

11-19-25 "I Will Not Forsake Thee" - God's Unconditional Love for Man

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1. Hymn. 189

Mine eyes look toward the mountains,
Help cometh from on high;
From God who never slumbers,
Whose care is ever nigh.
My foot shall not be moved,
My keeper is the Lord,
He never shall forsake me;
I trust me to His Word.

God keepeth me from falling,
Fulfilleth all my need;
His love doth e'er uphold me
In faithful word and deed.
He keepeth me from evil,
My onward way doth trace,
My going and my coming
He crowneth with His grace.

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1. Jer. 31:3

- 3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

2. Isa. 41:17

- 17 When the poor and needy seek water, and *there is none, and* their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, *I* the God of Israel will not forsake them.

3. I John 4:9

- 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

4. Luke 14:1–5; 15:1, 3–6, 10–31

- 1 And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.
- 2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.
- 3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?
- 4 And they held their peace. And he took *him*, and healed him, and let him go;
- 5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?
- 1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.
- 3 ¶ And he spake this parable unto them, saying,
- 4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?
- 5 And when he hath found *it*, he layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.
- 6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together *his* friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.
- 10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.
- 11 ¶ And he said, A certain man had two sons:
- 12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth *to me*. And he divided unto them *his* living.

- 13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
- 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.
- 15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
- 16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.
- 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
- 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,
- 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
- 20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
- 21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
- 22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:
- 23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry:
- 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.
- 25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing.
- 26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.
- 27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.
- 28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and entreated him.
- 29 And he answering said to *his* father, Lo, these many years do I serve

thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet
thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:
30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living
with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.
31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is
thine.

5. I Sam. 12:22 the

22 ... the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because
it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

6. I John 3:1 (to :)

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we
should be called the sons of God: ...

1. SH 494:10–11

Divine Love always has met and always will meet every
human need.

2. SH 322:26–9

The sharp experiences of belief in the supposititious life
27 of matter, as well as our disappointments and ceaseless
woes, turn us like tired children to the arms
of divine Love. Then we begin to learn Life
30 in divine Science. Without this process of weaning,
“Canst thou by searching find out God?” It is easier
to desire Truth than to rid one's self of error. Mortals
1 may seek the understanding of Christian Science, but they
will not be able to glean from Christian Science the facts
3 of being without striving for them. This strife consists
in the endeavor to forsake error of every kind and to pos-
sess no other consciousness but good.

6 Through the wholesome chastisements of Love, we
are helped onward in the march towards righteousness,
peace, and purity, which are the landmarks

Uses of
suffering

A bright
outlook

9 of Science.

3. SH 315:29–7

30 Wearing in part a human form (that is, as it seemed
to mortal view), being conceived by a human mother,
Jesus was the mediator between Spirit and the flesh,
between Truth and error. Explaining and demonstrat-
1 ing the way of divine Science, he became the way of
salvation to all who accepted his word. From him mor-
3 tals may learn how to escape from evil. The
real man being linked by Science to his Maker,
mortals need only turn from sin and lose sight of mortal
6 selfhood to find Christ, the real man and his relation to
God, and to recognize the divine sonship.

Jesus as
mediator

4. SH 262:9

9 We cannot fathom the nature and quality of God's
creation by diving into the shallows of mortal belief. We
must reverse our feeble flutterings — our efforts to find
12 life and truth in matter — and rise above the testimony
of the material senses, above the mortal to the immortal
idea of God. These clearer, higher views inspire the God-
15 like man to reach the absolute centre and circumference
of his being.

5. SH 265:1–5, 10, 23–2

1 Man is the off-
spring, not of the lowest, but of the highest qualities of
3 Mind. Man understands spiritual existence
in proportion as his treasures of Truth and
Love are enlarged.

Godward
gravitation

This scientific sense of being, forsaking matter for
Spirit, by no means suggests man's absorption into Deity
12 and the loss of his identity, but confers upon man en-

larged individuality, a wider sphere of thought and action,
a more expansive love, a higher and more permanent
15 peace.

