GOD THE OMNIPOTENT!

Hymn Devotion- July 6

Scripture - Zechariah 9:9-10.

Revelation 19:6

God the omnipotent! King Who ordainest  
Thunder Thy clarion, the lightning Thy sword;   
Show forth Thy pity on high where Thou reignest,   
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the all merciful! Earth hath forsaken  
Meekness and mercy, and slighted Thy Word;   
Let not Thy wrath in its terrors awaken;   
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the all righteous One! Man hath defied Thee;   
Yet to eternity standeth Thy Word,   
Falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside Thee;   
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

So shall Thy people, with thankful devotion,   
Praise Him Who saved them from peril and sword,   
Singing in chorus from ocean to ocean,   
Peace to the nations, and praise to the Lord.

Henry Fothergill Chorley (1808-1872)

John Ellerton (1826-1893), stanzas 3-4

Help us, O Lord to have peace within, not to forsake humility or kindness and compassion for others or to dishonor Thee or not to show respect for your Word - but to always honor God with thankful devotion for all that He has brought us through.

1. A definition of omnipotent is having great or absolute power.

How is God described?

2. A definition of ordain is to appoint.

What does God as King do?

3. A definition of clarion is a shrill narrow-tubed war trumpet.

What are the thunder and lightning?

4. What are we asking God to show?

5. Where from?

6. Verse 2: How is God described?

7. What all has earth done?

8. What are we asking not to happen?

9. Verse 3: How is God described?

10. What has man done?

11. What will stand to eternity?

12. A definition of tarry is lingered, stay, and wait.

What does not stay by God?

13. Verse 4: How will God’s people respond?

14. What has He saved us from?

15. How far will the chorus reach?

16. What is the response at the end of the first three verses?

17. Who is the peace to in the last verse?

18. Who is the praise to?

O MY SOUL, BLESS GOD THE FATHER

Hymn Devotion- July 7

Scripture - Psalm 103:1-5.

O my soul, bless God the Father;

All within me bless His Name;

Bless the Father, and forget not

All His mercies to proclaim.

Who forgiveth thy transgressions,

Thy diseases all who heals;

Who redeems thee from destruction,

Who with the so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant,

He hath put away our sin;

Like the pity of a father

Hath the Lord’s compassion been.

As it was without beginning,

So it lasts without an end;

To their children’s children ever

Shall His righteousness extend:

Unto such as keep His covenant

And are steadfast in His way;

Unto those who still remember

His commandments, and obey.

Bless the Father, all His creatures,

Ever under His control;

All throughout His vast dominion

Bless the Father, O my soul.

United Presbyterian Book of Psalms, 1871

The construction of this hymn is what makes it interesting, how there are lists of things that we don’t know what is being talked about until the last sentence or the next verse.

We know that God can and should be blessed for all that He has done and will do for us and that we need to keep His covenant - the agreement between God and us - through Jesus and if we remember and obey His commandments - He will extend His righteousness to us forever!

1. What part of us is to bless, to give thanks?

2. Who are we to bless?

3. What portion of us should bless His Name?

4. In blessing the Father - What are we not to forget?

5. Verse 2: What does God forgive?

6. What does God heal?

7. What are we redeemed from?

8. How does God deal with us?

9. Verse 3: What is the distance mentioned here?

10. What has God done in that distance?

11. How is God’s pity described?

12. What does the Lord have?

13. Verse 4: What shall He extend? (Last line)

14. What did this not have?

15. What will it not have?

16. To whom will it be extended and how long?

17. Verse 5: What are the two requirements in the next statement?

18. What are the next two requirements?

19. Verse 6: Who are to bless the Father?

20. What are they ever under?

21. How is the area of His control described?

22. What is our soul to do?

O FOR A THOUNSAND TONGUES TO SING

Hymn Devotion – July 8

Scripture – Isaiah 35:4-6

Revelation 5:11

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and king,  
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
Tis music in the sinner’s ears,  
Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The wonderful name of Jesus brings

music to the sinner’s ears because

only He can save us from our sins.

Don’t be blind, deaf and dumb any

longer – Let Jesus into your heart –

today – take the leap of faith.

1. How many tongues?
2. What will the tongues do?
3. Who were the glories of?
4. What are the triumphs of?
5. Verse 2: How are the Master and my God described?
6. What are we asking assistance for?
7. Where are we to spread the honors of His name?
8. Verse 3: What does the name of Jesus do?
9. What is the Name of Jesus to the sinner’s ears?
10. What three things in the name of Jesus?
11. Verse 4: What does He break the power of?
12. Who is free?
13. Who can be clean?
14. What has His blood done?
15. Verse 5: What does He do – What do we do?
16. What happens?
17. What kind of hearts rejoice?
18. Who Believes?
19. Verse 6: Who are to hear Him?
20. Who are to praise Him?
21. What are we to employ?
22. What are the blind to do?
23. What are the lame to do?

O WORSHIP THE KING

Hymn Devotion – July 9

Scripture – Psalm 104:1-4

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;  
Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

Robert Grant (1779-1838)

God demands and deserves our worship and praise – He is our Shield, Defender, Ancient of Days, Our Maker, Redeemer and Friend. What more could we need?

His bountiful care cannot be told – it is in the air, the light, the streams in the hills, descends to the plain, and is sweetly distilled in the dew and the rain – covers almost everything!

We are frail children but we are strong in the fact we can trust the Lord and we know He will not fail – Tell of His might and sing of His grace – now and forevermore!

1. Who are we to worship?
2. Where?
3. What are our grateful songs to sing on?
4. How is God described?
5. A Pavilion is an open building.

How is He pavilioned?

Girded?

1. Verse 2: What are we to tell?

What are we to sing?

1. What is His robe and canopy?
2. What forms deep thunderclouds?
3. When is His path dark?
4. Verse 3: What does the earth store?
5. When was the power of God founded?
6. How was His power established?
7. How was it cast?
8. Verse 4: What can no tongue recite?
9. What all does “it” do?
10. Verse 5: How are we described?
11. What do we do in God?
12. What do we find Him not to do?
13. How are mercies described?
14. How is God described?

I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY

Hymn Devotion – July 10

Scripture – Revelation 15:3

Psalm 89:1

I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me.  
How He left His home in glory  
For the cross of Calvary.

*Refrain*

*Yes, I’ll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.*

I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Threw His loving arms around me,  
Drew me back into His way.

*Refrain*

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me,  
Faint was I from many a fall,  
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me,  
But He freed me from them all.

*Refrain*

Days of darkness still come o’er me,  
Sorrow’s path I often tread,  
But the Savior still is with me;  
By His hand I’m safely led.

*Refrain*

He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet;  
Then He’ll bear me safely over,  
Where the loved ones I shall meet.

*Refrain*

Francis Harold Rowley

We must acknowledge that we are lost, bruised, blind, and fearful to be healed. We will still have dark days but also realize that He will safely lead us over to the other side to be with Him.

1. How is the story described?

2. Who died for us?

3. Where did He leave?

4. What was His ultimate destination?

5. Verse 2: Who finds us when we are lost?

6. How are the lost ones described?

7. What did He do first?

8. Then what happened?

9. Verse 3: List all that possessed us:

10. What were the two things Jesus did?

10. Verse 4: What still happens?

11. What are the paths we tread often like?

12. Does God stick with us?

13. How are we led?

14. Verse 5: What will He do?

15. Until when?

16. What will He do then?

17. Who will we meet – besides Jesus face to face?

18. The Chorus: What are we confirming?

19. Who are we singing of?

20. Who are we singing it with?

21. Where are they gathered?