

All My Heart Adores You

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"...to love him with all the heart..." (Mark 12:33)

One of my great delights is to read the sermons of the 19th century Baptist pastor in London, Charles Spurgeon. Perhaps no man preached Christ more fervently since the days of the apostle Paul than Spurgeon, the "Prince of Preachers." I read one of his sermons daily. It has long been my desire to write a collection of hymns inspired by selected sermons he preached from the Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit. This project has proven more challenging than originally thought!

"All My Heart Adores You" was my first attempt at recasting Spurgeon's sermon into a hymn. Inspired by Sermon #338, "Love to Jesus," the hymn is a love song to the Lord Jesus Christ. In his sermon, Spurgeon not only stated the church's love for Christ but also provided several reasons why the Christian must love Jesus, most notably the cross of Christ.

Accordingly, the first stanza of the hymn announces our love for Jesus. Once we look at Him, no other love can rise to His level in our hearts and minds. The second stanza answers the question of why we should adore the Lord Jesus. Two reasons are provided: His very nature is love and He demonstrated His love by choosing unworthy sinners to be His. The hymn's third stanza showcases the cross as the ultimate reason to give Jesus everything.

*Can I look upon Your anguish,
Can I see Your agony,
And shall not my heart adore You,
Smitten by such love for me?*

He is worthy of our total love and devotion! I encourage you to take 30 minutes to read the sermon as you meditate on the truths of this hymn. His sermons can be found freely online. Though my first Spurgeon hymn text, this was my second collaboration with my good friend Josh Sparkman. His musical settings of hymns highlight the freshness and vitality of the ancient and eternal truths of the gospel.