‘TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

Hymn Devotion – September 11

Scripture: John 14:1-3

 Psalm 22:4-5

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
And to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
And to know, “Thus saith the Lord!”

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
’Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Refrain

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

Refrain

I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me,
Will be with me to the end.

*Refrain*

Louisa M. R. Stead (1850-1917)

 Trusting Jesus – one of our most difficult things to do – we believe and even serve Him but to trust Him completely is difficult. If we trust Jesus it is sweet and to be able to take Him at His Word – to rest upon His promise just because we know “Thus saith the Lord!”

1. What is sweet?

 2. What are we to take Him at?

 3. What are we to rest upon?

4. What is just enough to know?

 5. Verse 2: How is trusting in Jesus?

6. What are we to trust?

7. What describes faith here?

8. Where are we plunged?

9. Verse 3: What are we affirming?

10. What are we ceasing from?

11. What are we able to take from Jesus?

12. Verse 4: What are we glad we did?

13. What are the descriptions of Jesus?

14. What do we know?

15. How long?

16. The Chorus: What are we declaring that

 we do?

17. What have we done over and over?

18. What is the repetition?

19. What are we asking for to trust Him more?

 LORD, SPEAK TO ME

Hymn Devotion – September 12

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:1-2, 15

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou has sought, so let me seek
Thine erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart overflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

 This hymn was originally called “A Worker’s Prayer” – it is a prayer because we are asking for all of these things to happen - hearing, learning, teaching, receiving the Holy Spirit and being used to seek as the Lord has sought us with words to tell of His love and to showing His praise to others, until we are called to heaven, seeing His face and sharing His eternal rest, joy and glory.

1. Why do we want the Lord to speak to us?
2. How do we want to speak?
3. How do we want to seek?
4. Who do we want to seek?
5. Verse 2: Why do we want to be taught?
6. What do we want to teach?
7. What do we want to be winged?
8. What do we want them to reach?
9. Verse 3: What do we want to be filled with?

 10. Until what happens?

 11. What do we want to be filled with?

 12. What do we want to tell and show?

 13. Verse 4: What do we want the Lord

 to do?

 14. What are the three ways of use?

 15. How long?

 16. What will we share?

LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME

Hymn Devotion – September 13

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

 Psalm 119:133

Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe oppressed;
Let me Thy loving servant be
And taste Thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle’s strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be Thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point Thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when this life is past,
I may th’eternal brightness see
And share Thy joy at last.

Lord Jesus, think on me
That I may sing above
To Father, Spirit, and to Thee
The strains of praise and love.

Synesius of Cyrene (c.375-430)

Translated by Allen W. Chatfield (1808-1898)

 The thought of the Lord thinking on us, being considered and mentally aware of us – which He is even we don’t realize it but for us to wrap ourselves around that it is a comfort and He will be with us in all our pain and misery and be our health and life – and our joy as He points our way to heaven and we will share that joy in His presence – life is short and fleeting His love is forever – Come to Him today!

1. What are we asking the Lord to do?

 2. What do we want done with our sin?

 3. What do we want to be free from?

4. How will we be made?

5. Verse 2: Who do we want to think on us?

6. What do we want oppressed?

7. What do we want to be?

8. What do we want to taste?

9. Verse 3: A definition of think is to consider; or become mentally aware of.

What do we want the Lord to do?

10. Where do we want this?

11. What do we want Him in?

12. What do we want Him to be?

13. Verse 4: What do we not want to happen?

14. What through?

15. What do we want pointed out?

16. Verse 5: What will pass?

17. What do we want to see?

18. What will we share?

19. Verse 6: Where do we want to sing?

20. To whom do we want to sing?

21. What do we want to sing?

O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

Hymn Devotion - September 14

Scripture: Ephesians 5:1-2

 Micah 5:8

O Master, let me walk with Thee,
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer, company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future’s broadening way,
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Washington Gladden (1836-1918)

 The “secret” that we want to be told is revealed in this hymn – clear winning words of love, being guided by God, learning patience, keeping faith sweet and strong, trusting God to triumph over wrong. We want our path into the future to be lit by God’s shining ray as the path broadens before us and to have the peace God can only give and to live in and with Him – if we can bring these things together we will be able to bear the strain of toil and the fret of care as we walk with the Master!

1. Who do we want to walk with?

 2. What describes our paths of service?

 3. What do we want to know?

4. What do we want help bearing?

 5. Verse 2: How do we describe ourselves?

6. How are the words described?

7. What do we want to be taught?

8. Where do we want them guided?

9. Verse 3: What do we want to be taught?

10. Where do we want to be with Him?

11. How do we want to be in work?

12. How about in trust?

13. Verse 4: What does hope do?

14. Far down where?

15. What kind of peace?

16. What is our desire?

PRAISE THE SAVIOR, YE WHO KNOW HIM

Hymn Devotion - September 15

Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-12

 I Chronicles 29:13

Praise the Savior, ye who know Him!
Who can tell how much we owe Him?
Gladly let us render to Him
All we are and have.

Jesus is the Name that charms us,
He for conflict fits and arms us;
Nothing moves and nothing harms us
While we trust in Him.

Trust in Him, ye saints, forever,
He is faithful, changing never;
Neither force nor guile can sever
Those He loves from Him.

Keep us, Lord, O keep us cleaving
To Thyself, and still believing,
Till the hour of our receiving
Promised joys with Thee.

Then we shall be where we would be,
Then we shall be what we should be,
Things that are not now, nor could be,
Soon shall be our own.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

 We are so blessed that the Savior paid the price of His life for our sins that we should be glad to render or give to Him all we are and have but that isn’t easy – He fits and arms us for the conflict we will encounter here on earth as we continue to trust Him and we can do that forever – He is faithful and never changing.

1. Who are to praise the Savior?

 2. What can we not know?

 3. How are we to render to Him?

4. What are we to render to Him?

 5. Verse 2: What does the Name of Jesus do?

6. What are we fit and armed for?

7. What are the “nothing” statements?

8. What do we have to do?

9. Verse 3: What are we to do forever?

10. What is He?

11. A definition for guile is treachery; deceit

What cannot sever us from Christ?

12. What is the key to not being severed?

13. Verse 4: How do we want to be kept?

14. Still doing what?

15. What and when will we be receiving?

16. Verse 5: What shall we be?

17. What shall we be?

18. What will soon be our own?