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**August 23, 2020**

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## **Remembering the Past in Light of Present Difficulties Psalm 44**

**MAIN IDEA:** Remembering the glories that God provided Israel in the past, and a plea and prayer for God to remove the difficulties of the present.

I. Remembering the glories God provided in the past (vv. 44:1 - 8)

II. Expressing the grief and despair of apparently being forgotten and abandoned by God (vv. 44:9 - 16)

III. A plea for God to return to the nation of Israel (vv. 44:17-22)

IV. A final plea and prayer for God to wake up and help the nation of Israel (vv. 44:23 - 26)

## **Come Praise and Glorify**

### **Verse 1**

Come praise and glorify our God  
The Father of our Lord  
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms  
His blessings on us poured  
For pure and blameless in His sight  
He destined us to be  
And now we've been adopted through  
His Son eternally

### **Chorus**

To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves

### **Verse 2**

Come praise and glorify our God  
Who gives His grace in Christ  
In Him our sins are washed away  
Redeemed through sacrifice  
In Him God has made known to us  
The myst'ry of His will  
That Christ should be the head of all  
His purpose to fulfill

### **Chorus**

### **Verse 3**

Come praise and glorify our God  
For we've believed the Word  
And through our faith we have a seal  
The Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope  
Until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise  
To God the Three in One

### **Chorus**

(repeat)

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## **Whate'er My God Ordains is Right**

### **Verse 1**

Whate'er my God ordains is right:  
His holy will abideth;  
I will be still whate'er he doth;  
And follow where he guideth.  
He is my God, though dark my road.  
He holds me that I shall not fall.  
And so to him I leave it all,  
He holds me that I shall not fall.

### **Verse 2**

Whate'er my God ordains is right:  
He never will deceive me.  
He leads me by the proper path;  
I know he will not leave me.  
I take, content, what he hath sent.  
His hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait his day,  
His hand can turn my griefs away.

### **Verse 3**

Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
Though now this cup, in drinking,  
May bitter seem to my faint heart,  
I take it all, unshrinking.  
My God is true; each morn anew.  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,  
And pain and sorrow shall depart,  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

### **Verse 4**

Whate'er my God ordains is right.  
Here shall my stand be taken.  
Though sorrow, need,  
or death be mine,  
Yet am I not forsaken.  
My Father's care is round me there.  
He holds me that I shall not fall,  
And so to him I leave it all,  
He holds me that I shall not fall

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## The Sands of Time are Sinking

### Verse 1

The sands of time are sinking  
The dawn of Heaven breaks  
The summer morn I've sighed for  
The fair sweet morn awakes  
Dark dark hath been the midnight  
But dayspring is at hand  
And glory glory dwelleth  
In Immanuel's land

### Verse 2

The King there in His beauty  
Without a veil is seen  
It were a well spent journey  
Though sev'n deaths lay between  
The Lamb with His fair army  
Doth on Mount Zion stand  
And glory glory dwelleth  
In Immanuel's land

### Verse 3

O Christ He is the fountain  
The deep deep well of love  
The streams on earth I've tasted  
More deep I'll drink above  
There to an ocean fullness  
His mercy doth expand  
And glory glory dwelleth  
In Immanuel's land

### Verse 4

With mercy and with judgment  
My web of time He wove  
And always dews of sorrow  
Were lustered with His love  
I'll bless the hand that guided  
I'll bless the heart that planned  
When throned where glory dwelleth  
In Immanuel's land

### Verse 5

Oh I am my Beloved's  
And my Beloved's mine  
He brings a poor vile sinner  
Into His house of wine  
I stand upon His merit  
I know no other stand  
Not e'en where glory dwelleth  
In Immanuel's land

### Verse 6

The bride eyes not her garments  
But her dear Bridegroom's face  
I will not gaze at glory  
But on my King of grace  
Not at the crown He giveth  
But on His pierced hand  
The Lamb is all the glory  
Of Immanuel's land

CCLI Song # 7064247

## Jesus, Strong and Kind

### Verse 1

Jesus said  
That if I thirst  
I should come to him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to him

### Verse 2

Jesus said  
If I am weak  
I should come to him  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to him

### Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus strong and kind

### Verse 3

Jesus said  
That if I fear  
I should come to him  
No one else can be my shield  
I should come to him

### Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus strong and kind

### Verse 4

Jesus said  
If I am lost  
He will come to me  
And he showed me on that cross  
He will come to me

### Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus strong and kind

### (Repeat)

CCLI Song # 7139992

# **Christ is Mine Forevermore**

## **Verse 1**

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

## **Chorus 1**

But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

## **Verse 2**

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

## **Chorus 2**

But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

## **Verse 3**

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

## **Chorus 3**

But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

## **Chorus 4**

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

## **Bridge**

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

(Repeat 2x)

## **Chorus 5**

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore  
Christ is mine forevermore  
Christ is mine forevermore



### **Prayer**

***Our Church Family:*** Jonah & Andrea Ferguson; Tanaja, Chyna, Jonah, Lily, Sophia, James, Vivian and Claire

***Our Leaders:*** Kevin Rider, Carmel City Council

***Our Missionaries:*** Michael & Kenean Granger/Ethiopia

***Our Partners in the Gospel:*** New City Church, Indianapolis

### **Questions for Study and Discussion**

1. How do we lead our families and friends to know of the Lord and our continued dependence upon him? How do you integrate the story line of the Bible into your everyday conversations?
2. What do you do when it appears that God is not listening to your prayers? What makes you feel abandoned by God? How do you fight the temptation to grumble and complain— to fight the temptation of being discontent?
3. How do you comfort friends and family who are facing difficulties and pain? What Bible verses come to your mind and how do you apply them to difficult circumstances?
4. When God appears to be absent, what should a believer's response be—what words and phrases can be used to appeal to God?

We are a gospel family committed to being and making disciples of Jesus for the glory of God.