ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Hymn Devotion - June 6

Scripture - 2 Timothy 2:3-7

 2 Chronicles 20:15

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see His banners go!

Refrain

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.*

Like a mighty army

Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading

Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,

All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,

One in charity.

*Refrain*

Crowns and thrones may perish,

kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus

Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never

‘Gainst that church prevail;
We have Christ’s own promise,

And that cannot fail.

*Refrain*

Onward then, ye people,

Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices

In the triumph song.
Glory, laud and honor

Unto Christ the King,
This through countless ages

Men and angels sing.

*Refrain*

Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

 Everything in this world is temporary but the Church of Jesus will always remain - When the Church was young and the Sanhedrin was trying to stop it Gamaliel gave them advise in Acts 5:38-39 - The church is still here - what a comfort to know that we are part of the eternal kingdom of Jesus. Onward and upward!

1. One definition of Onward is forward. Where are the soldiers going?

2. How are the soldiers described?

3. How are we to march as?

4. What is going on before?

5. How is Christ described?

6. Who is He leading against?

7. Where are we going?

8. What are we to see?

9. Verse 2: How does the Church of God move?

10. A definition of tread and trod are the same walk on. Who has trod where we are treading?

11. What cannot we be?

12. What are we all of?

13. What are the three things we are all one in?

14. Verse 3: What may perish?

15. What do kingdoms do?

16. What will remain?

17. What will never prevail against the Church?

18. What do we have?

 What will that not do?

19. Verse 4: Who are the people urged to join?

20. What are we to blend our voices in?

21. A definition - of glory is adoring praise and thanksgiving - of laud is a hymn of praise - of honor is high respect, glory; credit; reputation; good name. What are the three things in the triumph song?

22. Who is the song to be sung to?

23. How long is the song to be sung?

 By whom?

24. The Chorus: Who are the soldiers?

25. What is the war?

26. What are we to keep our eyes on as it goes before us?

CHANNELS ONLY

Hymn Devotion - June 7

Scripture - 2 Timothy 2:20-21.

 2 Corinthians 5:20

How I praise Thee, precious Savior,
That Thy love laid hold of me;
Thou hast saved and cleansed and filled me
That I might Thy channel be.

*Refrain*

 *Channels only, blessèd Master,
 But with all Thy wondrous power
 Flowing through us, Thou canst use us
 Every day and every hour.*

 Emptied that Thou shouldest fill me,
A clean vessel in Thy hand;
With no power but as Thou givest
Graciously with each command.

*Refrain*

Witnessing Thy power to save me,
Setting free from self and sin;
Thou who boughtest to possess me,
In Thy fullness, Lord, come in.

*Refrain*

Jesus, fill now with Thy Spirit
Hearts that full surrender know;
That the streams of living water
From our inner self may flow.

*Refrain*

Mary E. Maxwell (1837-1915

 We must be empty of ourselves - letting Him save, cleanse and fill us with His Holy Spirit so that we can be used by Him as a channel everyday and every hour. Are we ready to be a clean vessel in His hands and rely on Him for the power to be free from ourselves and from sin? He bought us with His life - bid Him today to come in all His fullness in our hearts so we can be a vital channel of His saving grace and power.

1. What do we do?

2. How is the Savior described?

3. What has laid hold of us?

4. What three things has He done?

5. Why has He done all of this?

6. Verse 2: Why must we be emptied?

7. What will we be in His hand?

8. What will we have only because He gives it?

9. How do we receive it?

10. Verse 3: What have we witnessed in our own lives?

11. What are we free from?

12. What gives Jesus the right to possess us?

13. How do we want the Lord to come in?

14. Verse 4: What are we asking to be filled with?

15. What does our heart have to be in?

16. What will flow?

17. Where from?

18. The Chorus: What are we only for the blessed Master?

19. What is flowing through us?

20. When can we be used?

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Hymn Devotion - June 8

Scripture - Acts 1:8

 Psalm 66:16

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know ’tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

*I love to tell the story, ’twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; ’tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God’s own holy Word.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
’Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

Arabella Catherine Hankey (1834-1911)

 None or our golden fancies are more important than the story of Jesus, His love, salvation - from His own holy Word.

