AH, HOLY JESUS

After Hymn Devotion - March 1

Scripture – Isaiah 53:3-4

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended,
That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee.
’Twas I, Lord, Jesus, I it was denied Thee!
I crucified Thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For man’s atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was Thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life’s oblation;
Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,
Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.

Johann Heermann (1585-1647)

Translated by Robert Seymour Bridges

 (1844-1930)

 It would cause one to think on the life of Jesus, he was sent here to be atonement for our sins and people had to hate him, His own people turned against Him. All in the plan to fulfill prophesy of the crucifixion and then the resurrection to remove sin so we can have salvation, a relationship with God.

1. Ah is expressing sudden surprise, pleasure etc. The first lines are a question – How was Jesus judged?

2. Deride is to mock - His foes mocked Him - What did His own do?

3. What did that make Jesus?

4. Verse 2: The first two lines are questions - What is the answer?

5. What did that do to Jesus?

6. What are the two things that “I” did?

7. Verse 3: What will a good Shepherd do?

8. Who sinned? Who suffered?

9. He suffered for man’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while He said nothing.

10. What did God do?

11. Verse 4: List “For me Thy statements:

12. What was all that for?

13. Verse 5: We cannot do what?

14. I do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Thee and will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pray (to) Thee.

15. What should we think on?

16. I do not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all of this.

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME

Hymn Devotion - March 2

Scripture – Revelation 19:11-13

 Philippians 2: 9-11

All hail the power of Jesus’ name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all;

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all!

O that, with yonder sacred throng,

We at His feet may fall,
Join in the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all,
Join in the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Edward Perronet (1726-1792)

Altered by John Rippon (1751-1836)

 When we crown Him Lord of everything in our lives we too will join with the angels praising Him even before we leave this earth. Upon rapture or dying we join the thong at Jesus’ feet singing the everlasting song.

1. Hail is to honor, praise or glorify etc. Who are to praise Jesus’ name?

2. Prostrate is to lay face down. What do angels do?

3. Diadem is a crown or wreath. What is to be brought forth?

4. Who is to be crowned?

5. Verse 2: Who is the “chosen seed” of Israel‘s race?

6. Fall here being sin. How were we ransomed from the fall?

7. He saves us by His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. What is He to be crowned?

9. Verse 3: Let whom?

10. Terrestrial ball is earth. What is everyone to do?

11. Verse 4: Who is the Yonder sacred throng?

12. What are we to do?

13. We’ll join what?

ACCORDING TO THY GRACIOUS WORD

Hymn Devotion - March 3

Scripture – Luke 22:17-20

According to Thy gracious word,
In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember Thee.

Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from Heaven shall be;
The testamental cup I take,
And thus remember Thee.

Remember Thee, and all Thy pains
And all Thy love to me;
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
Will I remember Thee.

And when these failing lips grow dumb
And mind and memory flee,
When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

 This is a very vivid hymn of Communion, by taking the bread and the cup we remember the Lord, His suffering and His love. Until our days are over then through His love and infinite grace He will remember us.

Praise the Lord!

1. According to what?

2. How are we to be?

3. What should we do because Jesus died for us?

4. Verse 2: What happened to His body?

5. What is His broken body?

6. Testamental could mean giving testimony to the shed blood. When we take the cup what are we doing?

7. What are we to remember about Jesus?

8. Verse 3: What two things are mentioned that we are to remember about Jesus?

9. While what two things remain?

10. What will we do?

11. Verse 4: When what grows dumb?

12. What two things flee?

13. When is it that we want the Lord to remember us?

JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE

Hymn Devotion - March 4

Scripture – Psalm 63:1-4

 Matthew 13:44

Jesus, priceless treasure,
Source of purest pleasure,
Truest friend to me.
Long my heart hath panted,

Till it well-nigh fainted,

Thirsting after Thee.

Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee,
Naught I ask beside Thee.

In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Every heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

Hence, all thought of sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within;
Yea, whatever we here must bear,
Still in Thee lies purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Johann Franck (1618-1677)

Translated by Catherine Winkworth

 (1827-18780

 We think if only I was this or had that I would be happy. Happiness or pleasure is not in being or acquiring but in having a relationship with Jesus. He is THE priceless treasure of our lives for all eternity.

1. What kind of treasure is Jesus?

2. What kind of pleasure does Jesus give?

3. What kind of a friend is Jesus?

4. What are the things that happened in thirsting after Jesus?

5. In your own words – suffer = allow, naught = nothing. What is the “I will” sentence saying?

6. Verse 2: Where can we rest?

7. Who cannot reach us?

8. God takes away our fear even when what four things are happening?

9. Who will not fail us even though the heaviest storms of sin and hell attack us?

10. Verse 3: Why from now on can we forget all thoughts of sadness?

11. If we love whom?

12. What can we have within even though storms gather?

13. Is there anything Jesus cannot handle?

14. What lies in Jesus?

15. Because Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

BEFORE JEHOVAH’S AWFUL THRONE

Hymn Devotion - March 5

Scripture - Psalm 100:1-4

Before Jehovah’s awful throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone;
He can create, and He destroy,
He can create, and He destroy.

We are His people, we His care,
Our souls, and all our mortal frame;
What lasting honors shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to Thy Name,
Almighty Maker, to Thy Name?

We’ll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs,
High as the heavens our voices raise;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise,
Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is Thy command,
Vast as eternity Thy love;
Firm as a rock Thy truth must stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move,
When rolling years shall cease to move.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

 What pure joy it is here on earth to raise our voices in thanksgiving to God, maker and sustainer of our lives. When we realize that God has command not only of all the earth but of the universe as well and His love will last through all eternity. We can only be in awe as we sing praises to our God and King!!

1. Jehovah being the Hebrew word for God and awful in poetical terms inspiring awe. What is the description of the throne?

2. Sacred being holy or pure. What could be said of how the nations bow before the Lord with?

3. Understanding that the Lord is God alone - the only God - What can He do?

4. Verse 2: Who are we?

5. What all is in His care?

6. What shall we raise to the Almighty Maker’s name?

7. Verse 3: What will we crown His gates with?

8. Where will our voices raise?

9. What will earth’s ten thousand tongues do?

10. Verse 4: How big is God’s command?

11. How vast is His love?

12. How firm must His truth stand?

13. When time is no more what will happen?