

240724 Temple of Peace

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1. Hymn. 236:1–4

O peace of the world, O hope in each breast, / O Bethlehem star that ages have blest, / A day of fresh promise breaks over the land, / Gaunt warfare is doomed, and God's kingdom at hand!

From cannon and sword shape tillers of soil, / No more let dire hate man's spirit despoil, / Let Truth be proclaimed, let God's love be retold, / That men of good will may their brethren uphold.

As stars in their courses never contend, / As blossoms their hues in harmony blend, / As bird voices mingle in joyful refrain, / So God's loving children in concord remain.

Our God is one Mind, the Mind we adore; / Ineffable joy His love doth outpour; / Let nations be one in a union of love, / God's bountiful peace, all earth's treasures above.

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1. I Chron. 28:2 David, 3, 6, 9 (to ;), 10 (to :), 20 Be

... David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *As for me*, I *had* in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building: But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou *hast been* a man of war, and hast shed blood. ...

And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him *to be* my son, and I will be his father. ...

... ¶ And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; ...

Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: ...

... Be strong and of good courage, and do *it*: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be* with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

2. I Kings 5:1–5, 7

And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David. And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, *so that there is* neither adversary nor evil occurrent. And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name. ...

... ¶ And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.

3. I Kings 6:14

So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

4. Isa. 32:1–3, 17, 18

Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. ...

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

5. Isa. 2:4 3rd and

... and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

6. John 13:31 Jesus, 34, 35

... Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ...

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

7. John 14:1–3

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if

I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

8. Acts 3:1–8

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.

9. I Cor. 3:16

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

10. II Cor. 6:16

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

11. Rev. 3:10–12

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is new Jerusalem*, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him* my new name.

1. SH 595:7

TEMPLE. Body; the idea of Life, substance, and intelligence; the superstructure of Truth; the shrine of Love; a material superstructure, where mortals congregate for worship.

2. SH 592:18

NEW JERUSALEM. Divine Science; the spiritual facts and harmony of the universe; the kingdom of heaven, or reign of harmony.

3. SH 572:19–25

In Revelation xxi. 1 we read: —

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed

away; and there was no more sea.

The Revelator had not yet passed the transitional stage in human experience called death, but he already saw a new heaven and a new earth.

4. SH 573:13–18 (to .), 23–27

Accompanying this scientific consciousness was another revelation, even the declaration from heaven, supreme harmony, that God, the divine Principle of harmony, is ever with men, and they are His people. Thus man was no longer regarded as a miserable sinner, but as the blessed child of God. ... This is Scriptural authority for concluding that such a recognition of being is, and has been, possible to men in this present state of existence, — that we can become conscious, here and now, of a cessation of death, sorrow, and pain.

Nearness
of Deity

5. SH 575:7–13 (to 2nd .), 16–20

This sacred city, described in the Apocalypse (xxi. 16) as one that “lieth foursquare” and cometh “down from God, out of heaven,” represents the light and glory of divine Science. The builder and maker of this New Jerusalem is God, as we read in the book of Hebrews; and it is “a city which hath foundations.” The description is metaphoric. ... Taken in its allegorical sense, the description of the city as foursquare has a profound meaning. The four sides of our city are the Word, Christ, Christianity, and divine Science; “and the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.”

The city
foursquare

6. SH 576:3–14

This heavenly city, lighted by the Sun of Righteousness, — this New Jerusalem, this infinite All, which to us seems hidden in the mist of remoteness, — reached St. John’s vision while yet he tabernacled with mortals.

Revelation’s
pure zenith

In Revelation xxi. 22, further describing this holy city, the beloved Disciple writes: —

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

There was no temple, — that is, no material structure in which to worship God, for He must be worshipped in spirit and in love.

7. SH 577:12–19, 24

This spiritual, holy habitation has no boundary nor limit, but its four cardinal points are: first, the Word of Life, Truth, and Love; second, the Christ, the spiritual idea of God; third, Christianity, which is the outcome of the divine Principle of the Christ-idea in Christian history; fourth, Christian Science, which to-day and forever interprets this great example and the great Exemplar. ... Its gates open towards light and glory both within and without, for all is good, and nothing can enter that city, which “defileth, . . . or maketh a lie.”

The city of
our God

8. SH 40:31

The nature of Christianity is peaceful and blessed, but in order to enter into the kingdom, the anchor of hope must be cast beyond the veil of matter into the Shekinah into which Jesus has passed before us; and this advance beyond matter must come through the joys and triumphs of the righteous as well as through their sorrows and afflictions. Like our Master, we must depart from material sense into the spiritual sense of being.

Within
the veil

9. SH 393:16–18

Be firm in your understanding that the divine Mind governs, and that in Science man reflects God's government.

10. SH 340:23

One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;" annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in 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.

11. SH 264:24–31

Spiritual living and blessedness are the only evidences, by which we can recognize true existence and feel the unspeakable peace which comes from an all-absorbing spiritual love.

Spiritual
proofs of
existence

When we learn the way in Christian Science and recognize man's spiritual being, we shall behold and understand God's creation, — all the glories of earth and heaven and man.

12. SH 506:10–12

Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites understanding to eternal harmony. The calm and exalted thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace.

2. Hymn. 497:1–3

Home is the consciousness of good / That holds us in its wide embrace; / The steady light that comforts us / In every path our footsteps trace.

Our Father's house has many rooms, / And each with peace and love imbued; / No child can ever stray beyond / The compass of infinitude.

Home is the Father's sweet "Well done," / God's daily, hourly gift of grace. / We go to meet our neighbor's need, / And find our home in every place.

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3. Hymn. 276:1, 2

Peace be to this congregation; / Peace to every heart therein; / Peace, the earnest of salvation; /
Peace, the fruit of conquered sin; / Peace, that speaks the heavenly Giver; / Peace, to worldly
minds unknown; / Peace, that floweth as a river / From th' eternal source alone.

O Thou God of peace, be near us, / Fix within our hearts Thy home; / With Thy bright
appearing cheer us, / In Thy blessed freedom come. / Come with all Thy revelations, / Truth
which we so long have sought; / Come with Thy deep consolations, / Peace of God which
passeth thought.

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