

Waiting on God

Introduction

Matt. 25:40 SH 323:9

Christ My Refuge by Mary Baker Eddy:

Hymns 253-257 or 550-552

“O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind / There sweeps a strain, /
Low, sad, and sweet, whose measures bind / The power of pain,
And wake a white-winged angel throng / Of thoughts, illumed / By
faith, and breathed in raptured song, / With love perfumed.

Then His unveiled, sweet mercies show / Life's burdens light. / I
kiss the cross, and wake to know / A world more bright.

And o'er earth's troubled, angry sea / I see Christ walk, / And come
to me, and tenderly, / Divinely talk.

Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock, / Upon Life's shore, /
'Gainst which the winds and waves can shock, / Oh, nevermore!

From tired joy and grief afar, / And nearer Thee,— / Father, where
Thine own children are, / I love to be.

My prayer, some daily good to do / To Thine, for Thee; / An
offering pure of Love, whereto / God leadeth me.”

SH 581:4

Healing of severed finger and relationship

Mis. 396:17–21

The “strain” that binds pain

A strain is a section of music that contains a melody.

<https://www.freemusicdictionary.com/definition/strain/>

A melody is a sweet or agreeable succession of notes.

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/melody>

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“low”

Low strain brought to mind the “still small voice” of God that is soft and comforting, and out of the range of any of the world’s harshness. I Kings 19:12

“sad”

Sad brings forward the words from Old and Middle English that mean sated, or, in Latin, satisfied, sufficient, or enough.

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sad>

Sad also signifies steadfast, firm, and strong or valiant.

<https://www.csmonitor.com/The-Culture/In-a-Word/2018/0705/The-surprising-vitality-of-one-small-word>

“sweet”

Sweet has as one of its definitions “much loved.”

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sweet>

The importance of humility, study, and prayer

Humility required: II Kings 5:1–14

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Physical body as ID card vs. man’s true spiritual embodiment

Col. 3:3 your Gen 1:26, 31 SH 323:9–10 SH 395:6–10

“Follow Thou Me” – “feed my sheep” “feed my lambs”

SH 288:29 Hymn. 504:2 John 21:15-22

The Biblical symbolism of sheep/lambs as thoughts and a cultural reference

THE SHEPHERDESS by Alice Meynell 1847 – 1922

Source: The Poems of Alice Meynell: Complete Edition. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1923.

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~Public/feg/alice/ampoems2.html>

Jesus’ three questions to Simon Peter: “lovest thou me?”

John 21:15-17

I’ve found it helpful to understand the 3 questions as being distinct.

1. working from a foundation of oneness or unity,
2. working out our own salvation, and
3. evangelizing with love.

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Lovest thou me (singular Christ) more than these (many material modes)?

Matt. 7:24–27 SH 249:32-2 (to minds)

Lovest thou me? -- Working out one's own salvation

John 21:21,22

Lovest thou me? --Evangelizing with love

To evangelize is to “bring someone into the fold”.

<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english-thesaurus/evangelize>

Ret. 88:20

Call to action, -- to pray for the world

The challenges

Challenges are presenting themselves as issues associated with the physical world, with relationships, or with resources.

Where did Jesus live? What did he see around him where he lived?

John 1:38, 39 SH 476:32–2

Jesus saw perfection, but he was compassionate enough to ask if he could help and then do it. Mark 10:49-52

Man lives in the kingdom of Mind governed by the forces of Mind

SH 124:20

Adhesion

Adhesion is defined as “the clinging together of different substances,” such as paint sticking to our walls.

[https://www.answers.com/Q/What are some examples of adhesion in real life](https://www.answers.com/Q/What+are+some+examples+of+adhesion+in+real+life)

Substance may be thought of as understanding: sub=under, stance=standing. So, it is adhesion that unites in harmony those of differing understandings. SH 304:16

Adhesion causes the human to hold to the divine. We are “adherents of Truth”. SH 497:3

Cohesion

Cohesion is the union of things that are similar.

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cohesion>

Cohesion is seen when rain falls in droplets, not a mist.

https://www.usgs.gov/special-topic/water-science-school/science/adhesion-and-cohesion-water?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

Cohesion impels the members of a community to come together in challenging times to work in harmony, as brethren, towards common goals. Gen. 13:8

Attraction

Attraction is a reciprocal and natural drawing together.

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/attraction>

Attraction holds man in God, divine Love. SH 102:9 (only)

Summary of Forces of Mind

Material forces that would try to destroy, divide, or diminish are negated by the spiritual forces, adhesion, cohesion, and attraction.

A Prayer to address physical challenges

Contagion

Mal.3:16,17 SH 156:29-32

SH 463:14-16 Mis. 82:28 Rud. 11:13-15

Physical forces

SH 96:15 SH 96:27

Summary of a prayer handling physical challenges

Hymn 144 Hymn 154

SH 280:30-4 SH 470:32

A Prayer for the relationships of the world

Healing our own relationships uplifts world harmony

SH 102:31-2

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No Condemnation

John 5:2-14 John 8:1-11

Summary of a prayer for the relationships of the world

Matt. 7:1-5 Hymn. 232:3

A Prayer related for a proper sense of resources

SH 494:10-11 SH 68:27-30 SH 206:15

Summary of prayer related to resources

SH 17:6-7

A practical application of prayer

We might choose a synonym of God for the day; 7 synonyms and 7 days. Then choose a couple qualities of our chosen synonym to work on seeing in others and expressing better ourselves that day.

When that synonym comes around again the next week, we would work with some of its other qualities.

The result of this practical prayerful work blesses us and those around us.

Live in God's 7th day

Gen 1:31 Gen 2:1-3 SH 584:4 SH 584:1
Matt. 14:22-27 Luke 7:11-15 II Kings 6:1-7 II Kings 4:32-35

Hid with Christ, but not hiding; man is the light of the world

Col 3:3 your Matt. 5:14, 16

Summary

Isa 40:10 Ret. 22:14-17 (to 1st .)
Mis. 130:27 '02 17:17-28