WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

Hymn Devotion – August 21

Scripture: Ephesians 2:6-10

I Chronicles 29:14

We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our first fruits give.

To comfort and to bless,  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless  
Is angels’ work below.

And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be;  
Whate’er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.

William Walsham How (1823-1897)

So many times we forget whose money we are spending and what makes us able to sing, help others, play instruments etc. Everything we have actually belongs to God, we are using the trust that God has set up for us and we need to be good stewards of that gift whatever that gift might be.

Life is a gift from God we must always be mindful of that and be thankful for everything He has blessed us with and return to Him accordingly – don’t miss use the trust!

1. What do we give to God?
2. What may the gift be?
3. Whose is everything we have?
4. What is it to us?
5. Verse 2: What are we of the bounties God has given us?
6. How should we give?
7. What are the gifts from God?
8. What are we to give from?
9. Verse 3: List the reasons to give?
10. How are these works described?
11. Verse 4: What do we believe?
12. How may our faith be?
13. Who do we it all for?

O TO BE LIKE THEE

Hymn Devotion - August 22

Scripture: I John 3:1-2

Exodus 15:11

O to be like Thee! blessed Redeemer,  
This is my constant longing and prayer;  
Gladly I’ll forfeit all of earth’s treasures,  
Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.

Refrain

O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee,  
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;  
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;  
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

O to be like Thee! full of compassion,  
Loving, forgiving, tender and kind,  
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting,  
Seeking the wandering sinner to find.

Refrain

O to be like Thee! lowly in spirit,  
Holy and harmless, patient and brave;  
Meekly enduring cruel reproaches,  
Willing to suffer others to save.

Refrain

O to be like Thee! while I am pleading,  
Pour out Thy Spirit, fill with Thy love;  
Make me a temple meet for Thy dwelling,  
Fit me for life and Heaven above.

Refrain

Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

The main thing we must remember when we are requesting to be like Him is that we must be willing to change – before committing to all of this we should take inventory of our lives and be sure we are willing to be persecuted for the sake of saving others to be humble, compassionate etc and to keep a fit and proper temple, a place for Jesus to dwell!

1. Who are we asking to be like?
2. How are we asking this?
3. What do we say we will forfeit?
4. What do we want to wear?
5. Verse 2: What are all the things we want to be “full of”?
6. What are all the things we want to be doing?
7. Verse 3: Being like Jesus – List all that makes us like Him:
8. What will we meekly do?
9. What are we willing to do?
10. With what result?
11. Verse 4: What are we doing in our quest to be like Him?
12. What are we asking Him to do?
13. Meet here is an adjective meaning fit; proper.

What are we asking God to do in our life?

1. What do we want to be fit for?
2. Chorus: What is our repeated desire?
3. How is the blessed Redeemer described?
4. How do we want Jesus to come in?
5. What do we want Him to do?

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Hymn Devotion – August 23

Scripture: Philippians 3:20-21

I John 4:16

Love divine, all loves excelling,   
Joy of Heav’n to earth come down;   
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;   
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,   
Pure unbounded love Thou art;   
Visit us with Thy salvation;   
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,   
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit;   
Let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;   
Alpha and Omega be;   
End of faith, as its beginning,   
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,   
Let us all Thy life receive;   
Suddenly return and never,   
Never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,   
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,   
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,   
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;   
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in Heav’n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

We have Jesus, in our hearts, we are perfectly restored from our state of being bent on sinning to being changed from glory into glory, and we will one day be in heaven – lost in wonder, love and praise of Jesus! Let’s start today – perfectly restored in Jesus.

1. What is the love of Jesus?
2. What is Jesus in heaven and what did He do?
3. What do we want fixed in us?
4. A definition of crown is finishing touch.

What is the crown here?

1. What all describes Jesus?
2. What do we want to be visited with?
3. How many hearts and what kind of hearts to be entered?
4. Verse 2: What are we asking to be breathed? Where?
5. What are we the “let us” lines?
6. A definition of bent is determination to do something.

What do we want taken away?

