

What About the Hymns



The very first hymn that was available to the church in the United States was the hymn “The Doxology”. Written by Thomas Ken in 1694, at a time when the established church believed only Scripture should be sung as hymns. It was considered sinful and blasphemous to write new lyrics for music in the church, akin to adding to the Scriptures. Despite the negative atmosphere toward the new songs, Thomas Ken published the ten verses of “The Doxology” in his Manual of Prayers along with several other hymns for the young men at Winchester College, with strict instructions to use them only in their rooms for private devotions. Another interesting note about this old hymn is that the melody chosen for this hymn was written by Louis Bourgeois in 1551 over one-hundred years before the lyrics were written. It has been said that “The Doxology” has done more to teach the doctrine of the Trinity than all the theology books ever written.

*Douglas Alvin Snow, *Revive Us Again*, 2004.

THE WICKED ARE LIKE:

Birds caught in a snare—Ecclesiastes 9:12
Fishes taken in the net—Ecclesiastes 9:12
Deaf Adder—Psalm 58:4
Ravens lion—Psalm 17:12

THEY THAT TRUST IN THE LORD ARE LIKE:

A tree planted by the waters—Jeremiah 17:8
A green olive tree—Psalm 52:8
A green fir tree—Hosea 14:8
The palm tree—Psalm 92:12
A cedar in Lebanon—Psalm 92:12
A vine—Hosea 14:7
Willows—Isaiah 44:4
A shock of corn—Job 5:26
The lily among the thorns—Song of Solomon 2:2
A branch—Proverbs 11:28

*D.L. Moody, *Notes From My Bible*.

One More Step

A hill is not too hard to climb, taken one step at a time.

One step is not too much to take; One try is not too much to make.

One step, one try, one song, one smile. Will shortly stretch into a mile.

And everything worthwhile was done by small steps taken one by one.

To reach the goal you started for, take one step more—take one step more.

-James Dillet Freeman

OLD FASHIONED THINGS



Men may say it's just old fashioned to believe God's Holy Word,
Say the Bible is outdated, and why trust a risen Lord.
Well—you're right, it is old fashioned like the stars up in the sky,
And the air and all the water and a time for all to die.

This old world is still old fashioned like the trees, and wind, and rain,
All the mountains and the oceans, harvest time, and food, and grain.
Truth, and honor, moon and sunshine, and the blessings of each day.
Just like God—they're all old fashioned and that's just the way they'll stay.

Mother's love is still old fashioned and a baby's tender tear.
These will always be in style while there's men and women here.
Some may try to change the wording and discount our Holy God,
But these things shall still continue when we're all beneath the sod.

If you want to know the reason why we seek for change and plan,
It's because we all would rather listen to the words of man.
God is true and never changes and His Word has made it plain.
All His Works—so called, old fashioned, now, and ever shall remain.

-Walt Huntley

I do not know what next may come across my pilgrim way,
I do not know tomorrow's road nor see beyond today.
But this I know—my Savior knows the path I cannot see,
And I can trust His wounded hand to guide and care for me.

Miscellaneous.

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Liberty Baptist Church News:

April 28th-May 2nd is Missions Conference at Liberty Baptist Church. We have the unique opportunity to co-host the conference with our sending church, Grace Baptist Church. Each church has their regular Sunday services, but we rotate where the service is held during the week. This opportunity enables our church plant to take part in meeting several different missionaries as well as fellowship with our sending church. This is the 2nd year doing this and we are greatly looking forward to the preaching, singing, fellowship, and mission presentations. Please pray for our conference and that our churches will be able to take on more missionaries this year.

Humor is extremely useful and important. The Bible says in Proverbs 17:22, “*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.*” Of all the gifts that God has given, I think that laughter is one of the most precious. Laughter is from God. Dullness, sullenness, and moodiness is from the devil. When we laugh, we agree with God that all is well (and it is—read Romans 8:28).

Here are some good things to know about humor and laughter:

1. Humor is a valuable resource. We can convey tremendous Scriptural truths through humor.
2. When truth is contained in humorous way or through a humorous story, it will get our attention and stay with us.
3. A humorous story is remembered long after the rest of the sermon is forgotten.
4. The shortest distance between two people is laughter. If we can get someone to laugh with us, we're on common ground. They are more open to what we have to say.
5. A good story or joke makes us laugh, but it isn't long until the story sinks in and we say “Aha”.
6. Humor, at least for a while, puts a big distance between you and your problems. It gives you time and perception to see your problems in a different light.
7. Humor is essential to well-being and mental health.
8. Remember this: he who laughs, LASTS!
9. You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing.
10. Laughter makes things acceptable for a while.
11. Laughter helps you survive a difficult life.
12. Is there any sweeter sound than the laughter of a child?
13. But remember this: the wrong kind of humor, the kind that ridicules, hurts, demeans and degrades is not humor at all.

II Cor. 3:17 -- “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is...”



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NOW YOU KNOW

- *Pound for pound, earthworms make up half of all animal life.
- *At Thanksgiving, Americans consume an estimated 45 million turkeys.
- *Niagara Falls actually stopped flowing once in 1848. The phenomenon was attributed to a “freak of nature”.
- *The world's termites outweigh the world's humans ten to one.
- *A caterpillar has more than 2,000 muscles.
- *The original Coca-Cola soft drink was green.
- *Pain travels through your body at a rate of 350 feet per second.
- *Al Capone's business card identified him as a used-furniture dealer.
- *Money doesn't grow on trees. It doesn't even come from trees. Money is made from cotton, not paper.
- *Maine is the only state with a one-syllable name.

People do not miss church services because they live too far from the building, but because they live too far from God.

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom
all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures
here below.*



*Praise Him above, ye
heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost.*

William Booth stated in the 20th Century, “The chief danger of the 20th century will be religion without the Holy Spirit, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, and heaven without hell.”