BLESSING AND HONOR AND GLORY AND POWER

Hymn Devotion - October 6

Scripture – Revelation 5:11-12

Luke 21:27

Blessing and honor and glory and power,  
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore  
Give ye to Him who our battle hath won  
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Soundeth the Heaven of the heavens with His Name;  
Ringeth the earth with His glory and fame;  
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower  
Echo His praises and tell of His power.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;  
Ever descendeth the love from on high;  
Blessing and honor and glory and praise,  
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;  
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,  
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

We are giving the glory and praise to the Lamb – the robe, could be humility, the harp to signify a musical instrument and the palm reminds us of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem – John 12:13 – at that point they were praising Jesus. The song is about and to the Lamb that was slain for our sins. He died in weakness and humility but arose to reign in honor, glory and power!

Hymns, prayers and our lives are to be in thanksgiving to God – without Him we would be nothing – He created, sustains and saves us – Give Him the blessing, honor and praise that are due Him!

1. Complete the phrase Blessing-
2. What is for evermore?
3. Who are we to give all of this to?
4. What are His?
5. Verse 2: What are we to sound with His Name?
6. What are we to do with His glory and fame?
7. What will echo His praise and tell of His power?
8. Verse 3: What ascends?
9. What descends?
10. What is the theme of the hymns that we raise?
11. Verse 4: Who are we giving the glory and praise?
12. What are we to take?
13. What are we to sing?
14. How did He die?
15. How did He rise?

COME, LET US TUNE OUR LOFIEST SONG

Hymn Devotion - October 7

Scripture – Jude 1:21, 42-25

Psalm 95:1

Come, let us tune our loftiest song  
And raise to Christ our joyful strain;  
Worship and thanks to Him belong,  
Who reigns and shall forever reign.

His sovereign power our bodies made;  
Our souls are His immortal breath;  
And when His creatures sinned He bled  
To save us from eternal death.

Burn, every breast with Jesus’ love;  
Bound every heart with rapturous joy;  
And saints on earth, with saints above,  
Your voices in His praise employ.

Extol the Lamb with loftiest song;  
Prolong for Him your cheerful strain;  
Worship and thanks to Him belong,  
Who reigns and shall forever reign.

Robert A. West (1809-1865)

This hymn points out basic things – God created us, we sinned, He bled to save us from eternal damnation. Our voices raise to thank and worship the One who reigns and will forever reign – not only because He bled and died but because the love that made Jesus bleed is burned in our hearts and we are bound to Him with rapturous joy. Both heaven and earth employ their voices with praise of thanks and worship.

1. What do we want to tune?
2. What should be raised to Christ?
3. What belong to Him?
4. What does God do?
5. Verse 2: What made our bodies?
6. What are our souls?
7. What happened when His creatures sinned?
8. What are we saved from?
9. Verse 3: What is burned in every breast?
10. What are every heart bound with?
11. Who on earth and with whom above?
12. What should our voices be?
13. Verse 4: What does the loftiest song do?
14. Where do our cheerful strains go?
15. Who does our worship and thanks belong to?
16. What is the second repeated line from verse 1?

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP

Hymn Devotion - October 8

Scripture – I Chronicles 16:25-26, 28-29

Psalm 95:6

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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George Atkins (eighteenth century)

The underlying theme here is pray for the Holy Spirit to be in our worship so the Word can be preached successfully and to be aware that there are sinners around that do need to be saved – and PRAY! There is no need to get pious – remember - We are all sinners the only difference is those who know Jesus are saved by grace!

1. What do we do when we meet to worship?
2. What are we to do when there is preaching?
3. What has to happen so all is not in vain?
4. When we pray what will happen?
5. Verse 2: What are poor sinners doing?
6. What is coming and what is moving?
7. Who all are we letting go if we don’t tell them?
8. What is Holy Manna?
9. Verse 3: What is the invitation?
10. What did Moses’ sister do?
11. Who are they asked to help?
12. What are they asked to tell them?
13. What are the sisters asked to do?
14. Verse 4: What are all the “Let us” statements?
15. How long are we to love and pray?
16. What will happen then?
17. Where will we sit?
18. What will Christ Do?
19. What will be all around?

I AM NOT SKILLED TO UNDERSTAND

Hymn Devotion – October 9

Scripture – Hebrews 1:17-18

Romans 8:34

I am not skilled to understand  
What God hath willed, what God hath planned;  
I only know at His right hand  
Is One Who is my Savior!

I take Him at His word indeed;  
“Christ died for sinners”—this I read;  
For in my heart I find a need  
Of Him to be my Savior!

That He should leave His place on high  
And come for sinful man to die,  
You count it strange? So once did I,  
Before I knew my Savior!

And oh, that He fulfilled may see  
The travail of His soul in me,  
And with His work contented be,  
As I with my dear Savior!

Yea, living, dying, let me bring  
My strength, my solace from this Spring;  
That He Who lives to be my King  
Once died to be my Savior!

Dora Greenwell (1821-1882)

It doesn’t matter, living or dying let us bring from the Spring of Christ our strength and solace – our source of comfort – He now lives to be our King – died to be our Savior!

Ours is not to understand God but to trust Him and know that Jesus is at the right hand of God – our Savior, our intercessor, our King and that we can be content with one another – knowing He died to be our Savior! What a comfort to know He is always there for us!

1. What are we not skilled to do?
2. What are the two “God hath” statements?
3. What do we only know?
4. Verse 2: What do we take Him at?
5. What do we read?
6. What need do we find in our heart?
7. Verse 3: Where did He leave?
8. What did He come to do?
9. How may we count this?
10. When does that change?
11. Verse 4: Travail is work. What may He see in us?
12. How should He be with His work in us?
13. Who should we be contented with?
14. Yea, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, let me bring
15. What are we to get from this Spring?
16. Who does He live to be?
17. What did He die to be?

JESUS LOVES ME

Hymn Devotion – October 10

Scripture – John 3:16-17

Ephesians 3:17-18

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.

*Refrain*

*Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.*

*Refrain*

Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven’s gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in.

*Refrain*

Jesus loves me! He will stay  
Close beside me all the way;  
Thou hast bled and died for me,  
I will henceforth live for Thee.

*Refrain*

Anna Bartlett Warner (1820-1915)

Besides Jesus loves us this hymn testifies to Jesus’ sacrifice, His friendship, forgiveness, to heaven, His strength, our weakness and need for Him.

We need no other proof of Jesus Love than the Bible – if we believe God’s Word to be true then because it says so– it is true. If we believe and live for Him we know it is true – we are living proof because He is close by our side every step of the way and we have testimony to back up our knowledge. Love is the driving force to live for Him.

1. How does Jesus feel toward us?
2. What is our knowledge of this?
3. How do we have this knowledge?
4. Who belong to Him?
5. What are they?
6. What is He?
7. Verse 2: Who loves us?
8. What did He do?
9. What happened?
10. What will He do?
11. What will He allow to happen?
12. Verse 3: Who does Jesus love?
13. Where will He stay?
14. What has He done?
15. What will we do?
16. Chorus: What is the repeated line?
17. How do we know the theme of the song?