COME, HOLY SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE

Hymn Devotion- May 26

Scripture - Acts 2:2-4.

 Romans 5:5

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quick’ning powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

Look how we grovel here below,
Fond of these trifling toys;
Our souls can neither fly nor go
To reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs,
In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues,
And our devotion dies.

Dear Lord! and shall we ever live
At this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee,
And Thine to us so great?

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quick’ning powers;
Come, shed abroad the Savior’s love
And that shall kindle ours.

 Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

 What today is keeping our hearts and souls distant, cold to the great love that Christ has for us? We need to examine our lives and keep the devotion for God alive, not let trifling, earthly toys and joys keep us away from the eternal joys that the Holy Spirit has for us in His quickening powers, let those powers kindle a flame of sacred love that will radiate from our hearts and souls.

1. Who are we inviting to come?

2. What kind of powers?

3. What kind of flame?

4. How are our hearts described?

5. A synonym of grovel is crawl. How is our behavior described?

6. A definition of trifling is unimportant. What are we fond of?

7. What can our souls not do?

8. What are we reaching for?

9. Verse 3: What two things do we do in vain?

10. A definition of languish is lose or lack vitality. What happens to our hosannas?

11. What dies?

12. Verse 4: What shall we ever do?

13. How is our soul described?

14. How is our love for God described here?

15. How is God’s love toward us?

14. Verse 5: What request is repeated?

15. A definition of quicken is to give life to; stimulate.

 How can the Holy Spirit quicken us?

16. What do we ask to be shed abroad (radiate everywhere)?

17. Then hopefully what will happen?

O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

Hymn Devotion- May 27

Scripture - James 4:7-10.

 Revelation 3:4

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew,
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul refreshing view
Of Jesus and His Word?

Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn
And drove Thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,

Whate’er that idol be
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,
And worship only Thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

 Relationships change, a marriage relationship grows and changes when we are first in love it is exciting and especially if we are young it is full of energy and expectations as the years go by the relationship becomes more of friendship and companionship. Our walk with the Lord is the same, it grows, changes hopefully for the better, deeper, stronger as we continue to seek the soul refreshing view of Jesus

through His Word.

1. What do we want with God?

2. A definition of frame is temporary state.

 What is the frame or state of our walk?

3. What do we need for our road?

4. Where does the road lead?

5. Verse 2: What was known?

6. What was the event?

7. What is lost?

8. Who and what have we lost sight of?

9. Verse 3: What do we want to return?

10. How is the Holy Spirit described?

11. What should be hated?

12. What happens when we sin?

13. Verse 4: What kind of idol?

14. What do we have to identify?

15. What has to happen to that idol?

16. What needs to be restored?

17. Verse 5: What will happen?

18. What is our frame?

19. How will the light be?

20. Where are we lead?

HOLY GHOST, WITH LIGHT DIVINE

Hymn Devotion - May 28

Scripture - Romans 8:12-14.

 Joel 2:28

Holy Ghost, with light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn my darkness into day.

Holy Ghost, with power divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
Long has sin, without control,
Held dominion o’er my soul.

Holy Ghost, with joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Bid my many woes depart,
Heal my wounded, bleeding heart.

Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down every idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

 Andrew Reed (1787-1862)

 We are acknowledging an all divine Spirit, inviting it to dwell, to live in our hearts, casting down the thrones of idols so that the Holy Spirit will be the only one reigning in our hearts.

 When we acknowledge the sin in our heart and invite the light of the Holy Spirit, with power and joy - all divine, all holy, to dwell within our hearts, the darkness will turn to day and He will reign supreme, the only one to reign in our hearts. Don’t miss out on the cheer, a soul free from woes, a healed heart, one lead and guided by the light of the Holy Spirit.

1. What does the Holy Ghost have?

2. What do we want this to do to our heart?

3. What do we want chased away?

4. What do we want turned?

5. Verse 2: What does the Holy Ghost have here?

6. What do we request here?

7. What is out of control?

8. What has been held over our soul?

9. Verse 3: What is divine?

10. What is requested?

11. What do we bid?

12. How is our heart described?

13. Verse 4: What is declared about the Holy Spirit?

14. What do we want the Holy Spirit to do?

15. What do we want cast down?

16. What do we want the Holy Spirit to do?

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Hymn Devotion - May 29

Scripture - Revelation 4:8-11.

