

EXCERPTS

7th Endowment 1:36-38 ~ *Song of God* ~

³⁶ For hope is needed in the world, a hope which never falters, making bright the years before you to chase away the gloom, opening up the darkest corners to make the shadows flee, making light what now seems dark and filled with great despair.

³⁷ In what place can hope be found, the strong and stable kind, the hope which never yields or quits, but keeps a steady pace, to lift you up when things go bad, to calm the storms that rage, the hope which bears and quiet endures the trials of all your life?

³⁸ Come my child and I will tell you, your hope I would reveal, for here within the *Song of God*, beyond its many pages, hope is born within the heart, to take its breath from you, being made to come alive by a good and eager faith; shaping through the things you do a light which never fails.

7th Endowment 6:1-15 ~ *Song of God* ~

¹ What one gift would you give the world to lift it from despair? What good act of godly grace would you plant within the heart, to brighten well the darkest day and to fill the world with hope? What one vision would you bravely dream to make it come alive, to change forever the world around and fill it up with joy?

² Would you now commit yourself to be a good example? Could you, yourself, become the light which reveals the heart of God, chasing away the darkest shadows which cloud the minds of men? Can you set aside your fears and prove the strength of God, holding up before the world a faith which never fails?

³ If you, yourself should so elect to stand as one with God, then stand you now with humble heart and feel the power of my words, let go the shadows in your mind and dwell within my light.

⁴ Seize hold your faith with all your might, let faith like rivers flow, and safely there upon the waters you'll rise above the tide; reach within your greater self where treasures sweet abide, for there within your very soul the light of God still shines.

⁵ Look beyond your lesser self and see the star of God, shining brightly through the dark which seeks to overwhelm, guiding gently from afar with songs like anthems ringing; and you, yourself, will be the song which fills the world with singing.

⁶ How then shall we begin, both you and I together? Hear then and I will tell you, great wisdom I will give, to strengthen well both heart and mind to bind us both together; you in me and I in you, two hearts to beat as one, joined together by godly grace in the living of your life.

⁷ For peace, a gift I now would give; a peace with great assurance, drawn from love and filled with visions greater than your fears, a peace beyond the ways of men, beyond both war and strife, a peace that's born within a dream which I myself would dream.

⁸ Let this then be the gift which you would give the world, to live in peace amidst the strife, to be a calm influence, greeting every man and woman with a gentle approbation; soothing away the hurtful words, lifting up the fallen, holding up for all to see the light which comes from God.

⁹ Proving yourself with every deed as one who walks with God, becoming yourself a friend desired which others would seek to have, proving themselves as those most eager to stand most close beside you, seeing in you a hopeful refuge in the midst of frightful storms.

¹⁰ What then is the peace of God that you should seek to have it? What is the power which makes it shine and prove a useful treasure? Do you know the first foundation which you must seek to build?

¹¹ For the peace of God is never found in the absence of your faith, neither is it felt within when fear and doubt intrude, or when the mind in anger fumes and seeks for some revenge; but is instead that quiet assurance that God is always near.

¹² Know then that the peace of God is revealed in the harmony of your life, which harmony is born of balance between the spirit and the body, causing that you should accept with calm demeanor the events and circumstances of every day.

¹³ Possessing within your heart that certain knowledge that in all the affairs of men and women a place for God is made, and in the knowing of God and Heaven are you become as one most balanced in the midst of great opinions, causing that you should judge little but love much.

¹⁴ Becoming yourself immune to strife and inward turmoil, being yourself in God empowered to see beyond each present moment where darkness lies in wait, holding fast to God instead to dwell in Heaven's peace.

¹⁵ Stand you now as one with God and prove yourself most wise; for if you would give to the world the peace of God, then must you first possess it; becoming yourself that good example worthy of emulation, showing forth in word and deed a far more better way, becoming yourself that very gift which God would seek to give.

Pearl #6
Book of Pearls

*“I am awakened,
Not as someone lulled to sleep,
Nor distracted by illusions,
Neither lost nor made confounded
By the shadows of today;
But am instead made most aware,
Through the wisdom which comes from God.*

*I am awakened,
To stand as one most fully rested,
And in the mind made calm,
Filled within by deep contentment,
To stand untroubled midst the fray,
Accepting with a godly grace
The ebb and flow of life.*

*I am awakened,
Like a star that's brightly burning
In the midst of darkest night,
Like sunshine warmly glowing
In the midst of falling rain;
Always seeing beyond the moment,
Filled within by quiet assurance.*

*I am awakened,
Like the sun I outward shine,
Replacing hurt with calm acceptance,
Giving strength to those made weak,
Bringing courage to those made fearful,
Opening wide the hearts of others,
To fill with songs instead of tears.*

*I am awakened,
Enlivened from within,
Enlightened from beyond,
Unperturbed and always hopeful,
Reaching deep beyond the stars,
Singing well the songs of Heaven,
Made awake and filled with God.”*