE] maketh me to lie down in green pastures: [LOVE] leadeth me beside the still waters.

[LOVE] restoreth my soul [spiritual sense]: [LOVE] leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. ...

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [LOVE] for ever.

SH 254:24–32

If you venture upon the quiet surface of error and are in sympathy with error, what is there to disturb the waters? What is there to strip off error's disguise?

If you launch your bark upon the ever-agitated but healthful waters of truth, you will encounter storms. Your good will be evil spoken of. This is the cross. Take it up and bear it, for through it you win and wear the crown. Pilgrim on earth, thy home is heaven; stranger, thou art the guest of God.

The cross
and crown

SH vii:1–2

TO those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings.

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