TRUST AND OBEY

October 11 – Hymn Devotion

Scripture – I John 5:1-3

Psalm 84:11-12

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there’s no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Refrain

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

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But we never can prove the delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.

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Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.  
Or we’ll walk by His side in the way.  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Refrain

John H. Sammis (1846-1919)

There is an order to our Christian faith – First we must love the Lord – then trust Him and obedience will follow out of the love we have for Him.

The delights of His love will never be proven to us unless we put our all – give our life over completely to Him – on the altar – “sacrifice” our life to Him. Because the favor He shows and the joy He bestows – Are for them who will trust and obey.

1. How do we walk with the Lord?
2. What does He shed on our way?
3. What are we doing?
4. What does He do?
5. And with all – Who do what?
6. Verse 2: List what will not happen:
7. What drives these quickly away?
8. What things cannot abide?
9. While we are doing what?
10. Verse 3: List the “Not a” statements”:
11. What does He richly repay?
12. List the “Not a” and “Nor a” statements:
13. How are these things blest?
14. Verse 4: What can we never prove?
15. Until when?
16. What are the things He “shows” and “bestows”?
17. Who are they for?
18. Verse 5: What two things do we do in fellowship sweet?
19. What will we do?
20. Where will we go?
21. What will we never do?
22. What will we only do?
23. The chorus: What is the only way to be happy in Jesus?

JESUS CALLS US

Hymn Devotion-October 12

Scripture – Matthew 4:18-20

Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult

Of our life’s wild, restless sea;

Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,

Saying, “Christian, follow Me.”

Jesus calls us from the worship

Of the vain world’s golden store,

From each idol that would keep us,

Saying, “Christian, love Me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows,

Days of toil and hours of ease,

Still He calls in cares and pleasures,

“Christian, love Me more than these.”

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,

Savior, may we hear Thy call,

Give our hearts to Thine obedience,

Serve and love Thee best of all.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

The call of Jesus – the invitation to follow Him comes usually when we most expect it – during the worst of times in our lives – the tumult – we have to be tuned in to hear as we live our lives – we are first are asked to follow Christ – then to love Him more than the idols that keep us from Him, to love Him more than the joys and sorrows in our lives – our work and to put Jesus before our pleasures. We are called by the mercies of Christ – by His compassions for us and then we want to hear that call then to give our hearts to obedience – to serve and love Him best of all!

Jesus calls us – be ready to listen and to follow – loving Him best of all!

1. What does Jesus call us over?
2. How is our life described?
3. When does His sweet voice soundeth?
4. What does He say?
5. Verse 2: What does He call us from the worship of?
6. What keeps us from Jesus?
7. What is He calling us to do more?
8. Verse 3: List all the different areas of life:
9. What does He still call us in?
10. What is His command?
11. Verse 4: By what does Jesus call us?
12. What are we asking the Savior?
13. What do we want to give our hearts to?
14. What do we want to do best of all?

GOD OF OUR FATHER, KNOWN OF OLD

Hymn Devotion- October 13

Scripture – Daniel 4:30-32

II Chronicles 20:6

God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far flung battle line,  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies;  
The captains and the kings depart:  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far called, our navies melt away;  
On dune and headland sinks the fire:  
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday  
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!  
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose  
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe,  
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,  
Or lesser breeds without the Law—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust  
In reeking tube and iron shard,  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
And guarding, calls not Thee to guard,  
For frantic boast and foolish word—  
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!

Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936)

A note – this was a poem written to celebrate Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee – England is in mind although can refer to anyone and any place.

Might, power go to human heads and nations – We must not forget who really is in charge – The Lord God of hosts!

1. Who is known of old?
2. Who is He Lord of here?
3. Awful here is impressive – What is held over palm and pine?
4. Who are we asking to be with us yet?
5. Why are we asking?
6. Verse 2: What dies?
7. Who depart?
8. What still stands?
9. Jesus still is there – What does He possess?
10. What are the repeated phrases?
11. Verse 3: What happens to military might?
12. What are Nineveh and Tyre compared to?
13. What is God referred to here?
14. What do we want Him to do?
15. Verse 4: Drunk – overwhelmed with power – What is the drunk referring to here?
16. Who must we keep in awe?
17. Who are doing the boasting?
18. In spite of this - What do we want the Lord God of hosts to be?
19. Verse 5: What does the heathen heart put her trust in?
20. What does valiant dust build on?
21. Who is guarding?
22. Who should be called to guard?
23. Where does the problem lie?
24. What are we asking for Thy people Lord?

