ALL MY HOPE OF GOD IS FOUNDED

Hymn Devotion - July 16

Scripture - Psalm 33:18-22

 Psalm 71:5

All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew,
Me through change and chance He guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone
Calls my heart to be His own.

Mortal pride and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray His trust;
Though with toil and care we build them,
Tower and temple fall to dust.
But God’s power, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God’s great goodness e’er endureth,
Deep His wisdom, passing thought:
Splendor, light and life attend Him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from His store
Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at His hand;
Joy doth wait on His command.

Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ, His Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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 (1844-1930)

 The highest praise, the most thanks to be given is for the gift of Christ His Son and it is Christ who calls us, one and all, no one excluded and those who heed the call will not fall. What a wonderful promise – Romans 5:5 – Hope in Christ will not disappoint us.

1. What on God is founded?
2. What does He still do?
3. What does He guide us through?
4. What is He only?
5. What is God?
6. What does He alone do?
7. Verse 2: What are the four things that betray our trust?
8. How are towers and temples built?
9. What happens to them?
10. What should be our temple and tower?
11. Verse 3: What endures forever?
12. What is deep?
13. What attend Him?
14. What comes out of naught (nothing)?
15. What happens evermore?
16. Verse 4: What happens daily?
17. What delights our souls?
18. What leads us?
19. Where does love stand?
20. What does joy wait for?
21. Verse 5: From where to where?
22. What is done?
23. What is the most important praise to be done?
24. Who does Christ call?
25. Who will not fall?

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Hymn Devotion-July 17

Scripture - Psalm 17:6-8.

 2 Corinthians 1:3, 5

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

 We should be very thankful we have God with His endless grace to hang our helpless souls on and He is a lover of our soul making and keeping us pure within.

1. How is Jesus described?
2. Where do we want to fly?
3. While what two things are happening?
4. How long do we ask to be hid?
5. Where do we want to be guided?
6. What do we want Him to do?
7. Verse 2: What other kind of refuge is there?
8. How is our soul described?
9. What are we asking not to happen?
10. What two things are we asking to be done?
11. What is stayed on Him?
12. Where do we get our help?
13. How is our head described?
14. How are we asking our head to be covered?
15. Verse 3: Who is all we want?
16. What do we find in Him?
17. List the four things Christ does:
18. What two things describe Christ’s name?
19. What do we confess we are?(list all of them)
20. What is Christ full of?
21. Verse 4: How is God’s grace described?
22. What is there enough grace to do?
23. What are we asking to abound?
24. How do we want to be made and kept?
25. What is He a fountain of?
26. How do we want to take of God?
27. How do we want God to be within our heart?
28. How long?

THERE’S A WIDENESS IN GOD’S MERCY

Hymn Devotion- July 18

Scripture - Psalm 100:3-5

 Luke 1:50

There’s wideness in God’s mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

 If our love, our compassion for God and others could just be simpler – we should, we would take Him at His word not try to analyze or figure out God. Then our lives would be all sunshine – not perfect or painless but our souls, our being would be lit with the sunshine, the light of Jesus’ love because we would have the sweetness, the kindness, the love of Jesus in our heart and soul.

1. What is there in God’s mercy?
2. What is this compared to?
3. What is there kindness in?
4. What is it more than?
5. Verse 2: How are sinners received?
6. What do the good get?
7. What is with the Savior?
8. What is in His blood?
9. Verse 3: What is broader?
10. Compared to what?
11. What is God called here?
12. What is it?
13. Verse 4: What should be simpler?
14. How should we take God?
15. What would our lives be?
16. How is our Lord described?

ROCK OF AGES

Hymn Devotion -July 19

Scripture - Psalm 62:5-8

 Psalm 18:2

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
[*originally* When my eye-strings break in death]
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Augustus Toplady (1740-1778)

 What an awesome God, He lets us, allows us to hide, take refuge in Him and if we allow Him, He will dress us the way we should be dressed to serve Him up to and through all eternity – be cleansed by the blood and hide yourself in the Rock of Ages today!

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1. How is God referred to here?
2. A definition of cleft is split or fissure.

 What has God provided?

1. What can we do in God?
2. What two things flowed from Jesus’ side?
3. What is cured?
4. What are we being saved from?
5. How do we want to be made?
6. Verse 2: What cannot fulfill the law’s demands?
7. A definition of respite is rest or relief

 What does not know any rest?

1. What is the “all” that for sin could not atone?
2. Who must save and who alone?
3. Verse 3: What can we bring in our hand?
4. What are we to cling to?
5. How do we come to God for “dress”?
6. How do we look to God for grace?
7. What describes our state?
8. Where do we “fly” to?
9. What do we ask to happen?
10. Verse 4: Synonyms of fleeting are temporary, passing, and short-lived.

 What describes our breath?

1. What then happen?
2. Where will we rise to?
3. What will we see?
4. Who is the Rock of Ages?
5. What has He given us?
6. What can we do there?

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Hymn Devotion- July 20

Scripture - I John 1:6-9.

 Matthew 7:25-26

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus’ Name.

Refrain

On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

Edward Mote (1791-1874)

 When He shall and He will come with trumpet sound – I Corinthians 15:52 – may we in Him be found. Dressed in righteousness and be able to stand faultless, forgiven, before the throne before God.

 On Christ the solid Rock I stand, Jesus is the rock we should build our life and hope on – Matthew 7:24-27 – because all other ground is sinking sand.

 If you have not already built your life on Jesus’ blood and righteousness –

Do it today!!

1. What are we building?
2. What is it built on?
3. A definition of frame is any kind of support system.

What do we dare not trust?

1. What are we to trust wholly on?
2. Verse 2: What sometimes happens?
3. What can we rest on?
4. What describes situations in life?
5. What holds?
6. Verse 3: List the “His” supports:
7. What do they do?
8. What does everything give way around?
9. What is He then?
10. Verse 4: How will He come?
11. What is our desire?
12. What do we want to be alone dressed in?
13. How do we want to stand before the throne?
14. The Chorus: How is Christ described?
15. What is all other ground?
16. What is sinking sand?