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> DOWN TO THE DEPTHS OF WOE #292 Hymns of Grace and Truth

(1)"Down to the depths of woe Christ came to set me free!"

To what depths our Saviour went to redeem us! We little realize the depths to which He went to make us accepted of God __to be righteous in God's sight.

"He bared His breast, received the blow, which justice aimed at me! What extent of suffering is contained in these words! The Lord Jesus held nothing back when the "due time" came for Him. Previously no one could take Him, but now the time had come when He could say, "for the prince of the world cometh" and "Behold the hour cometh, yea, is come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone." "For when we were yet without strength, in **due time** Christ died for the ungodly." We faced God's righteous justice because of our sins; Christ took it upon Himself. It was all ours by right, but He took it all Himself.

(2) "There Justice met my sin, on the accursed tree:"_Gal.3:13 says, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being ... with wing: as eagles." Isaiah 40:31

> made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree." When we think of our Lord Jesus, the holy One who knew no sin, become a curse for us, what praise and worship should come from these hearts of ours! "To prove His love, my heart to win, Christ gave Himself for me." Oh to think of it_"gave Himself"___nothing less! No work of angels, no creative work of the Father could satisfy the holy Justice of God for our redemption. As Gal.2:20 says, "I live by faith, the faith of the Son of God, who has loved me and has given Himself for me."

> (3) "As advocate on high, my soul He pleads for thee!" What better representative could we have before the throne of God? "And when I wander draws me nigh,-- He ever lives for me!" What a stupendous work the Lord Jesus is doing now as our advocate and high priest.

> (4) "Through all this desert place, my Guide and Strength is He." Truly this is a fulfillment of

the 23rd Psalm, showing the present work of our Shepherd. "*Till I shall see Him* face to face, when He shall come for me." What a prospect this is, when then "we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is " (5) "Yes! Soon this waiting hour on time's swift wing shall flee:" Truly this time today is one spoken of in Rev.3:10___"because thou has kept the word of my patience." "Soon He will come in glorious pow'r,--- Jesus **Himself** for me!" As we await the coming of the Lord Jesus at the "Rapture" may we be of an attitude that is shown in the poem,____

THE REST OF THE WAY

"Oh, fathomless mercy, Oh, infinite grace! With humble thanksgiving the road we retrace: Thou never hast failed us, our strength and our stay! To whom should we turn for the rest of the way?

"Through dangers, through darkness, by day and by night Thou ever hast guided, and guided us right, In Thee we have trusted, and peacefully lay Our hand into Thy hand for the rest of the way.

"Thy cross all our refuge, Thy blood all our plea None other we want, Lord Jesus, but Thee. We fear not the shadows at the close of life's day For Thou wilt go with us THE REST OF THE WAY." With love in our Lord Jesus

Albert E. Keillor

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower"___"He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me; because he delighted in me." (Psalm 18:2,19)

"The Psalmist uses seven different words to describe what the Lord meant to his soul. As we meditate upon them we get some sense of His all-sufficiency, not only to meet every need but also to protect from every danger, to strengthen for every trial and to arm us for every conflict. Why, then, should we ever dread the onslaught of the enemy or become distressed or discouraged when circumstances seem to press hard against us. The God who is the rock of our salvation is also the fortress in which we are safe from every foe, and the delivered who stands between us and the enemy. He **Himself** is our strength and shield. In Him we have everything that heart can desire. Our salvation is in **His keeping**; He is the high tower from which we view the land of promise wither His grace will soon take us to be with Himself

___H.A.I. "The Daily Sacrifice"

"And what is this "large place"? What can it be but God Himself, that infinite Being in whom all other streams of life terminate? God is a large place indeed. And it was through humiliation, abasement, through nothingness that David was brought into it. ____Madame Guyon.

"I bare you on eagle's wings, and brought

you unto myself."___(Exodus 19:4)

"Fearing to launch on "full surrender's" tide, I asked the Lord where would its waters glide My little bark, "To troubled seas I dread? "Unto Myself," He said.

"Weeping beside an open grave I stood, In bitterness of soul I cried to God: "Where leads this path of sorrow that I tread?" "Unto Myself," He said.

"Striving for souls, I loved the work too well; Then disappointments came; I could not tell The reason, till He said, "I am thine all; Unto Myself I call."

"Watching my heroes__those I loved the best__ I saw them fail; they could not stand the test, Even by this the Lord, through tears not few, Unto **Himself** me drew.

"Unto Himself! No earthly tongue can tell The bliss I find, since in His heart I dwell; The things that charmed me once seem all as naught; Unto Himself I'm brought."

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"Sin itself is hell, and death, and misery to the soul, as being a departure from goodness and holiness itself; I mean from God, in conjunction with whom the happiness, and blessedness, and heaven of a soul doth consist. Avoid it, therefore, as you would avoid being miserable." —Samuel Shaw

"When once the soul has bowed down before Christ, it finds there is such an infinite unsearchable fullness in Him. Do you not when you have to do with Him, find an open fountain from which flow thousands of rills of blessing in connection with **Himself**? It is all my salvation and all my strength to see that it is all in **Himself**. How are you sure that you will not break down? Because you have got something that is clean outside the range of the creature, it is God, and His Christ. Do you think *they* are competent to make you sure? If God has put His hand to it, it is the security the competency of God **Himself**.

— G.V. Wigram

WISDOM AND LOVE

We marvel at the wisdom of our faithful Lord Who knows just how and when to order all events To work for good to those who simply trust His word, Who realize the beauty of His providence.

For this is true of all the years that now have passed, With many changes, sometimes bitter, sometimes sweet; But all combining to convey to us at last The knowledge that His love is perfectly complete.

This past year too has added its confirming voice To magnify the grace and wisdom of our Lord, To cause us truly, deeply, fully to rejoice In Him who died and lives according to His word.

For His great, amazing sacrifice at Calvary Proves perfectly the fullness of His love and grace; And all who trust in Him in pure simplicity Will learn His guidance, and the beauty of His face.

-L.M. Grant

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