CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Hymn Devotion - May 16

Scripture - Revelation 19:11-13.

Crown Him with many crowns,

The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns

All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing

Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King

Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,

Who triumphed o’er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife

For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,

Who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring,

And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,

Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,

And all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,

And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend

Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love,

Behold His hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible above,

In beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!

For Thou has died for me;   
Thy praise and glory shall not fail

Throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

He is the Lord of love - just look at His hands and side, the wounds are visible even in heaven - although they are now in the beauty of heaven glorified. All praise, Redeemer, praise for you have died for us - your praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

1. A definition of crown is the power or authority residing in the monarchy or king.

What is Christ crowned with?

2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upon His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. A definition of hark is to listen attentively. What does the heavenly anthem do?

4. What two things are our souls to do?

5. Sing of what?

6. A synonym of hail is praise. What are we to hail Him as?

7. How long?

8. Verse 2: What are we to Crown Him as?

9. What did He do?

10. A definition of strife is conflict - struggle between opposed persons or things. What is the strife, struggle Christ was victorious in?

11. Who did he rise victorious for?

12. We sing His glories because: He \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What did His death do?

He lives - What did that do to death?

13. Verse 3: What are we to Crown Him as?

14. A scepter is a symbol of sovereignty - all-powerful.

Where does His scepter sway?

Why?

15. What will all be?

16. What shall His reign know?

17. Round His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ extend their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ever\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

18. Verse 4: What are we to Crown Him?

19. What are we to behold?

20. Where are these wounds still visible?

21. How are the wounds now glorified?

22. Why are we to hail or praise our Redeemer?

23. How long will His praise and glory not fail?

SPIRIT OF GOD DESCEND UPON MY HEART

Hymn Devotion-May 17

Scripture - Galatians 5:22-25

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art;  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No angel visitant, no opening skies;  
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?  
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.  
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The kindling of the heaven descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

George Croly (1780-1860)

May our hearts and souls be kindled by the fire of Holy Spirit and learn the lessons we need, even without miracles and to love the Lord with all our heart, soul and strength - Deuteronomy 6:5,6.

1. Who are we asking to descend on our hearts?

2. What do we want our hearts weaned from?

3. Where does the Spirit of God move?

4. As mighty as God is where do we want Him to stoop?

5. A definition of make is cause or compel.

What are we asking the Spirit of God to make us do?

6. Verse 2: What are we not asking for:

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

7. What do we want to happen?

8. Verse 3: What does our God and King bid us to do?

9. What is God bidding all His own to love Him with?

10. What do we say we see?

11. Where are we asking God to teach?

12. Definitions of let are permission, challenge and allow. What are we asking permission to do?

13. What are we asking to be allowed to do?

14. Verse 4: What are we asking to be taught and check?

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

15. Verse 5: How are we asking to be taught to love?

16. How do we want to fill our whole being?

17. Kindling is the small sticks for lighting fires. What is the kindling for our hearts?

What is the Dove a symbol of? (John 1: 32)

18. What is our hearts?

19. What is the flame?

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

Hymn Devotion-May 18

Scripture - Romans 8:5-6.

Acts 2:2-3

Come down, O love divine,

Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near,

Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,

Til earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light

Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,

With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,

Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

Bianco da Siena (?-1434)

Translated by Richard F. Littledale (1833-1890)

Even with the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, it is safe to say that we have not “tapped” into the full ardor, the full energy that the Holy Spirit possesses, the fire, the enthusiasm, on this side of heaven will only be a yearning, a longing of our souls that is beyond human telling and understanding. Life is a journey not a destination to know the Holy Spirit at all we must invite Jesus into our heart and soul so that we will receive the Holy Spirit - although we may never know the full extent of the ardor of the Holy Spirit we will not want to miss out on the relationship we can have with Christ through the Holy Spirit, our guide and the light of our path that we have through the Bible.

Invite Jesus into your heart today and if you already know Jesus as your Savior and have the Holy Spirit dwelling in you - rekindle the desire to know Him better and to make use of the fire and enthusiasm of the Holy Spirit that dwells within you.

1. What are we asking to come down?

2. A definition of seek is to make a search or inquiry for.

What do we want done to our soul?

