CLEANSE ME

Hymn Devotion- September 16

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-2, 23-24

Search me, O God, And know my heart today;  
Try me, O Savior, Know my thoughts, I pray.  
See if there be some wicked way in me;  
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;  
Fulfill Thy Word, and make me pure within.  
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;  
Grant my desire to magnify Thy Name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;  
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine.  
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;  
I now surrender, Lord-in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;  
Send a revival, start the work in me.  
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;  
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

James Edwin Orr (1912-1987)

O Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit – Revival – renewal comes from Thee – send a revival – start the work in each one of us individually. Your Word declares that you will supply our need – We plead here for blessings now – it sounds greedy perhaps but the greatest blessing God gives is turning us from evil – Acts 3:25-26 and forgiving us of our sins – Romans 4:7-8 – that is what this hymn is about being changed from the person we were to the person we are now being cleansed from sin.

What a blessing we have being cleansed from our sins, filled with the Holy Spirit, our hearts filled with His divine love – Praise the Lord!

1. What are we asking God to do?

 2. What do we want Him to know?

 3. What are we asking the Savior to do?

4. What do we want Him to know?

 5. What do we want Him to see?

6. What we want to be cleansed from?

7. Verse 2: What are we praising God for?

8. What do we want fulfilled?

9. How do we want to be within?

10. What are we asking to be filled with?

11. What did we once burn with?

12. What do we want a desire to do?

13. Verse 3: What do we want the Lord to do?

14. What do we want our poor heart filled with?

15. What do we want Him to take all of?

16. What are we saying we will do?

17. What do we want God to do?

18. Verse 4: Where does revival come from?

19. What are we asking for and where?

20. What does His Word declare?

21. What are we humbly pleading for?

MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

Hymn Devotion - September 17

Scripture: Hebrews 4:2-3

My faith has found a resting place,  
Not in device or creed;  
I trust the ever living One,  
His wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain

I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to Him,  
He’ll never cast me out.

Refrain

My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The living Word of God,  
Salvation by my Savior’s Name,  
Salvation through His blood.

Refrain

My great Physician heals the sick,  
The lost He came to save;  
For me His precious blood He shed,  
For me His life He gave.

Refrain

Lidie H. Edmunds (nineteenth century)

A pen name for Eliza E. Hewitt (1851-1920)

This is the very root and heart of the matter of Jesus and His mission here on earth and now through the Holy Spirit – to seek and save the lost and that is for everybody! We are His messengers here on earth – we are to present the message and the Holy Spirit will convict the soul!

1. What has found a resting place?

 2. What has it not found rest in?

 3. Who do we trust?

4. What shall give evidence of this trust?

 5. Verse 2: What should be enough for us?

6. What is ended?

7. How do we come to Him?

8. What will He never do?

9. Verse 3: What is leaning on the Word?

10. What is this Word?

11. What is by our Savior’s Name?

12. What is Salvation through?

13. Verse 4: Who heals the sick?

14. What did He come to do?

15. What did He do for each one of us?

16. What did He give?

17. Chorus: What don’t we need?

18. What is enough?

19. Who did He die for?

RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD

Hymn Devotion – September 18

Scripture: Ephesians 4:7, 11-13

Matthew 6:19

Rise up, O men of God!  
Have done with lesser things.  
Give heart and mind and soul and strength  
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!  
The kingdom tarries long.  
Bring in the day of brotherhood  
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!  
The church for you doth wait,   
Her strength unequal to her task;   
Rise up and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!  
Tread where His feet have trod.  
As brothers of the Son of Man,   
Rise up, O men of God!

William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954)

The church is waiting for the men to rise up and take their place – a strong church has strong male leadership – contemporary people have a hard time with this because of the movement of women in leadership roles – we are not going to go there!

In the light of this hymn men are being commanded, urged whatever you want to say to rise up, and be strong in the church because without them the tasks of the church are stronger than the strength of the church – Lift up the Cross and follow Jesus!

For both men and women – Christianity, is not a spectator sport it is a way to be connected and involved.

1. Who are to rise up?

 2. What have they done with?

 3. What are they to give?

4. Who are they to serve?

 5. Verse 2: What are MEN to do?

6. What tarries, waits long?

7. What is to be brought in?

8. What is to end?

9. Verse 3: Whose men are to rise up?

10. What is waiting?

11. What is not equal?

12. What will rising up do?

13. Verse 4: What is to be lifted high?

14. Where are they to tread?

15. What are they to the Son of man?

16. What is the final command?

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Hymn Devotion – September 19

Scripture: I Peter 2:23-25

I Samuel 7:12 (tells about

Ebenezer)

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;

Hither by Thy help I’m come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,

Safely to arrive at home:

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger,

Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

Our wandering hearts have been saved by the redeeming love of Jesus, rescued by His precious even though we prone to wander we can raise our Ebenezer, for the Lord has helped us thus far and will seal our hearts for courts above.

1. How is God described?

 2. What do we want our heart tuned to?

 3. What are never ceasing?

4. What are called for?

 5. What describes the sonnet? (A sonnet has 14 lines, a number of rhyme schemes, usually having 10 syllables per line.)

6. Who is it sung by?

7. What are we to be fixed on?

8. Verse 2: What do we raise?

9. How do we live?

10. What do we hope by His good pleasure?

11. When were we sought?

12. What were we doing?

13. What were we rescued from?

14. A definition of interpose is to intervene with something.

What did Jesus intervene in our lives with?

15. Verse 3: How is grace described?

16. How is the fetter described?

17. What do we want the fetter to bind?

18. What are do we feel we are prone to do?

19. Who are we prone to leave?

20. What do we want the Lord to take?

21. What do we want our heart sealed for?

NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE

Hymn Devotion – September 20

Scripture: Psalm 119:148-152

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!  
E’en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.

*Refrain*

*Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee!*

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone.  
Yet in my dreams I’d be nearer, my God to Thee.

*Refrain*

There let the way appear, steps unto Heav’n;  
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given;  
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee.

*Refrain*

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I’ll raise;  
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee.

*Refrain*

Or, if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,  
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I’ll fly,  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.

Sarah Flower Adams (1805-1848)

There are very few hymns that are written on a story line as this song, personally I was not aware of this until I ran into it today – that is the wonder of studying hymns daily like this there is a lot to be discovered. Even though the hymn is a story line the reoccurring theme is important to all of us to be nearer to God – right up to our upward journey to heaven.

1. Who do we want to be nearer to?

 2. What raises us?

 3. What still our song shall be?

Keep in mind this hymn was written about the Jacob’s dream – Genesis 28:10-22

4. Verse 2: What was he like?

 5. What time of day was it?

6. What was over him?

7. What was his rest?

8. What was he in his dreams?

9. Verse 3: What appears?

10. How is everything God gives sent?

11. What do angels do?

12. Verse 4: How should our waking thoughts be?

13. What were raised out of Jacob’s stony griefs?

14. What draws us nearer to God?

15. Verse 5: A definition cleaving is to make a way through something.

How will we cleave the sky?

16. What will be forgotten?

17. What will we do?

18. What will our song still be?