

What About the Hymns



“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” is a paraphrase of Psalm 90 and was written by Isaac Watts who has been called “The Father of English hymnody”. It first appeared in Watt’s first hymnal “The Psalms of David in the Language of the New Testament” in 1719 under the heading “Man Frail and God Eternal”.

This wonderful hymn was originally titled “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”, however in 1738 John Wesley changed the first word to “O” in his work “Psalms and Hymns”.

The music used for this hymn was composed in 1708 by William Croft. Croft was composer to Queen Anne of England and was recognized as the foremost church musician of his time.

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

Encouragement From A Rooster



The Lord will use any Christian following rules adhered to by the rooster:

1. The rooster rises early and immediately begins his God given task – crowing.
2. The rooster does not refuse to crow because he cannot sing like a canary; but he does crow as if to him, at least, his work was the most important in the world.
3. He efficiently does that which is never praised. Whoever heard anyone asking, “Did you listen to that rooster crow? Hasn’t he a charming voice?”
4. He awakes sleepers. Unpopular, but often necessary.
5. He is the proclaimer of good news: a new day with glorious opportunities and responsibilities has dawned.
6. He is dependable. He is persistent. He is an excellent advertiser.
7. He never complains about having to do the same common task, and he does not worry about the compensation or the recognition that he should have.

An aged Scotchman, while dying, was asked what he thought of death. His reply: “It matters little to me whether I live or die. If I die, I will be with Jesus; and if I live, Jesus will be with me.”



WHAT MY ABSENCE FROM CHURCH DID

- It caused some people to question the reality of my faith.
- It made some think that I was a pretender.
- It made many think that I consider my spiritual welfare and that of others a matter of small concern.
- It weakened the effect of the church service.
- It made it harder for the preacher to preach.
- It discouraged other church members and robbed them of a blessing.
- It caused others to stay away from church.
- It made it harder for me to resist the temptation of the devil.
- It gave the devil more power and influence over lost people.
- It encouraged me to become irregular in church attendance.

WHAT MY PRESENCE AT CHURCH DID

- It caused people to have confidence in me.
- It made people realize that I regard my spiritual welfare and that of others, matters of great importance.
- It had a good effect on the services.
- It made my friends feel more welcome.
- It encouraged other church members and helped the pastor in his work.
- It caused others to come to Christ.
- It made my life stronger for another week.
- It removed stumbling blocks from the sinner’s path.
- It pleased God.
- It caused others to say, “He practices what he preaches.”

Miscellaneous.

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



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*When trouble comes
don't pray "Lord, get me
out of this, but Lord
what do you want me to
get out of this?"*

I LIVE BY FAITH

I do not live by signs or wonders,
I do not live by what men say.

I "Live by Faith" in Christ my
Savior.

I "Live by Faith" from day to day.

I do not live by dreams or feelings,
I do not live by what I see.
I "Live by Faith" in what is written,
Of Jesus Christ of Calvary.

I do not live or take for granted,
This precious love and grace
divine.

I "Live by Faith" that someday
yonder,
God shall reward this faith of
mine.

I "Live by Faith" and all is settled,
God's Holy Word on it I stand;
By "Faith" I hold His every
promise, By "Faith" I know He
"holds my hand".

-Walt Huntley

Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable,
illogical, and self-centered; Forgive
them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse
you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be
kind to them anyway.

If you are successful, you will win
some false friends and some true
enemies; Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people
may cheat you; Be honest and frank
anyway.

What you spend years building,
someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
they may be jealous; Be happy
anyway.

The good you do today, people will
often forget tomorrow; Do good
anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough; Give
the world the best you've got
anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is
between you and God; It is never
between you and them anyway.

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

*Our God, our help in
ages past, our hope
for years to come.*



*Our shelter from the
stormy blast, and our
eternal home!*

*ETC is an
abbreviation
used to make
people think
you know
more than you
really do.*

SENTENCE SERMONS

Many a father has forgotten that they best offering he
can make his children is "himself."

Why is the way OUT of trouble, not as simple as the
way IN?

It is always a dangerous thing when the mouth goes
into motion before the mind is in gear.

I have never failed to hit the "bulls' eye" when I aimed
at "nothing".

Although the tongue weighs only a few ounces, very
few can hold it.

If you ever get a place in the sun; you will have to
expect some blisters.

Remember if you form a habit of looking back, you
will soon be heading that way.

Happiness is like potato salad...If you expect to have
a picnic you must "share it."

We would all fare better if we allowed our "listeners"
a little "butting-in" time.

*A Sunday school teacher had been telling the story of Noah and the Ark.
One of the little boys said, "Why didn't Noah just swat both of the flies
when he had the chance?"*