3. What do we want our soul visited with?

4. What name is used for the Holy Spirit?

What do we want it to do?

5. Where do we want it to appear?

6. To kindle is to set on fire - excite. A synonym of bestow is give.

What are we asking in the last line of verse 1?

7. Verse 2: What do we want this fire to do?

8. Until what happens? (Both lines)

9. How is the light described?

10. Where do we want this light to shine?

11. A definition of clothe is to cover as with clothes or a cloth.

What are we asking the Holy Spirit to do?

What then to illumine or light?

12. Verse 3: What is the degree of our soul’s yearning?

13. With which the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

14. What will this yearning and longing far outpass?

15. What can none guess?

16. Until he (the heart, the soul) becomes the place - That what happens?

COME, GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE

Hymn Devotion - May 19

Scripture - John 14:15-18.

Luke 3:22

Come, gracious Spirit, heav’nly Dove,  
With light and comfort from above;  
Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide,  
O’er every thought and step preside,  
O’er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,  
And make us know and choose Thy way;  
Plant holy fear in every heart,  
That we from God may ne’er depart,  
That we from God may ne’er depart.

Lead us to holiness, the road  
Which we must take to dwell with God;  
Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
Nor let us from His pastures stray,  
Nor let us from His pastures stray.

Lead us to God, our final rest,  
To be with Him forever blest;  
Lead us to Heav’n, its bliss to share,  
Fullness of joy forever there,  
Fullness of joy forever there.

Simon Browne (1680-1732)

There are a lot of things we are asking to be done through the gracious Spirit, the Heavenly Dove - the Holy Spirit - none of which He cannot do if we allow Him to guide our every thought and step on the road to holiness to dwell with God, through Christ the living way. This road will lead us to our final destination with God in heaven where we will obtain complete holiness and be forever blessed, sharing the bliss of heaven with angels and other saved Christians finding the fullness of joy there forever

1. Who are we inviting to come?

2. What will it come with?

From where?

3. What are we asking it to be?

4. What are we asking it to preside over?

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

6. What are we asking to make us know and choose?

7. What is asked to be planted in every heart?

8. From whom that we may never depart?

9. Verse 3: Lead us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the road that we must take to do what?

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

11. Where are we asking not to be allowed to do?

12. Verse 4: Lead us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

13. What will we be with Him?

14. Where are we asking to be lead?

15. What will we share?

16. What will we find there?

COME, HOLY GHOST, OUR HEARTS INSPIRE

Hymn Devotion- May 20

Scripture - I Corinthians 2:9-10.

Acts 28:25

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,  
Let us Thine influence prove:  
Source of the old prophetic fire,  
Fountain of life and love.

Come, Holy Ghost, for moved by Thee  
The prophets wrote and spoke;  
Unlock the truth, Thyself the key,  
Unseal the sacred book.

Expand Thy wings, celestial Dove,  
Brood o’er our nature’s night;  
On our disordered spirits move,  
And let there now be light.

God, through Himself, we then shall know  
If Thou within us shine,  
And sound with all Thy saints below,  
The depths of love divine.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Just think to have the Holy Spirit in our hearts, the same Spirit that was the source of prophetic fire of old, that moved the prophets to speak and write, the key that unlocked the truth and unsealed the sacred book to them and to us can be in us! Even with the dark nature that is in us and the confusion that we often have - we can have this fountain of life and love - God through Himself can shine through us and we then will worship and praise the immeasurable depth of love divine of the Holy Spirit!

1. Who are we inviting to come into our hearts?

To do what to our heart?

2. What should the Holy Spirit have over us to prove?

3. What is the Holy Spirit a constant source and fountain of?

4. Verse 2: Who were the prophets moved by?

5. What did they do when moved?

6. What are the two things the Holy Spirit is the key to?

7. Verse 3: What are we asking the celestial, divine Dove to do?

8. A definition of brood is to ponder or think on. What do we want the Holy Spirit to ponder about?

9. What to move on?

10. What do we want in our life?

11. Verse 4: God through whom?

12. What will we know?

13. What shall we make with His saints below?

14. What will we explore?