FILL THOU MY LIFE, O LORD MY GOD

Hymn Devotion October 14

Scripture – I Peter 4:10-11

Psalm 71:8

Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God,  
In every part with praise,  
That my whole being may proclaim  
Thy being and Thy ways.  
Not for the lip of praise alone,  
Nor e’en the praising heart  
I ask, but for a life made up  
Of praise in every part!

Praise in the common words I speak,  
Life’s common looks and tones,  
In fellowship in hearth and board  
With my belovèd ones;  
Not in the temple crowd alone  
Where holy voices chime,  
But in the silent paths of earth,  
The quiet rooms of time.

Fill every part of me with praise;  
Let all my being speak  
Of Thee and of Thy love, O Lord,  
Poor though I be, and weak.  
So shalt Thou, Lord, from me, e’en me,  
Receive the glory due;  
And so shall I begin on earth  
The song forever new.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care  
Be turned into a song,  
And every winding of the way  
The echo shall prolong;  
So shall no part of day or night  
From sacredness be free;  
But all my life, in every step  
Be fellowship with Thee.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

This is the internet version.

1. What are we asking to be filled?
2. Who are we asking this from?
3. What do we want every part filled with?
4. What do we want our whole being to proclaim?
5. What are the two parts that are most often used for praise?
6. What do we ask our life to be made up of?
7. Verse 2: What are all the common things?
8. Where is the fellowship with our beloved ones?
9. Where do the holy voices chime?
10. What are the silent places?
11. What are the quiet places?
12. Verse 3: What are we asking to be filled with praise?
13. What do we want our being to speak of?
14. What two things might we be?
15. Who should give the Lord the glory due Him?
16. Where should we begin?
17. How shall the song be?
18. What should be turned into a song?
19. What should each winding of the way be?
20. What should not be free from sacredness?
21. What should all our life be – every step?

LIVING FOR JESUS

Hymn Devotion - October 15

Scripture – Acts 17:28

Living for Jesus, a life that is true,  
Striving to please Him in all that I do;  
Yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free,  
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

*Refrain*

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,  
For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me.  
I own no other master, my heart shall be Thy throne.  
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.*

Living for Jesus who died in my place,  
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;  
Such love constrains me to answer His call,  
Follow His leading and give Him my all.

*Refrain*

Living for Jesus, wherever I am,  
Doing each duty in His holy name;  
Willing to suffer affliction and loss,  
Deeming each trial a part of my cross.

*Refrain*

Living for Jesus through earth’s little while,  
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile;  
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,  
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

*Refrain*

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960)

Living for Jesus – easier said than done – this hymn outlines the different areas and what we say we will do. Have you really given your life to Jesus to henceforth – from here on out – to live for Christ alone? A moment by moment – daily commitment – a challenge to live for Jesus in all that we do!

1. What kind of life are we describing?
2. What are we striving to do?
3. List all that is on the pathway of blessings:
4. Verse 2: What did Jesus do?
5. Where and what did He bear?
6. What constrains – compels – us to answer His call?
7. What do we want to follow?
8. Verse 3: What do we do wherever?
9. How do we do each duty?
10. What are we willing to suffer?
11. What is each trial?
12. Verse 4: How long are we on earth?
13. What is our dearest treasure?
14. Who are sought?
15. Why would we want to seek them?
16. Who will find rest in Him?
17. Chorus: When did Jesus give himself for us?
18. Who all do we owe?
19. Where is His throne in us?
20. What are we saying we will give?
21. What are we saying we will give from now on?

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumbering on the brink of woe;  
Death is coming, hell is moving, can you bear to let them go?  
See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down;  
Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses’ sister aided him;  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace, and filled with tears?  
Is there here a weeping Mary, pouring forth a flood of tears?  
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound;  
Pray, Oh pray that holy manna may be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.  
Then He’ll call us home to Heaven, at His table we’ll sit down;  
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

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