

MAY THE WORDS (PSALM 19)

The skies open up
To the glory of God voice calling out
Through the day and the night

There is no place where the song is not heard
Throughout the heavens and earth
O Lord my rock and my redeemer

The law of the Lord
is perfect and right
Restoring my soul
giving joy to my heart

The fear of the Lord is enduring and pure
and true and righteous and wise
O Lord my rock and my redeemer

May the words of my mouth
And the thoughts of my heart
Be acceptable, acceptable
To You

O Lord my rock and my redeemer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your heads,

O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads,

**O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is he, this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

—Psalm 24:7–10, NIV—

COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!

Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend!

COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING cont.

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.

Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain?
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be?
That thou my God shouldst die for me?

Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou my God shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou my God shouldst die for me?

He left his father's throne above.
So free, so infinite his grace!
Emptied himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus and all in him is mine.
Alive in him my living head,
And clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold, I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown through Christ my own.

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Q83. What are the keys of the kingdom?

A. The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both of them open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers.

Q84. How does preaching the holy gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

A. According to the command of Christ: The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to all believers, each and every one, that, as often as they accept the gospel promise in true faith, God, because of Christ's merit, truly forgives all their sins. The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the wrath of God and eternal condemnation rest on them. God's judgment, both in this life and in the life to come, is based on this gospel testimony.

Q85. How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by Christian discipline?

A. According to the command of Christ: Those who, though called Christians, profess unchristian teachings or live unchristian lives, and who after repeated personal and loving admonitions, refuse to abandon their errors and evil ways, and who after being reported to the church, that is, to those ordained by the church for that purpose, fail to respond also to the church's admonitions— such persons the church excludes from the Christian community by withholding the sacraments from them, and God also excludes them from the kingdom of Christ. Such persons, when promising and demonstrating genuine reform, are received again as members of Christ and of his church

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

—based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24—

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME cont.

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Yet not I but through Christ in me

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SERMON**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

COMMUNION

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

Glorious things of you are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 he whose word cannot be broken
 formed you for his own abode.
 On the Rock of Ages founded,
 what can shake your sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 you may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
 springing from eternal love,
 well supply your sons and daughters
 and all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint while such a river
 ever will their thirst assuage?
 Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
 never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
 see the cloud and fire appear
 for a glory and a cov'ring,
 showing that the Lord is near.
 Thus deriving from their banner
 light by night and shade by day,
 safe they feed upon the manna
 which he gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city
 I thro' grace a member am,
 let the world deride or pity,
 I will glory in your name.
 Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
 all their boasted pomp and show;
 solid joys and lasting treasures
 none but Zion's children know.