

Ode from Solomon

Ode 19

A cup of milk was offered to me, and I drank it in the sweetness of the Lord's kindness. The Son is the cup, and the Father is He who was milked; and the Holy Spirit is She who milked Him; Because His breasts were full, and it was undesirable that His milk should be ineffectually released. The Holy Spirit opened Her bosom, and mixed the milk of the two breasts of the Father. Then She gave the mixture to the generation without their knowing, and those who have received it are in the perfection of the right hand. The womb of the Virgin took it, and she received conception and gave birth. So the Virgin became a mother with great mercies. And she labored and bore the Son but without pain, because it did not occur without purpose. And she did not require a midwife, because He caused her to give life. She brought forth like a strong man with desire, and she bore according to the manifestation, and she acquired according to the Great Power. And she loved with redemption, and guarded with kindness, and declared with grandeur.

Hallelujah.

Ode 24

The dove fluttered over the head of our Lord Messiah, because He was her head. And she sang over Him, and her voice was heard. Then the inhabitants were afraid, and the foreigners were disturbed. The bird began to fly, and every creeping thing died in its hole. And the chasms were opened and closed; and they were seeking the Lord as those who are about to give birth. But He was not given to them for nourishment, because He did not belong to them. But the chasms were submerged in the seal of the Lord, and they perished in the thought with which they had remained from the beginning. For they were in labor from the beginning, and the end of their travail was life. And all of them who were lacking perished, because they were not able to express the word so that they might remain. And the Lord destroyed the devices, of all those who had not the truth with them. For they were lacking in wisdom, they who exalted themselves in their mind. So they were rejected, because the truth was not with them. For the Lord revealed His way, and spread widely His grace. And those who understood it knew His holiness.

Hallelujah.

Ode 28

As the wings of doves over their nestlings, and the mouths of their nestlings towards their mouths, so also are the wings of the Spirit over my heart. My heart continually refreshes itself and leaps for joy, like the babe who leaps for joy in his mother's womb. I trusted, consequently I was at rest; because trustful is He in whom I trusted. He has greatly blessed me, and my head is with Him. And the dagger shall not divide me from Him, nor the sword; Because I am ready before destruction comes, and have been set on His immortal side. And immortal life embraced me, and kissed me. And from that life is the Spirit which is within me. And it cannot die because it is life. Those who saw me were amazed, because I was persecuted. And they thought that I had been swallowed up, because I seemed to them as one of the lost. But my injustice became my salvation. And I became their abomination, because there was no jealousy in me. Because I continually did good to every man I was hated. And they surrounded me like mad dogs, those who in stupidity attack their masters. Because their thought is depraved, and their mind is perverted. But I was carrying water in my right hand, and their bitterness I endured by my sweetness. And I did not perish, because I was not their brother, nor was my birth like theirs. And they sought my death but did not find it possible, because I was older than their memory; and in vain did they cast lots against me. And those who were after me sought in vain to destroy the memorial of Him who was before them. Because the thought of the Most High cannot be prepossessed; and His heart is superior to all wisdom.

Hallelujah.

Ode 33

But again Grace was swift and dismissed the Corruptor, and descended upon him to renounce him. And he caused utter destruction before him, and corrupted all his work. And he stood on the peak of a summit and cried aloud from one end of the earth to the other. Then he drew to him all those who obeyed him, for he did not appear as the Evil One. However, the perfect Virgin stood, who was preaching and summoning and saying: O you sons of men, return, and you their daughters, come. And leave the ways of that Corruptor, and approach me. And I will enter into you, and bring you forth from destruction, and make you wise in the ways of truth. Be not corrupted nor perish. Obey me and be saved, for I am proclaiming unto you the grace of God. And through me you will be saved and become blessed. I am your judge; And they who have put me on shall not be falsely accused, but they shall possess incorruption in the new world. My elect ones have walked with me, and my ways I will make known to them who seek me; and I will promise them my name.

Hallelujah.

Ode 35

The gentle showers of the Lord overshadowed me with serenity, and they caused a cloud of peace to rise over my head; That it might guard me at all times. And it became salvation to me. Everyone was disturbed and afraid, and there came from them smoke and judgment. But I was tranquil in the Lord's legion; more than shade was He to me, and more than foundation. And I was carried like a child by its mother; and He gave me milk, the dew of the Lord. And I was enriched by His favor, and rested in His perfection. And I spread out my hands in the ascent of myself, and I directed myself towards the Most High, and I was redeemed towards Him.

Hallelujah.

Ode 36

I rested on the Spirit of the Lord, and She lifted me up to heaven; And caused me to stand on my feet in the Lord's high place, before His perfection and His glory, where I continued glorifying Him by the composition of His Odes. The Spirit brought me forth before the Lord's face, and because I was the Son of Man, I was named the Light, the Son of God; Because I was the most glorified among the glorious ones, and the greatest among the great ones. For according to the greatness of the Most High, so She made me; and according to His newness He renewed me. And He anointed me with His perfection; and I became one of those who are near Him. And my mouth was opened like a cloud of dew, and my heart gushed forth like a gusher of righteousness. And my approach was in peace, and I was established in the Spirit of Providence.

Hallelujah.