 We don’t need to be eloquent or wonderful in our telling, just to tell what the story has done for us is sufficient!

1. What is the story of?

2. List the two of Jesus phrases:

3. Why should we love to tell the story?

4. Longings are needs and desires. What are some of the longings you have to know Jesus?

5. Verse 2: What is the story more wonderful than:

6. What is the best reason we should want to tell the story?

7. Verse 3: What makes the telling of the story easy?

8. What does the story become every time we tell it?

9. What is the reason to tell the story?

10. What is the message?

 Where does it come from?

11. Verse 4: Who seems to be hungering and thirsting for the story too?

12. What will the new, new song be in Glory?

13. The Chorus: A definition of theme is a subject or topic on which a person speaks, writes or thinks - a synonym of glory is worship -

 What will be our theme in glory - our subject in worship?

14. What is a major part of the story?

STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

Hymn Devotion - June 9

Scripture - Ephesians 6:10-14

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,

Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,

It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory

His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,

The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict,

In this His glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,

And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,

Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,

Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor,

Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,

Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,

The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,

The next the victor’s song.
To him who overcometh,

A crown of life shall be;
They with the King of Glory

Shall reign eternally.

George Duffield, Jr. (1818-1888)

 As we put on the Gospel armor - pray - for today the battle rages but tomorrow the victory - life is short - we don’t know how short so don’t get lost in the battle but look toward the victory!

1. To stand up for is to support, defend, side with, uphold etc.

 Who are we saying to stand up for?

2. What are we soldiers of?

3. With the banner lifted high what must it not suffer?

4. What happens when Christ leads?

5. What are the victories listed in the last two lines?

6. Verse 2: What are we saying to do for Jesus?

7. What are we to obey?

8. What is the descriptive word for the conflict?

9. How is His day described?

10. Those that serve Him are against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Let \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rise with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ oppose.

11. Verse 3: What can we stand alone in?

12. What will fail us?

 What do we dare not to trust?

13. What are we to put on?

14. What with?

15. Where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calls or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 What should not be there?

16. Verse 4: What will not be long?

17. What is this day?

 The next?

18. What do we have to do to get the crown of life?

19. With whom will we reign eternal?

BE THOU MY VISION

Hymn Devotion - June 10

Scripture - Psalm 16:2, 6-6, 11.

 Numbers 12:6

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish hymn (eighth century)

Translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne

 (1880-1931)

Versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935)

 Here there is quite a list of names or titles for God and what He is to us - our vision, thought, light, wisdom, true Word, great Father, inheritance, treasure, High King of Heaven, heaven’s joy, heaven’s sun and Ruler of all!

 We need to work putting God first, nothing else is more important, especially not riches or man’s praise. Our vision, our goal is Him and Him only first in our hearts and no matter what happens keep our eyes, our vision, our focus on Him and we will have the victory and be in heaven with the High King, the Ruler of all - forever!

1. The idea of vision here is not only focus on God but what we strive for - a goal.

 What do we want the Lord to be?

2. Naught - nothing.

 This is saying - There is nothing else important to me except what thou - You O Lord are to me.

 What should be most important in our lives?

3. What is God to us?

 List when:

4. What is His presence?

5. Verse 2: What are we asking Him to be?

6. Who will be ever together?

7. What is the relationship?

8. How do we become one with the Lord?

9. Verse 3: What two things should we heed not?

10. What is Jesus now and always?

11. Who are we saying is first in our hearts?

12. What is the High King heaven to us?

13. Verse 4: Who won our victory?

14. What is the goal to reach?

15. Whatever happens in our heart of hearts what do we want the Ruler of all to still be?