

260722 The Leaven of Grace

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1. Hymn. 438:1–4

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, / That saved a soul like me. / I once was lost, but now
am found, / Was blind, but now I see.

/ 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, / And grace my fears relieved; / How precious did
that grace appear / The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, / I have already come; / 'Tis grace has brought me
safe thus far, / And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, / His word my hope secures; / He will my shield and
portion be / As long as life endures.

Words: JOHN NEWTON, ADAPT.

Music: American melody, Shaw and Spillman's Columbian Harmony, 1829; harm. and arr. Robert
Rockabrand

1. Ps. 84:11 the

... the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he
withhold from them that walk uprightly.

2. Prov. 3:13, 14, 17, 21–23 let

¶ Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding. For the
merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.
...

Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace. ...

... let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: So shall they be life
unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall
not stumble.

3. Zech. 12:10 I (to :)

... I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of
grace and of supplications: ...

4. John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

5. Luke 2:25–33 behold, 40

... behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. ...

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

6. John 1:15–17

¶ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

7. Matt. 13:2, 3 (to 2nd), 33 The

And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, ...

... The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

8. Acts 3:1–9

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

9. Acts 4:1–11, 21, 24, 31, 32 (to :), 33

And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. ...

So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all *men* glorified God for that which was done. ...

And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou *art* God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: ...

... ¶ And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: ...

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

10. Rom. 12:2 be, 3

... be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

11. Rom. 16:20

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

1. SH 333:16–23 The

... The advent of Jesus of Nazareth marked the first century of the Christian era, but the Christ is without beginning of years or end of days. Throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth.

The divine
Principle
and idea

2. SH 117:6–19, 29–25

God is Spirit; therefore the language of Spirit must be, and is, spiritual. Christian Science attaches no physical nature and significance to the Supreme Being or His manifestation; mortals alone do this. God's essential language is spoken of in the last chapter of Mark's Gospel as the new tongue, the spiritual meaning of which is attained through "signs following."

Spiritual
language

Ear hath not heard, nor hath lip spoken, the pure language of Spirit. Our Master taught spirituality by similitudes and parables. As a divine student he unfolded God to man, illustrating and demonstrating Life and Truth in himself and by his power over the sick and sinning. ...

The miracles
of Jesus

Jesus bade his disciples beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees, which he defined as human doctrines. His parable of the "leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened," impels the inference that the spiritual leaven signifies the Science of Christ and its spiritual interpretation, — an inference far above the merely ecclesiastical and formal applications of the illustration.

Leaven
of Truth

Did not this parable point a moral with a prophecy, foretelling the second appearing in the flesh of the Christ, Truth, hidden in sacred secrecy from the visible world?

Ages pass, but this leaven of Truth is ever at work. It must destroy the entire mass of error, and so be eternally glorified in man's spiritual freedom.

In their spiritual significance, Science, Theology, and Medicine are means of divine thought, which include spiritual laws emanating from the invisible and infinite power and grace. The parable may import that these spiritual laws, perverted by a perverse material sense of law, are metaphysically presented as three measures of meal, — that is, three modes of mortal thought. In all mortal forms of thought, dust is dignified as the natural status of men and things, and modes of material motion are honored with the name of *laws*. This continues until the leaven of Spirit changes the whole of mortal thought, as yeast changes the chemical properties of meal.

The divine
and human
contrasted

3. SH 494:5–15

Is it not a species of infidelity to believe that so great a work as the Messiah's was done for himself or for God, who needed no help from Jesus' example to preserve the eternal

Inexhaustible
divine Love

harmony? But mortals did need this help, and Jesus pointed the way for them. Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need. It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

The miracle of grace is no miracle to Love.

4. SH 481:2–4

Man is tributary to God, Spirit, and to nothing else. God's being is infinity, freedom, harmony, and boundless bliss.

5. SH 4:3–16

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds. To keep the commandments of our Master and follow his example, is our proper debt to him and the only worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has done. Outward worship is not of itself sufficient to express loyal and heartfelt gratitude, since he has said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Efficacious
petitions

The habitual struggle to be always good is unceasing prayer. Its motives are made manifest in the blessings they bring, — blessings which, even if not acknowledged in audible words, attest our worthiness to be partakers of Love.

6. SH 16:26

Our Father which art in heaven, / *Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,*

7. SH 17:4

Give us this day our daily bread; / *Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;*

8. SH 67:23

Grace and Truth are potent beyond all other means and methods.

2. Hymn. 250:1, 2

O, when we see God's mercy / Widespread in every place / And know how flows the fountain /
Of His unbounded grace, / Can we withhold a tribute, / Forbear a psalm to raise, / Or leave
unsung one blessing, / In this our hymn of praise?

Our gratitude is riches, / Complaint is poverty, / Our trials bloom in blessings, / They test our
constancy. / O, life from joy is minted, / An everlasting gold, / True gladness is the treasure /
That grateful hearts will hold.

Words: VIVIAN BURNETT

Music: W. Harold Ferguson

3. Hymn. 65:1–3

From glory unto glory, / Be this our joyous song; / From glory unto glory, / 'Tis Love that leads us on; / As wider yet and wider, / The rising splendors glow, / What wisdom is revealed to us, / What freedom we may know.

The fullness of His blessing / Encompasseth our way; / The fullness of His promise / Crowns every dawning day; / The fullness of His glory / Is shining from above, / While more and more we learn to know / The fullness of His love.

From glory unto glory, / What great things He hath done, / What wonders He hath shown us, / What triumphs Love hath won. / From glory unto glory, / From strength to strength we go, / While grace for grace abundantly / Doth from His fullness flow.

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