

What About the Hymns



“Jesus Shall Reign” is the third of the eight hymns of Dr. Isaac Watts. Written as a paraphrase of Psalm 72, with fourteen original verses, this great hymn is still considered one of the finest missionary hymns ever written. It first appeared in 1719 in *Watts Psalms of David*.

The music that we sing today, was comprised by John Hatton, who was born in 1710 in Warrington England. He lived on Duke Street in Windle, providing this tune the name “Duke Street.” This melody first appeared in 1793 in *A Select Collection of Psalms and Hymn Tunes*.

In 1862, in the South Sea Islands, 5,000 native people sang this hymn as the king abolished their native laws and established a Christian constitution.

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

THIS DAY

This day is mine to mar or make,
God keep me strong and true;
Let me no erring bypath take,
No doubtful action do.

Grant me when the setting sun
This day shall end.
I may rejoice o'er something done,
Be richer by a friend.

Let all I meet along the way
Speak well of me tonight,
I would not have the humblest say
I'd hurt him by a slight.

Let there be something true and
fine,
When night slips down, to tell
That I have lived this day of mine
Not selfishly, but well.

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 disappointed,
A glory 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.*

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A young man named John went to church on Sunday in a southern city in Indiana. He had been to reform school and wanted to make an effort to straighten out his life. At the end of the service the pastor gave the invitation and John went forward and knelt at the altar. Ordinarily, someone would come and pray with each person who responded to the invitation. But nobody went to pray with John. The people knew who he was. He was a bad actor. He had been to reform school. He was no good. No one prayed with him or read Scripture with him that day that perhaps would have helped him know that God loved him and would forgive his sin through Christ. But nobody cared.

When John left the church that Sunday he told his sister, who related this story many years ago, that he would never go to church again as long as he lived. And he never did. The young man's name, that is still known around the world today, was John Dillinger!

What a rebuke to those who go to church and don't care about the visitors. How often do people come to your church and you are not friendly? How often do visitors leave your church feeling the unconcern and indifference of those who profess to know Christ? How often do visitors come to your church and you are not even there to welcome them?

A man deliberately went to different churches for the purpose of grading those churches on different parts of the service such as preaching, singing, and friendliness. It was in the area of friendliness to the visitor that churches got their lowest marks. How sad! Do you see yourself in this story? Everybody is important to God and should be welcomed at church with open arms. Be one of those who care and show it by your faithful attendance and friendliness to those who worship with you.

"I will never go back to that church!"

An irate husband arrived at his home about 1:00 p.m. from church and raved at his wife, "Don't ever ask me again! I will never go back to that church."

The wife very calmly said, "Oh, you'll go back next Sunday."

"No, I won't," he shouted. Cool and collected his wife reasoned, "Give me two good reasons why you should not go back."

"I could give a hundred," he shouted, "but here's a couple—first, no one in the church likes me, and second, I don't like anyone in the church."

Very confidently his wife said, "You'll go back—fact is, you will be there next Sunday."

"Give me two good reasons why I should go back," he snapped.

"Well, my dear, I could give you a hundred but here are a couple—first, you are a mature person, and you know it is right to go to church; and second, *you are the pastor.*"



A WORD TO THE WISE

It takes most of us about two years to learn how to talk, and between 70-90 years to learn when to keep our mouths shut!

The handwriting on the wall usually means there is a "kid" in the family.

It is better to remain silent and appear to be a fool, than to speak out and remove all doubt.

If you ever begin to feel sorry for yourself, just think of what it must be like for the folks who have to live with you.

Talk is cheap...because the supply always exceeds the demand.

The best way to appreciate your job is a visit to the unemployment office and see all those people who do not have a job.

A panic-stricken man called the fire department and shouted that his house was on fire. "How do we get there?" the fireman asked. "Don't you have your red truck anymore?" the man replied.

GOD'S WORLD

There's so much beauty
in God's world
And so much goodness, too,
It seems we'd never
doubt His love;
And yet, sometimes we do,

We let our troubles blind us
To His constant, loving care;
We let our problems
weigh us down
With worry and despair;

But though our faith may waiver
He is quick to understand,
And we'll find Him always waiting
When we seek His helping hand.

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



LIBERTY

Liberty Baptist Church, 318 1st Street, Carmi, Illinois
Pastor Stephen Dice · 540-808-7112

June 9, 2024

Vol. I, No.9

Satan disguises submission to himself under the ruse of personal autonomy. He never asks us to become his servants. Never once did the serpent say to Eve, "I want to be your master." The shift in commitment is never from Christ to evil; it is always from Christ to self. And instead of His will, self-interest now rules and what I want reigns. And that is the essence of sin.

-Dennis F. Kinlaw

*Jesus shall reign
where'er the sun
Does its successive
journeys run;*



*His kingdom stretch
from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax
and wane no more.*

Let Not

Let not your faith be shattered
When failure comes your way,
For faith in God that you possess
Will bring a brighter day.

Let not your soul be troubled
And cast aside each fear,
For God will give you inner strength
And fill your heart with cheer.

Let nothing e'er deter you
In goals you seek to gain,
With faith in God to lead you on
Each one you can attain.

-Harold. F. Mohn

*If you dislike a Holy God
now, why would you want
to be with Him forever? If
worship does not capture
your attention at present.
What makes you think it
will thrill you in some
heavenly future? If
ungodliness is your delight
here on earth, what will
please you in Heaven
where all is clean and pure?
You would not be happy
there if you are not Holy
here.*

-J.C.Ryle