

## Subject: Immigration: Where Does Everyone Belong?

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### *The Bible*

#### **Psalms 12:5, 7, 8**

For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.  
Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.  
The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

#### **Ps. 9:9, 10, 18, 20**

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.  
And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever. Put them in fear, O Lord: that the nations may know themselves to be but men.

#### **Isa. 61:5**

And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

#### **Ex. 18: 3**

I have been an alien in a strange land:

#### **Ps. 142:3 to first period, 4-7**

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path.  
I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.  
Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

#### **Ps. 46:1, 7, 9, 10**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

**Gen. 12:1, 2, 4, 5, 9**

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

**Gen. 13:5, 7-9, 11, 14, 15**

And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward; For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

**Heb. 11:8**

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

**Isa. 40:3, 11**

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

**Isa. 25:1, 4**

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a

shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

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**444:10-12**

Step by step will those who trust Him find that “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

**83:7-9**

Mortals must find refuge in Truth in order to escape the error of these latter days.

**394:24**

Are material means the only refuge from fatal chances? Is there no divine permission to conquer discord of every kind with harmony, with Truth and Love?

**238:25**

Society is a foolish juror, listening only to one side of the case. Justice often comes too late to secure a verdict. People with mental work before them have no time for gossip about false law or testimony.

**452:22**

When the spiritual sense of Truth unfolds its harmonies, you take no risks in the policy of error.

**266:18**

Universal Love is the divine way in Christian Science.

**205:22**

When we realize that there is one Mind, the divine law of loving our neighbor as ourselves is unfolded; whereas a belief in many ruling minds hinders man’s normal drift towards the one Mind, one God, and leads human thought into opposite channels where selfishness reigns.

**226:14-17**

God has built a higher platform of human rights, and He has built it on diviner claims. These claims are not made through code or creed, but in demonstration of “on earth peace, good-will toward men.”

**227:14-15, 17-20**

Discerning the rights of man, we cannot fail to foresee the doom of all oppression.

All men should be free. “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” Love and Truth make free, but evil and error lead into captivity.

### **507:3**

Spirit duly feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the fatherhood and motherhood of God. Spirit names and blesses all. Without natures particularly defined, objects and subjects would be obscure, and creation would be full of nameless offspring,—wanderers from the parent Mind, strangers in a tangled wilderness.

### **566:1-9**

As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing and flowing tides of human fear,—as they were led through the wilderness, walking wearily through the great desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised joy,—so shall the spiritual idea guide all right desires in their passage from sense to Soul, from a material sense of existence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for them who love God.

### **8:22-24**

If we turn away from the poor, we are not ready to receive the reward of Him who blesses the poor.

### **142:11-15**

If the soft palm, upturned to a lordly salary, and architectural skill, making dome and spire tremulous with beauty, turn the poor and the stranger from the gate, they at the same time shut the door on progress.

### **571:19**

The cement of a higher humanity will unite all interests in the one divinity.

### **467:9-13**

It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love. Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact becomes apparent, war will cease and the true brotherhood of man will be established.

### **423:24**

Both Science and consciousness are now at work in the economy of being according to the law of Mind, which ultimately asserts its absolute supremacy.

### **254:31**

Pilgrim on earth, thy home is heaven; stranger, thou art the guest of God.