THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

Hymn Devotion - September 26

Scripture: Psalm 23

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never,  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth,   
And where the verdant pastures grow,   
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;   
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,   
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight;   
Thy unction grace bestoweth;   
And O what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;   
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

We have the Lord as our Shepherd, one that loves and cares for us even though at times the rod and staff are used to guide us back to the right path – the reprimand is done out of love and it is a comfort to us to know that we are so loved and cared for – we are happy to sing His praises as we dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

1. Who is our Shepherd?

 2. What does His goodness do?

 3. What do we lack if we are His?

4. How long is He ours?

5. Verse 2: What are flowing?

 6. What does He lead?

7. A synonym of verdant is lush.What does He feed us with in these lush pastures?

8. Verse 3: A definition of perverse is stubbornly unreasonable. How are we often when we stray?

9. How does He seek us?

10. How does He bring us home?

11. Verse 4: Where do we fear no ill?

12. Who is beside us?

13. What is our comfort still?

14. What is our guide?

15. Verse 5: What is spread before us?

16. Unction – soothing, comforting.

What does He bestow?

17. What flows from His pure chalice–cup?

18. Verse 6: Through how long?

19. What never fails?

20. What are we asking to sing?

21. Where do we want to sing?

22. For how long?

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

Hymn Devotion September 27

Scripture – Philippians 4:6-7

What a friend we have in Jesus,

All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in Prayer!

Have we trial and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,

Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge-

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In His arms He’ll take and shield thee,

Thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819-1866)

What a wonderful hymn, favorite of many – six times we are told to take our troubles to God and He will be there for us, a true, faithful friend – just to know we will be held in His arms and receive comfort! Wow! – Never forget to take EVERYTHING to the Lord in prayer – nothing is too big or too small!

1. The definition of “Friend” in the Bible Dictionary is a person whom one loves, a close companion, comrade.

What do we have in Jesus?

2. What does He bear?

3. What is our privilege?

4. What do we often forfeit?

5. What do we bear that is needless?

6. What do we not carry to the Lord?

7. Verse 2: What do we have?

8. What can be anywhere?

9. What should we never be?

10. What can we do?

11. How is Jesus as a friend?

12. What does He share?

13. What does Jesus know?

14. What are we to do?

15. Verse 3: What three things can be our state of existence?

16. Who is still our refuge?

17. What are we to do again?

18. What do earthly friends sometimes do?

19. How many times in this hymn are we told to take it to the Lord in prayer?

20. What will He do?

21. What will we find there?

ALMIGHTY GOD, THY LOFTY THONE

Hymn Devotion – September 28

Scripture – Psalm 89:14-18

Almighty God, Thy lofty throne

Has justice for its cornerstone,

And shining bright before Thy face

Are truth and love and boundless grace.

With blessing is the nation crowned

Whose people know the joyful sound;

They in the light, O Lord, shall live,

The light Thy face and favor give.

Thy Name with gladness they confess,

Exalted in Thy righteousness;

Their fame and might to Thee belong,

For in Thy favor they are strong.

All glory unto God we yield,

Jehovah is our help and shield;

All praise and honor we will bring

To Israel’s Holy One, our King.

The Psalter; 1912

Notice the similarity in the this hymn and the scripture – Psalm 89:14-18

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord.

They rejoice in your name all day long; they exult in your righteousness. For you are their glory and strength, and by your favor you exalt our horn.

Indeed, our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

How wonderful to have an Almighty God has a throne with a cornerstone of justice, where truth, love and boundless grace are brightly shining. We must confess His Name knowing our fame and might belong to God and we are strong when we are in His favor. All praise and honor we will bring to God, Israel’s Holy One and our King!!

1. How is the throne of the Almighty God described?

2. What is the cornerstone?

3. What all shines forth before His face?

4. Verse 2: What crowns the nation?

5. What do the people know?

6. What shall they live in?

7. What does the light give?

8. Verse 3: What do they confess in gladness?

9. What are they exalted in?

10. What belongs to God?

11. What are they strong in?

12. Verse 4: What do we yield to God?

13. What is Jehovah to us?

14. What will we bring?

15. To Whom?

JOIN ALL THE GLORIOUS NAMES

Hymn Devotion – September 29

Scripture – Ephesians 1:18-21

Philippians 2:9-11

Join All the Glorious Names

Join all the glorious names  
Of wisdom, love, and power,  
That ever mortals knew,  
That angels ever bore:  
All are too poor to speak His worth,  
Too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God,  
My tongue would bless Thy Name,  
By Thee the joyful news  
Of our salvation came,  
The joyful news of sin forgiv’n  
Of hell subdued, and peace with Heav’n.

Jesus, my great High Priest,  
Offered His blood, and died;  
My guilty conscience seeks  
No sacrifice beside:  
His powerful blood did once atone,  
And now it pleads before the throne.

Be Thou my Counselor,  
My Pattern, and my Guide,  
And through this desert land  
Still keep me near thy side:  
Nor let my feet e’er turn astray

To wander in the crooked way.

My Savior and my Lord,  
My Conqueror and my King,  
Thy scepter and Thy sword,  
Thy reigning grace I sing:  
Thine is the power; behold I sit  
In willing bonds beneath Thy feet.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

All the names, descriptions for Jesus are poor to really project the love, grace, hope, salvation, peace and eternal life that the He has bleed and died to give to us if we only believe and ask Him into our hearts – being in bonds – a slave to Him in righteousness.

1. What kind of names?

2. What are these names of?

3. Who knew and who bore these names?

4. What are all these names too poor to do?

5. Verse 2: What is the Name given for Jesus here?

6. What will bless His name?

7. What was the joyful news that came from Jesus?

8. List the second set of joyful news:

9. Verse 3: How is Jesus described here?

10. What did He offer?

11. What seeks no sacrifice besides?

12. What does the powerful atoning blood do?

13. Verse 4: List all the things Jesus is to us:

14. Where do we want to be kept?

15. What do we do not want to do?

16. Verse 5: List the Names for Jesus here:

17. What do we sing?

18. How do we sit beneath His feet?

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

Hymn Devotion – September 30

Scripture – Isaiah 33:20-22, 24

Psalm 87:3

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God!  
He, whose Word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation’s walls surrounded,  
Thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love;  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear!  
For a glory and a cov’ring  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from our banner  
Light by night and shade by day;  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which He gives them when they pray.

John Newton (1725-1807)

The city of Zion has progressed from the City of David and the hill that it stood on after David captured it to the temple to the nation of Israel and then in the New Testament to being the Kingdom of God, the Church.

Available to us if we believe – the Word, salvation, protection, the grace and the Giver of the Grace that never changes – from age to age!

1. What are spoken?

2. What is the city of our God called?

3. What cannot be broken?

4. What was Zion formed for?

5. What was Zion founded on?

6. A definition of repose is to put faith or confidence in. What will not be shaken?

7. Why can we smile at all our foes?

8. Verse 2: What are we to see?

9. What are they springing from?

10. Who are well supplied?

11. What is removed?

12. Assuage is to provide relief from something distressing or painful.

What will not happen to those who have relief from such a river?

13. What two things never fail from age to age?

14. Verse 3: What is hovering around each habitation?

15. What does these two things for?

16. What does this show?

17. Deriving comes from a source.

What comes from our banner?

18. What do we feed safely on?

19. When do we get it?