JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Hymn Devotion- July 21

Scripture - I Peter 1:18-19

 Romans 3:24

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
’Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which, at the mercy seat of God,
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me, e’en for my soul, was shed.

Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

Nicolaus von Zinzendorf (1700-1760)

Translated by John Wesley(1703-1791)

 He has paid the ransom, the price and has made full atonement – full relationship everyone Galatians 3:26-29 has been restored with God.

That is everyone who comes to Christ in repentance and faith.

 If we look at this hymn it is different, most hymns rhyme consistently this one does not. There are many more verses on the web that were not in the hymnals.

 The message is very clear that we are only absolved from sin and guilt through the precious blood of Jesus – If you are in need of redemption come to Christ today in faith – He is at the throne of God waiting for you!

1. What of Jesus is mentioned here?
2. What are these to us?
3. A definition of array set in order, arranged.

What has God arrayed?

1. How can we lift our head?
2. Verse 2: How will we be able to stand in God’s great day?
3. A definition of absolve is set free from blame or obligation.

List the four things we are absolved from:

1. Verse 3: What do we believe in?
2. Which is where?
3. What does it do for sinners?
4. How long?
5. What was the precious blood shed for?
6. Verse 3: What is the “I believe” statement talking about?
7. What is the count?
8. What has happened for all?
9. Atonement is reconciliation of God, to be made friendly with God again

 What has been made in full?

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

Hymn Devotion- July 22

Scripture - Ephesians 1:3-5

 Luke 7:34

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my Strength, my victory wins.

Refrain

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!
While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Refrain

Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night overtakes me,
He, my Pilot, hears my cry.

Refrain

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

J. Wilbur Chapman (1859-1918)

 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! What a great, remarkable Savior, Strength, Comfort and Pilot – Who will be with us to the end – Amen!

1. What is Jesus for sinners?
2. Who is lover of our soul?
3. What may do friends do?

 What do foes do?

1. What makes us whole?
2. Verse 2: What is Jesus?
3. What do we want to do?
4. What three things happen to us?
5. What does His strength do?
6. Verse 3: What is Jesus?
7. What may be happening?
8. What is breaking?
9. What is Jesus?
10. Verse 4: What is Jesus?
11. What three things are about etc?
12. What is Jesus?
13. Verse 5: What are we saying we will do now?
14. What do we find in Jesus?
15. What has He granted us?
16. What are we together?
17. Chorus: Hallelujah is a form of alleluia – Praise the Lord!

 What are we praising God as?

1. What does He do for us?
2. How long will He be with us?

YE SERVANTS OF GOD

Hymn Devotion- July 23

Scripture - Revelation 7:9-10.

 Psalm 103:21

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful Name;
The Name all victorious of Jesus extol,
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

 Let us adore, worship and give Him His right, what He deserves – All glory, power, wisdom and might, all honor and blessing with angels above. And give thanks that never ceases and infinite love, God’s love is infinite we too should show forth infinite love.

 This hymn has such a great statement and truth – God is ruler and almighty to save and yet He is still nigh – near to us and His presence we have, not only through the Holy Spirit is He ever present but His handiwork is present at all times too.

1. What are we as servants of God to do?
2. What is to be published abroad?
3. How is Jesus described?
4. How is His kingdom described?
5. What does it do?
6. Verse 2: Where does He rule?
7. What is He almighty to do?
8. Where is He still?
9. What do we have?
10. What shall the great congregation do?
11. A definition of ascribe is regard as belonging to.

 What is ascribed to Jesus our King?

1. Verse 3: What is the cry?
2. Who is the cry to honor?
3. What do the angels proclaim?
4. What do they do?
5. Verse 4: Who should adore Him?
6. List all the “right” we should give Him:
7. With whom?
8. What should be never ceasing?
9. How is love described?

O THOU IN ALL THY MIGHT SO FAR

Hymn Devotion- July 24

Scripture - John 14:9-10

 Job 26:14

O Thou, in all Thy might so far,
In all Thy love so near,
Beyond the range of sun and star,
And yet beside us here.

What heart can comprehend Thy Name,
Or, searching, find Thee out,
Who art within, a quickening Flame,
A Presence round about?

Yet though I know Thee but in part,
I ask not, Lord, for more;
Enough for me to know Thou art,
To love Thee and adore.

And dearer than all things I know
Is childlike faith to me,
That makes the darkest way I go
An open path to Thee.

Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

 There seems to be a contentment to know God in part and not ask for more from the Lord – just to know that He is, to love Him and adore.

 To know God even in just a childlike faith is dearer than everything else we know, to have this basic faith makes our lives, even our darkest way an open path to God.

 We all start with a basic, childlike faith and that is how it should be but we cannot be content for in the person of Jesus, John 14:6 we can come to a fuller understanding of God.

1. What is in God so far?
2. What is God in so near?
3. What is He beyond the range of?
4. Yet where is He?
5. Verse 2: What has trouble comprehending Jesus name?
6. What are we searching to do?
7. Where is God?
8. What is He as the Holy Spirit?
9. What is He?
10. Verse 3: How do we know Him?
11. What is the hymnist not asking for?
12. What is it enough to know?
13. What two other “to” things?
14. Verse 4: What is Jesus?
15. How should our faith be?
16. How can our way be?
17. How is the path to God described?

JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE

Hymn Devotion - July 25

Scripture - I Corinthians 2:1-5

 I Corinthians 13:12

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest Name,
O Savior of mankind!

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize will be;
Jesus be Thou our glory now,

And through eternity.

Attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)

Translated by Edward Caswall

(1814-1878)

 Our only joy is Jesus as He will be our prize. Jesus is our glory, our inner beauty, the power through His Name and the honor, now and through all eternity.

 Sweet or a form of sweet is mentioned 31 times in the Bible, mostly what is talked about is compared to honey – Psalm 119:103 for instance.

 If we do not seek, we will not find and understand the love of Jesus – How sweet the name of Jesus!

1. A definition of very is real, true

 What is very here?

1. What does that do?
2. What is sweeter far?
3. What to rest in?
4. Verse 2: List all the “nor” statements?
5. What can none of those things find?
6. What is the Savior of?
7. Verse 3: What is in every heart?
8. How is this heart described?
9. What is that of the meek?
10. How is God to those that fall?
11. Who is He good to?
12. Verse 4: However to those who do what?
13. What is the “nor” answers here?
14. What is it they cannot show?
15. Who are the only ones that know?
16. Verse 5: Who is our only joy?
17. Who will be our prize?
18. What will Jesus be now?
19. How l