### What About the Hymns



"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" has been called by some "The National Anthem of Christendom." The words to the first verse of this wonderful hymn first appeared anonymously in the November issue of *The Gospel Magazine* in 1779. Then in the April 1780 issue, all eight verses were published under the title "On the Resurrection, the Lord is King". They appeared again in 1786 but this time they were accompanied by an acrostic poem whose letters spelled out the name of the author of the hymn, Edward Perronet.

Perronet was born into a family of distinguished French Huguenots who fled to Switzerland and then to England to escape religious persecution. He was ordained to the Anglican church but was always more sympathetic to the evangelical movement led by John and Charles Wesley, and soon he left the state church to join the Wesley's in their evangelistic endeavors.

The verse that we have as the fourth verse in most hymnals is actually the last of nine verses that was added in 1787 by John Rippon.

"O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall,

Join in the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all,

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This hymn was sung to many different tunes:

- "Miles Lane" penned by William Shrubsole in 1780.
- "The Coronation" penned by Oliver Holden in 1792.
- "Diadem" penned by James Ellor in 1838.

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

A chicken and a hog were walking down main street. They were arguing about which one of them had contributed the most to society. As they came to a restaurant the hog pointed out the sign in the window, "HAM AND EGGS". The hog turned to the chicken and said, "For you that's a contribution, for me it's a sacrifice."

When we die, we leave behind us all we have and take with us all we are.

## **SENTENCE ILLUSTRAIONS**

What this country needs more than a change in the work week is a change in the weak work.

It takes more skill than I can tell – to play the second fiddle well.

If our country is worth dying for in time of war, let us resolve that it is truly worth living for in time of peace.

Literally millions of people quit thinking about God when they quit Sunday School.

Where love is thin, faults are thick.

Excuses satisfy only the ones who make them.

It is possible to give thanks in all situations.

A tongue of praise doesn't have time to gossip.

It is easier to save face if you keep the lower half shut.

When opportunity knocks, open the door.

Our favorite attitude should be gratitude.

Debts of gratitude are the most difficult to collect.

If you have a good excuse, don't use it.

A smile can add a great deal to one's face value.

It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.

Serving Christ under law is duty' under love it is delight.





Pastor Stephen Dice, Editor

### THE FRIEND WHO JUST STANDS BY

When trouble comes your soul to try, you love the friend who just stands by. Perhaps there is nothing he can do – the thing is strictly up to you. For there are troubles all your own and paths the soul must tread alone. Times when love can't smooth the road, nor friendship lift the heavy load. But just to feel you have a friend who will "stand by" until the end. Whose sympathy through all endures, whose warm handclasp is always vours. It helps, some way, to pull you through, although there's nothing he can do. And so, with fervent heart you cry, God bless the friend, who just "Stands By"!

### Prayer of a Half-Hearted Christian

I love thy church, O God; her walls before me stand; but please excuse my absence, Lord; This bed is simply grand!

A charge to keep I have; a God to glorify; but, Lord, don't ask for cash from me; Thy glory comes too high.

Am I a soldier of the cross, a follower of the Lamb? Yes! Though I seldom pray or pay, I still insist I am.

Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No! Others, Lord, should do their part, but please don't count on me.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below! Oh, loud my hymns of praise I bring, because it doesn't cost to sing!

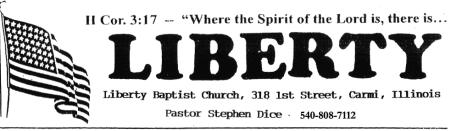
#### IN CHRIST WE HAVE ...

- A love that can never be fathomed. A life that can never die, A righteousness that can never be
- tarnished,

A peace that can never be understood.

A rest that can never be disturbed. A joy that can never be diminished, A hope that can never be clouded, A light that can never be darkened, A purity that can never be defiled, A beauty that can never be marred, A wisdom that can never be baffled, Resources that can never be exhausted.

A SECOND GRADER recited for the teacher the story of David using a slingshot to kill the giant. "What does that teach us?" the teacher asked. The little boy replied, "To duck!"



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# **Liberty Baptist Church News**

Today marks the two-year anniversary of holding regular weekly services for LBC. We are so thankful to the Lord for all He has done here. In the last two years we have had the opportunity to get the gospel to every home in Carmi, seen many visitors, begun to support missionaries, and most importantly, seen some come to Christ for salvation.

We are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us in the coming years and ask that you would continue to pray for us as we work together for the furtherance of the gospel.

#### **TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN** RELATIONS

- 1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
- 2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
- 3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to many ears is the sound of one's own name.
- Be friendly and helpful. If you would 4. have friends, be friendly.
- 5. Be cordial. Speak and act as though everything you do is pleasurable.
- 6. Have a genuine interest in people. People like to be noticed and appreciated.
- 7. Be generous with praise, be cautious with criticism.
- Be considerate of the feelings of others. 8. Try walking in their shoes.
- 9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. Respect their viewpoints.
- 10. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,



Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!