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“HYMN OF A WEEK for A YEAR” Lessons –

Basic ideas of the lessons:

If you are looking at these lessons you have the internet – please if you know someone who does not have access to the internet and would like to do the lessons – please print off the lessons for them.

The first part of the lessons just gets you acquainted with the hymn and its author and an introduction to the memory verse.

Part two is the answering of the questions – You will need to have extra paper to go with your lessons to answer the questions and the pearling of words or ideas.

Part Three is the prepared chain or pearling of a word or idea, OR a portion of scripture to fit the word or theme of the hymn.

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Part four is your part to get into the “meat” of pearling or chaining a word or idea of your own choosing – there might be a suggestion but the ultimate is yours to do!! You will need a Bible, a Concordance but a Study Bible with the targeted words marked with footnoted letters to guide you to the next verse(s) would be the best along with a Concordance.

It is advised to keep a list of words and texts for future references, some words can be revisited and pearled again but you will want to use other scriptures.

Part five is the review of the hymn with discussion questions etc.

Close each session with prayer (of course you already knew that!!)

As always adapt these lessons to your needs – if some parts are too short and others too long work them together to fit your family/group time frame.

All hymns obtained from Internet site

cyberhymnal.com

Home page:

http://www.hymntime.come/tch

**Week 49 – Lesson 49 – Part 1:** Open with prayer; read hymn and memory work.

Memory Work: Psalm 89:1

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me.  
How He left His home in glory  
For the cross of Calvary.

*Refrain*

*Yes, I’ll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.*

I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Threw His loving arms around me,  
Drew me back into His way.

*Refrain*

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me,  
Faint was I from many a fall,  
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me,  
But He freed me from them all.

*Refrain*

Days of darkness still come o’er me,  
Sorrow’s path I often tread,  
But the Savior still is with me;  
By His hand I’m safely led.

*Refrain*

He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet;  
Then He’ll bear me safely over,  
Where the loved ones I shall meet.

*Refrain*

Francis Harold Rowley (1854-1952)

* Ordained Baptist Minister
* Was a pastor for over 30 years
* Around 1908 became president of the Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – He served until 1945
* Rowley School of Humanities at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia was named after him.

**Week 49 - Lesson 49 - Part 2:** Open with prayer review memory work.

Questions to Answer:

1. What will be sung?
2. What did Christ do?
3. What did He do first?
4. For what?
5. Refrain: What is confirmed?
6. Who is being sung of?
7. Who is the song sung with?
8. Gathered where?
9. Verse 2: What is the confession?
10. Who was the one that did the finding?
11. How the one is astray described?
12. What did He do?
13. Where was the lost one drawn?
14. Verse 3: How was the hurt described?
15. Who was the healer?
16. List all the things that were wrong?
17. What happened?
18. Verse 4: What still happens?
19. What is often tread?
20. Who is still there?
21. How is the leading?
22. Verse 5: How long will He keep us?
23. Then what will happen?
24. Who shall be met?

**Week 49 - Lesson 49 - Part 3:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Scripture word study:

Died:

1. Romans 5:6-8 – How is the time described?

What were we?

What did Christ do?

1. What were we neither when Christ died for us?
2. What did God demonstrate?
3. How was this demonstrated?
4. Romans 4:25 – What did he die for?

What did His resurrection give us?

1. 2 Corinthians 5:15 – What did He do?

What should we do?

Who should we live for?

**Week 49 -Lesson 49 –Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Continue with the word/theme died or change to whatever word(s) theme that you would like.

**Week 49 – Lesson 49 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; reread hymn and review memory work.

Review and Discussion:

1. Have you been singing the wondrous story?
2. What is your story of coming to Christ to sing the wondrous story?
3. Who if anyone puts their life on the line for people they don’t know – good and bad people?
4. Do you think EVERYONE will be in heaven?

If not do you think you will be surprised who is and who is not there? (That is if YOU are there:)

1. It is good that we are not the judge of people for eternal life - List some reasons why God is the judge:

For one see 1 Samuel 16:7:

Read 1 John to have a better understanding of how to be and know you are a child of God.

