

Sunday, May 24, 2020  
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Tigard

**Bible Lesson Sermon: Soul and Body**



art credit: Alex Cook

Rose's Note: I went a little renegade for the music and art today: I thought this format was one opportunity to try something a little different. Alex Cook is a Christian Scientist and artist/musician and a couple of his songs came to mind for the prelude and postlude. Please enjoy the art by Linda at the end!

**Prelude:** Alex Cook's ["The Lord is My Song"](#)

Lyrics:

The Lord is My Song (Based on text from Psalm 118:14)

The Lord is my Song  
The Lord is my Song  
The Lord is my strength and my song  
He will lighten my darkness and soften my hardness  
He will sing me the ribbon of his song

The Lord is my life  
The Lord is my life  
The Lord is every hour of my Life  
He has lifted me from sadness  
And left me holding gladness  
The Lord is the keeper of my life

The Lord is my love  
The Lord is my love  
The Lord breathes His love into my heart  
With my life I am kneeling  
And he gives me this feeling  
A love from which I cannot be apart

The Lord has made us all  
The Lord has made us all  
The Lord has made us all to sing his song

Boldly and grandly  
He made us a family  
So working, joining arms we march along

The Lord is our song  
The Lord is our song  
The Lord is our strength and our song  
Our God, He is for us  
So we sing in the chorus  
The Lord is our strength and our song

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from [Kindness Is A Mountain](#), released October 10, 2010

**Hymn 221** can be found [here](#):

**Hymn. 221**

O Jesus, our dear Master,  
Thy works, now understood,  
Reveal their full effulgence  
Through love and brotherhood.  
Today Christ's precious Science  
Thy healing power makes plain:  
With joy may all obey thee  
And cast out sin and pain.

The Christ, eternal manhood,  
As God's own Son beloved,  
A tender ever-presence  
Within each heart is proved.  
O God, our Father-Mother,  
Thy name we see expressed  
By man, who in Thy Science  
Is perfect, holy, blessed.

O Science, God-sent message  
To tired humanity,  
Thou art Love's revelation  
Of Truth that makes us free.  
Thy kingdom, God, within us  
Shows forth Love's sweet control.  
God's idea, man, rejoices;  
He knows the reign of Soul.

**Scriptural Selection**

I Cor. 3:9 ye  
9 ... ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Job 4:17

17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?

Job 36:3

3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

Rev. 21:3–5 (to 1st .), 6, 9–11 (to :), 22, 23, 27 (to :)

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. ...

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God: ...

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

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: ...

Rev. 11:17 We

17 ... We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

A few moments of silent prayer . . .

And then the Lord's Prayer with its spiritual interpretation as given in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures . . .

SH 16:26–15

Our Father which art in heaven,

27 Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Adorable One.

30 Thy kingdom come.

Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.

1 Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Enable us to know, - as in heaven, so on earth, - God is  
3 omnipotent, supreme.

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

6 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And Love is reflected in love;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
9 evil;  
And God leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth  
us from sin, disease, and death.

12 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory, forever.  
For God is infinite, all-power, all Life, Truth, Love, over  
15 all, and All.

**Hymn 485** can be found [here](#):

**Hymn. 485**

God of creation and Lord of my soul,  
Be to me ever my One and my All.  
Your presence surrounds me by day and by night;  
While waking or sleeping, I live in Your light.

You are my wisdom, and You are my wealth,  
You are my substance, my joy, and my health,  
My Father and Mother, my haven of peace,  
My comfort, my healer, my place of release.

You and You only are first in my heart;  
Ours is a union that never will part.  
And held in Your love, without doubt, without fear,  
I know now within me that heaven is here.

The **solo** today will be "[Satisfied](#)": (Kathy Archibald's selection, recording from The Newsong Group)

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- Some online resources to consider:
  - A number of online Christian Science lectures are listed [here](#).
  - The [Annual Meeting of The Mother Church](#) will take place online on Monday, June 8 at 1pm EST.

Friends: The Bible and the Christian Science textbook are our only preachers. We shall now read Scriptural texts, and their correlative passages from our denominational textbook; these comprise our sermon.

The canonical writings, together with the word of our textbook, corroborating and explaining the Bible texts in their spiritual import and application to all ages, past, present, and future, constitute a sermon undivorced from truth, uncontaminated and unfettered by human hypotheses, and divinely authorized.

And now the Golden Text, Responsive Reading, and Bible Lesson Sermon . . .

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- or you can listen to The Mother Church Sunday Service Broadcast [here](#).

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We close with Hymn 267, which can be found [here](#):

**Hymn. 267**

Our God is All-in-all,  
His children cannot fear;  
See baseless evil fall,  
And know that God is here.

Our God is All; in space  
No subtle error creeps;  
We see Truth's glowing face,  
And Love that never sleeps.

We see creative Mind,

The Principle, the Life;  
And Soul and substance find,  
But never discord, strife.

O, Perfect and Divine,  
We hear Thy loving call,  
And seek no earthly shrine  
But crown Thee Lord of all.

### Scientific Statement of Being

... There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

(*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 468:8, 9 There)

### Correlative Scripture

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

(I John 3:1-3)

### Benediction

I Pet. 2:9 ye

9 ... ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

### Postlude: Alex Cook's "[Oh My Soul](#)"

Oh My Soul

Oh my Soul do you really, really want me to sing?  
When I open up my mouth and let it really soar  
It's a little bit better than iron ore, it's like gold

I can sing a sky of silver ribbons any time you like  
A constellation of notes, a fleet of bobbing boats  
I can sing it sweet and baby, I can sing it oh so fine  
Like the glowing moon, I like to let it shine  
And if you're lookin' for a way to fix a heart that's torn  
I'm gonna blow my horn

Oh my Soul do you really, really want me to sing?  
I got a little voice, can you fit it in your purse  
I got a voice, I'm gonna sing a new universe, I got soul

How you gonna hold a river in a little plastic cup?  
It keeps filling up, that little Dixie cup



How you gonna keep me running in a little ratty race  
I got a better pace, and did you happen to see the stars on my face  
And if you're lookin' for a way to be reborn  
You better blow your horn

Oh my Soul do you really, really want us to sing?  
Oh my Soul does it really, really, really mean everything?

Look up to the sky and like a star you'll see us shining there  
Like a radiant sun, each and every one  
Making a parade like universal marching band  
Beauty on every hand, like the grains of sand  
And if you're looking for a way to sing your song  
You can't get it wrong, you got to sing along!

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