1. What is the Alpha and Omega?
2. What do we want our hearts set at?
3. Verse 3: What do we want the Almighty to do?
4. What do we want to receive?
5. What are we asking Him suddenly to do?
6. List the things that we would be doing:
7. Verse 4: What are we asking Him to finish?
8. How do we want to be?
9. How are we perfectly restored in Him?
10. Until what happens?
11. What will we be lost in?

MORE ABOUT JESUS

Hymn Devotion – August 24

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:2-4

I Chronicles 16:10

More about Jesus would I know,   
More of His grace to others show;   
More of His saving fullness see,   
More of His love who died for me.

Refrain

More, more about Jesus,  
More, more about Jesus;  
More of His saving fullness see,  
More of His love Who died for me.

More about Jesus let me learn,  
More of His holy will discern;  
Spirit of God, my teacher be,  
Showing the things of Christ to me.

Refrain

More about Jesus; in His Word,  
Holding communion with my Lord;  
Hearing His voice in every line,  
Making each faithful saying mine.

Refrain

More about Jesus; on His throne,  
Riches in glory all His own;  
More of His kingdom’s sure increase;  
More of His coming, Prince of Peace.

Refrain

Eliza Edmunds Hewitt (1851-1920)

The Bible, what a wonderfully fascinating book – it is ageless there is more to learn every time it is read if we listen to hear His voice in every line and then commit those faithful sayings to our hearts and make them ours for encouragement, strength, telling others of His grace, the fullness of His salvation and the love that kept Him on the tree to die for us – Seek to learn and be taught more about Jesus today!

1. Who do we want to know more about?
2. What do we want to show to others?
3. What do we want to see?
4. What is the more that kept Jesus on that tree to die for us?
5. Verse 2: What do we want to learn?
6. What do we want to be able to discern?
7. Who do we want to be our teacher?
8. What do we want to be shown?
9. Verse 3: Where do we learn more about Jesus?
10. When we read and pray what are we holding with the Lord?
11. What do we hear?
12. What are we to make our own?
13. Verse 4: Where is Jesus?
14. What are all His own?
15. What is sure to increase?
16. What do we want to learn more about?
17. How is He described?
18. Chorus: What are we asking for twice?
19. What do we want to see?
20. What did Jesus do for us?

ART THOU WEARY, ART THOU LANGUID?

August 25 – Hymn Devotion

Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

Art thou weary, art thou languid,   
Art thou sore distressed?  
“Come to Me,” saith One, “and coming,  
Be at rest.”

Hath He marks to lead me to Him,  
If He be my Guide?  
In His feet and hands are wound prints  
And His side.

Hath He diadem, as monarch,  
That His brow adorns?  
Yes, a crown in very surety,  
But of thorns.

If I find Him, if I follow,  
What His guerdon here?  
Many a sorrow, many a labor,  
Many a tear.

If I still hold closely to Him,  
What hath He at last?  
Sorrow vanquished, labor ended,  
Jordan passed.

If I ask Him to receive me,  
Will He say me nay?  
Not till earth and not till Heaven  
Pass away.

Finding, following, keeping, struggling,  
Is He sure to bless?  
Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs,  
Answer, Yes!

Stephen the Sebaite (743-794)

Translated by:

John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Many of the saints, apostles, and prophets of the Bible were martyrs – they knew Jesus’ Word was true and were willing to die for the eternal rest Jesus promised.

1. What are the three art thou items?

Languid is idle, apathetic.

1. What are we asked to do?
2. What will we be then?
3. Verse 2: What does He have to lead us to Him?
4. What will He be?
5. Where are the wounded prints?
6. Verse 3: A diadem is another word for crown.

How is Jesus described?

1. What is the likely hood of the crown?
2. What is the crown of?
3. Verse 4: If I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him, if I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. A definition of guerdon is reward.

What are the rewards listed here?

1. Verse 5: How should we hold Him?
2. What will He have at last for us?
3. Verse 6: What do we need to ask?
4. How long will He not say nay or no?
5. Verse7: What are the four things we need to do?
6. What is He sure to do?
7. Who all answered YES?