**Week 50 – Lesson 50 – Part 1:** Open with prayer; read hymn and memory work.

Memory Verse – Philippians 3:8

Blessed Savior Thee I Love

Blessèd Savior, Thee I love,  
All my other joys above;  
All my hopes in Thee abide,  
Thou my Hope, and naught betide;  
Ever let my glory be,  
Only, only, only Thee.

Once again beside the cross,  
All my gain I count but loss;  
Earthly pleasures fade away,  
Clouds they are that hide my day;  
Hence, vain shadows! Let me see  
Jesus, crucified for me.

Blessèd Savior, Thine am I,  
Thine to live, and Thine to die;  
Height or depth, or creature power,  
Ne’er shall hide my Savior more;  
Ever shall my glory be,  
Only, only, only Thee.

George Duffield Jr. (1818-1888)

* Graduated Yale
* Graduated Union Theological Seminary
* Third generation Presbyterian minister
* Served several churches in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey
* Also wrote Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

**Week 50 – Lesson 50 – Part 2:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Questions to Answer:

1. How is God described?
2. What do we do?
3. List the “all my” statements:
4. What to want to ever let?
5. Only be whom?
6. Verse 2: Beside what?
7. All my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. What fades away?
2. What do clouds do?
3. What are hence?
4. What do we want to see?
5. Verse 3: Whose are we?
6. List the Thine to statements:
7. What three things will never hide my Savior anymore?
8. What shall our glory be?

**Week 50 – Lesson 50 – Part 3:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Scripture and word study:

Hope

1. Ephesians 2:12 - How are we when we are without hope?
2. 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – What do those without hope do?
3. Romans 15:4 – What are the things listed here so that we might have hope?
4. 2 Corinthians 2:10 – Paul was delivered from a deadly peril – We have been delivered as well from sin into eternal life and through perils in this life that are beyond our control – What can we set our hope?

**Week 50 - Lesson 50 –Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work.

Continue with the theme of hope or change to another word(s) or theme of your choosing.

**Week 50 - Lesson 50 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; review memory work; and reread the hymn.

Review and Discussion:

1. Have you set your hope of Jesus?
2. Do you ever feel without hope?
3. Do you feel you are His to live and His to die?
4. Have you ever let superficial pleasures of earthly life be the center point of your life?

Explain:

1. List some ways to set or that you have set your hopes on Jesus?

**Week 51 – Lesson 51 – Part 1:** Open with prayer; read the hymn and memory work.

Memory Work: Revelation 21:25

Oh, Land Relieved from Sorrow

Oh, land relieved from sorrow!  
Oh, land secure from tears!  
Oh, respite on the morrow  
From all the toil of years!  
To thee we hasten ever,  
To thee our steps ascend,  
Where darkness cometh never,  
And joy shall never end.

Oh, happy, holy portal  
For God’s own blest elect;  
Oh, region, pure, immortal,  
With better spring bedecked;  
Thy pearly doors for ever  
Their welcome shall extend,  
Where darkness cometh never,  
And joy shall never end.

Oh, home where God the Father  
Takes all His children in;  
Where Christ the Son shall gather  
The sinners saved from sin;  
No night nor fear shall sever  
A friend from any friend,  
For darkness cometh never,  
And joy shall never end.

Rise, then, O brightest morning!  
Come, then, triumphant day  
When into new adorning  
We change and pass away;  
For so with firm endeavor  
Our spirits gladly tend  
Where darkness cometh never,

And joy shall never end.

