MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

Hymn Devotion - April 26

Scripture - Isaiah 40:28-29.

 II Corinthians 5:7

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,

Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,

Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day

Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,

My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,

O may my love to Thee,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

A living fire!

While life’s dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,

Be Thou my Guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,

Wipe sorrow’s tears away,
Nor let me ever stray

From Thee aside.

When ends life’s transient dream,
When death’s cold sullen stream

Shall over me roll;
Blest Savior, then, in love,

Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,

A ransomed soul!

Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

Having the wish that our love to God will be pure, warm, changeless, and a living fire! Is quite a wish, in order to fulfill that wish we must nourish our faith by looking up and looking to the Word of God the Bible and be in fellowship with other Christians to fuel the living fire!

1. What looks up?

2. To Whom?

 (Include both lines)

3. What are we asking Him to hear?

4. What do we want gone?

5. A definition of let is allow. What are we asking God to allow us to be?

6. Verse 2: Some synonyms of Impart are give, bestow, transfer.

What are we asking for God to impart?

7. What to our fainting heart?

8. What to inspire?

9. What has He done for us?

10. Some definitions of may are express possibility or expressing a wish.

 List the four possibilities that we would want our love to Him to be:

11. Verse 4: How is life described here?

12. What often spread around us?

13. What are we asking God to be?

14. List the things that we would like Him to do:

15. A definition of aside is reject or disregard - What are we asking that we don’t want to do?

16. Verse 4: A definition of transient is passing. What is life described like?

17. A definition of sullen is slow moving or even depressing.

What shall over us roll?

18. Blest Savior, then, \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ remove.

19. Where are we asking to be lifted?

20. What will be the state of our souls?

DEPTH OF MERCY!

Hymn Devotion - April 27

Scripture - I John 1:6-9

 Titus 3:5

Depth of mercy! Can there be
Mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear,
Me, the chief of sinners, spare?

I my Master have denied,
I afresh have crucified,
And profaned His hallowed Name,
Put Him to an open shame.

Now incline me to repent,
Let me now my sins lament,
Now my foul revolt deplore,
Weep, believe, and sin no more.

There for me the Savior stands,
Holding forth His wounded hands;
God is love! I know, I feel;
Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

 The depth of God’s mercy, compassion, love is not measurable Psalm 103: 9-13 is a good description of the love and mercy of God. With all this mercy shown the question is asked Can there still be some reserved for us - individually? The answer is yes and then the second question is Can, will my God be patient and resist pouring out His wrath on me and spare us, spare me the chief of sinners? Yes again!

 There our Savior will always stand for us, holding forth, holding out His wounded hands welcoming us back to Him. God IS love. We know and feel because Jesus weeps when we sin but forgives and loves us still!

1. A definition of mercy is forbearance, compassion. What is there enough of to be reserved for each of us?

2. A definition of forbear is to resist. What is it possible for our God to resist pouring out on us, His chief sinners?

3. Verse 2: When asked about God our Master - What have we done?

4. What do we do when we sin?

5. What do we do to His hallowed name?

6. What does this do?

7. Verse 3: A definition of incline is to make willing. What do we need to be willing to do?

8. A definition of lament is regret. What should we regret?

9. A definition of deplore is regret. What do we do against God when we sin?

10. What are the “steps” after our repentance?

11. Verse 4: Who is standing there for us?

12. What is He doing?

13. What is God?

14. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

15. What does Jesus do?

LET US LOVE, AND SING, AND WONDER

Hymn Devotion - April 28

Scripture - Revelation 1:5-6

\*Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior’s Name!
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame.
He has washed us with His blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

\*Let us love the Lord Who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace, and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood,
He presents our souls to God.

\*Let us sing, though fierce temptation
Threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong Salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror’s crown:
He Who washed us with His blood
Soon will bring us home to God.

\*Let us wonder; grace and justice
Join and point to mercy’s store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more:
He Who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God.

\*Let us praise, and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky:
“Thou hast washed us with Your blood;
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!”

John Newton (1725-1807)

 All of this is done through the Grace of God - we don’t deserve any of this but while we yet sinners Christ died for us! WOW!

1. List the “Let us” phrases:

2. List the “He has” phrases:

3. Verse 2: How should we respond to the Lord that bought us?

4. What did He call us by?

5. What are the three things He did for us?

6. What are we washed with?

7. What does He do with our souls?

8. Verse 3: What are we to sing through?

 What do they threaten hard to do?

9. Who is our strong salvation?

10. What is in our view?

11. What did He do with His blood?

12. Where will He bring us?

13. Verse 4: What should we wonder?

14. What is one way we know we can trust Christ?

15. What smiles and asks no more?

16. When we are washed in His blood - What is secured for us?

17. Verse 5:Let us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Of whom?

18. What did the saints in Heaven do before us?

19. What is their praises that fill the sky?

BLESSED BE THE NAME

Hymn Devotion - April 29

Scripture - Hebrews 1:3-4.

All praise to Him who reigns above
In majesty supreme,
Who gave His Son for man to die,
That He might man redeem!

*Refrain*

*Blessed be the Name! Blessed be the Name!
Blessed be the Name of the Lord!
Blessed be the Name! Blessed be the Name!
Blessed be the Name of the Lord!*

His Name above all names shall stand,
Exalted more and more,
At God the Father’s own right hand,
Where angel hosts adore.

*Refrain*

Redeemer, Savior, Friend of man
Once ruined by the fall,
Thou hast devised salvation’s plan,
For Thou hast died for all.

*Refrain*

His Name shall be the Counselor,
The mighty Prince of Peace,
Of all earth’s kingdoms Conqueror,
Whose reign shall never cease.

*Refrain*

William H. Clark (nineteenth century)

 Ralph E. Hudson (1843-1902), refrain

 Let us never forget how Blessed the Name of the Lord is and never - especially if a Christian - those who bear the Name of Christ - show disrespect but always praise and honor His Name.

1. What should be given to Him?

2. Where does He reign?

3. How does He reign?

4. Who was given and to do what?

5. Why?

6. Verse 2: What shall stand?

7. How will it be exalted?

8. At Whose own right hand?

9. Who adore there?

10. Verse 3: List the names used for Jesus here:

11. Who was ruined by the fall (sin)?

12. What did God devise?

13. What has He done?

14. Verse 4: List the names for Jesus here:

15. What will He be to all earth’s kingdoms?

16. When will His reign cease?

17. Chorus: A definition of Blessed is revered which is to respect, honor, worship.

 How many times is “Blessed be the Name” repeated?

18. Whose name is to be Blessed or revered?