Who that has felt the loss of human peace has not gained
24 stronger desires for spiritual joy? The aspiration after
heavenly good comes even before we discover
what belongs to wisdom and Love. The loss
27 of earthly hopes and pleasures brightens the ascending
path of many a heart. The pains of sense quickly inform
us that the pleasures of sense are mortal and that joy is
30 spiritual.

Blessings
from pain

The pains of sense are salutary, if they wrench away
false pleasurable beliefs and transplant the affections
1 from sense to Soul, where the creations of God are good,
“rejoicing the heart.”

6. SH 239:16

To ascertain our progress, we must learn where our
affections are placed and whom we acknowledge and
18 obey as God. If divine Love is becoming
nearer, dearer, and more real to us, matter is
then submitting to Spirit. The objects we pursue and
21 the spirit we manifest reveal our standpoint, and show
what we are winning.

Standpoint
revealed

7. SH 337:6–10

6 Sen-
sualism is not bliss, but bondage. For true happiness,
man must harmonize with his Principle, divine Love; the
9 Son must be in accord with the Father, in conformity with
Christ.

8. SH 135:26

Christianity as Jesus taught it was not
27 a creed, nor a system of ceremonies, nor a special gift
from a ritualistic Jehovah; but it was the demonstration
of divine Love casting out error and healing the sick,
30 not merely in the *name* of Christ, or Truth, but in demon-
stration of Truth, as must be the case in the cycles of
divine light.

9. SH 367:3

3 The tender word and Christian
encouragement of an invalid, pitiful patience
with his fears and the removal of them, are better than
6 hecatombs of gushing theories, stereotyped borrowed
speeches, and the doling of arguments, which are but so
many parodies on legitimate Christian Science, aflame
9 with divine Love.

Genuine
healing

10. SH 365:15–19

15 If the Scientist reaches his patient through divine
Love, the healing work will be accomplished at one
visit, and the disease will vanish into its native
18 nothingness like dew before the morning sun-
shine.

Speedy
healing

11. SH 303:28; 304:9

Spiritual man is the image or idea of
God, an idea which cannot be lost nor sep-
30 arated from its divine Principle. When the evidence
before the material senses yielded to spiritual sense, the
apostle declared that nothing could alienate him from
1 God, from the sweet sense and presence of Life and
Truth.

Man's
entity
spiritual

9 This is the doctrine of Christian
Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its
manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into
12 sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can
never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind
nor life result in death. The perfect man — governed
15 by God, his perfect Principle — is sinless and eternal.

12. SH 414:26

Keep in mind the verity of being, — that man is
27 the image and likeness of God, in whom all being is
painless and permanent. Remember that man's perfec-
tion is real and unimpeachable, whereas imperfection is
30 blameworthy, unreal, and is not brought about by divine
Love.

13. SH 560:11–15

 The great
12 miracle, to human sense, is divine Love, and
the grand necessity of existence is to gain the
true idea of what constitutes the kingdom of
15 heaven in man.

True estimate
of God's
messenger

14. SH 66:10

 Trials are
proofs of God's care. Spiritual development germi-
12 nates not from seed sown in the soil of material hopes,
but when these decay, Love propagates anew the higher
joys of Spirit, which have no taint of earth. Each suc-
15 cessive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine
goodness and love.

2. Hymn. 584

The Lord is my Shepherd; I need not a thing.
Green pastures give rest for my soul.

Love leads me beside the still, still waters.
Love restores me, and Love makes me whole.

Love leads me in right paths to honor God's name,
And though I walk through darkest days,
I won't be afraid for Love's here beside me
To protect me and show me the way.

Though sin would surround me, my cup overflows;
You show that I'm never alone.
Your goodness and love are mine forever;
In the dwelling of Love, I am home.

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Music: Katie Grigg-Miller

3. Hymn. 406

O Love, our Mother, ever near,
To Thee we turn from doubt and fear!
In perfect peace our thoughts abide;
Our hearts now in this truth confide:
Man is the child of God.

O Light, in Thy light we can see
That man is ever one with Thee.
In love our lives Thou dost enfold,
And now our waiting hopes behold
That man is God's own child.

O joy that ever will remain,
Midst seeming sorrow, hate, and pain,
Our hearts to fill with this glad song
That soars above the mists of wrong:
Man is the loved of Love.

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