Samuel A. W. Duffield (1843-1887)

* Graduated Yale
* 4th generation Presbyterian minister
* Served in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Michigan
* George Duffield Jr.’s son

**Week 51 – Lesson 51 – Part 2:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Questions to Answer:

1. List the Oh, land statements:
2. Respite is rest – When will the respite be?
3. What is the rest from?
4. List the “to thee” statements:
5. What never happens?
6. Verse 2: Portal is a doorway, gateway, porch – How is the portal described?
7. Who is this for?
8. Bedecked is decorated – What is the “Oh” statement?
9. How are the doors described?
10. What will be extended?
11. What never comes and never ends?
12. Verse 3: Who is at home there?
13. What does He do?
14. What shall Christ the Son do?
15. No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shall sever.
16. Who will not be severed?
17. What is the repeated statement?
18. Verse 4: What shall rise?
19. What is to come?
20. Then what will happen?
21. What happens with firm endeavor?
22. What will darkness do?
23. What about joy?

**Week 51 – Lesson 51 – Part 3**: Open with prayer; review the memory work;

Scripture and Word Study:

Heaven – Heavens

1. Genesis 1:1 – Who created?
2. Nehemiah 9:6 – What all did the Lord make?

Who worships?

1. Psalm 104:2 – How are the heavens stretched?
2. Psalm 121:2 – What comes from the maker of heaven and earth?
3. Psalm 136:5 – How was the heavens made by?
4. Revelation 21:22-25 – List some of the descriptions of heaven?

**Week 51 – Lesson 51 – Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work –

Continue the theme of heaven – lots more scriptures to look at – or change to another word(s) or theme from the hymn.

**Week 51 – Lesson 51 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; review memory work; reread the hymn:

Review and Discussion:

1. What are the good things of heaven?
2. What will it be like not having any darkness?
3. How will it be never to be separated again from God as well as friends and family there?
4. Is there anything more important in this world than the hope of heaven?
5. There are several scriptures that describe hell – look up some of them and make a contrast between heaven and hell:

**Week 52 – Lesson 52 - Part 1:** Open with Prayer; read the hymn and memory work.

Memory Work: Psalm 119:57

O Jesus I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

John E. Bode (1816-1874)

* Church of England Rector
* For a time tutor and Classical examiner at his college
* This song was written for his children’s confirmation

**Week 52 – Lesson 52 – Part 2:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Questions to Answer:

1. What is promised?
2. Who is this promised to?
3. What is the request?
4. What is Jesus to us?
5. What will not be feared?
6. If what happens?
7. Where will we not wander?
8. If what happens?
9. Verse 2: Who do we want near?
10. What is ever near?
11. What are seen and heard?
12. Where are the foes?
13. What is asked of Jesus?
14. Verse 3: Who has Jesus promised?
15. What is promised?
16. What have we promised?
17. What is asked?
18. How is Jesus described?

**Week 52 – Lesson 52 – Part 3:** Open with prayer; Review memory work

Scripture and Word Study:

Promise, Promised:

1. Joel 2:28 – What promise did Joel prophesy about here?
2. John 15:26 – Who does Jesus say he will send?
3. Acts 2:33 – What was poured out here as promised?
4. Romans 1:2 – What is promised here?
5. 2 Timothy 1:1 – What is the promise here?
6. Titus 1:2 – What rests on the hope of eternal life?

What does God NOT do?

When was this promise made?

**Week 52 – Lesson 52 – Part 4:** Open with prayer; review memory work;

Continue with the promise, promised theme or find another word(s) or theme from the hymn to continue a scripture study.

**Week 52 – Lesson 52 – Part 5:** Open with prayer; Review memory work and reread the hymn.

Review and Discussion:

1. How does it make you feel to serve not only a risen Savior but one that keeps His promises?
2. Let’s break down the hymn:

What I have promised:

What are the promises God makes:

What I have asked God to do:

1. In what very real ways is the world ever near?
2. Talk about foes that surround but most of all the foes that are within:

\*\* This is the final lesson in the Hymn a Week for a Year series – REMEMBER as you sing hymns to really look at the words you are singing and be challenged – not defeated by the difficult to live out phrases!

I hope you have enjoyed doing them as much as I have been challenged and enjoyed putting them together – May God Bless you as you grow in faith and continue to study and be in God’s word.