 Isaiah 6:3

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

 Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

 The Lord God Almighty - maker of heaven and earth, the One that was, is and shall be for evermore - enthroned in heaven with the saints casting down their crowns, around the glassy sea, the sea that surrounds the very throne of God and angels falling down before Him.

 What a sight to behold - we will be part of that sight if we put our trust in the most Holy God - The Lord God Almighty!

1. Who is declared Holy?

2. When shall our song rise to Thee?

3. How is the Holy One described?

4. What does God in three Persons describe?

5. Verse 2: Who will adore God?

6. What are cast down?

 Where?

7. Who are falling down before Thee?

8. Wert is the 2nd singular past of Be - Art is the 2nd singular present of be - Which was and is and evermore shall be.

 When will God cease to be?

9. Verse 3: What might hide God?

10. Whose eye may not see?

11. What may not be seen?

12. Who is the only holy one?

13. What is He perfect in?

14. Verse 4: How is the Lord God Almighty declared?

15. Who shall praise Thy name?

16. Where?

17. How is the mercy and might of God described?

18. What describes the blessed Trinity?

CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING

Hymn Devotion -May 30

Scripture - Romans 1:16-17.

 Acts 10:35

Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring,

With loving zeal,
The poor and them that mourn,

The faint and overborne,
Sin sick and sorrow worn,

Whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring,

With fervent prayer;
The wayward and the lost,

By restless passions tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost,

From dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring,

With one accord;
With us the work to share,

With us reproach to dare,
With us the cross to bear,

For Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring,

With joyful song;
The newborn souls, whose days,

Reclaimed from error’s ways,
Inspired with hope and praise,

To Christ belong.

 Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

 This hymn covers the realm of human despair, from being poor, sin sick etc then being newborn in Christ, reclaimed from error’s or sinful ways, belonging to Christ we are inspired with hope and praise. What a blessing, belonging to Christ.

1. Who for the world we sing?

2. Who do we bring to Christ?

3. What with?

4. List all the For Christ to heal:

5. Verse 2: Christ for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we sing.

6. What to the world we bring?

7. What with?

8. List all from dark despair:

9. Verse 3: For whom do we sing?

10. Who do we bring to Christ?

11. What with?

12. What all with us?

13. For whom?

14. Verse 4: Write the first two lines:

15. What with?

16. What is said about the newborn souls?

17. To whom do they belong?

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

Hymn Devotion- May 31

Scripture - I Thessalonians 5:14-18.

 Leviticus 19:2

Take time to be holy,

Speak oft with thy Lord;

Abide in Him always,

And feed on His Word.

Make friends of God’s children;

Help those who are weak;

Forgetting in nothing

His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy,

The world rushes on;

Much time spend in secret

With Jesus alone;

By looking to Jesus,

Like Him thou shalt be;

Thy friends in thy conduct

His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy,

Let Him be thy guide,

And run before Him

Whatever betide;

In joy or in sorrow

Still follow the Lord,

And, looking to Jesus,

Still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy,

Be calm in thy soul;

Each thought and each motive

Beneath His control;

Thus led by His Spirit

To fountains of love,

Thou soon shalt be fitted

For service above.

William Dunn Longstaff (1822-1894)

 We are not born believers but with time, guidance from the scriptures and the Holy Spirit we will be “fitted” for service in the eternal kingdom, that starts now here on earth. TAKE TIME!

1. Ways to be holy also take time: Name five - then how to fulfill these activities:

 A.

B.

 C.

 D.

 E.

2. What is the phrase that tells us we should have Jesus in all areas of our lives?

3. What are some ways we “Seek His blessing”?

4. Verse 2: What is one good reason to take time?

5. IF we take time in secret with Jesus alone and look to Jesus - What will happen?

6. If we are like Him in this world who will notice and what will they see?

7. Verse 3: Who should be our guide? Not doing what?

8. What should we do whatever happens - joy or sorrow?

9. What two things should we do while following the Lord?

10. Verse 4: With a calm soul name the things that will follow?

11. Where will we be lead by the His Spirit?

12. If we are “fitted” for something, means to be tailored, made or equipped for what?