

Trust and Obey

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Introduction and Update

So the hymn I chose was Trust and Obey. And my message is entitled Trust and Obey. And you'll see, literally, that that will be our message. Our message will be that hymn. I've never done this before, but we'll see how it goes.

So just to give you a bit of an update, up in Squamish, we've still been having our Bible study with David and Robert. So this past winter and spring, we studied through the books of Romans and Hebrews, and we also completed a course on creation and cosmology. And so that's just a bit of a brief update. Yeah. Okay.

So 2 Timothy 2, verses 3 to 4 say:

[2 Timothy 2:3-4 NKJV] - ³ You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴ No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

It is so easy to become entangled in the affairs of this life. William Booth said this at one point—I saw this yesterday; I thought it was apropos: "The tendency of fire is to go out. Watch the fire on the altar of your heart." Anyone who has tended a fireplace fire knows that it needs to be stirred up occasionally.

Hymns of Faith

So, as I said, I'm going to be looking at the hymn, Trust and Obey. And when I was growing up as a kid, many of you probably had this too as you were growing up as children or you did this with your children. But my mom, she wasn't singing to us, but she used to sing hymns when she was doing her housework. Some of her favorites were Blessed Assurance—so, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine." She loved the chorus: "This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long." And then Everybody Ought to Know, right? And she loved that too: "Everybody ought to know who Jesus is," and that's so true. "He's the lily of the valley, He's the bright and morning star, He's the fairest of ten thousand, everybody ought to know." And, of course, another one that she loved was, because He lives—a more modern one—but "Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives."

But one of her favorites was Trust and Obey. And the key refrain there is: "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

Now, as I mentioned, my message tonight is essentially the text of the hymn, Trust and Obey. To be **happy** in Jesus, we simply have to trust and obey. Now, if you think about it, people have put that different ways at different times. You know, I remember a little booklet by Steve Olsheiser, for instance. He had one that was called Obedience, the Key to Our Problems. I think—I'm doing these by memory—but Anthony Norris Groves, Christian Devotedness; Andrew Murray, one called Absolute Surrender. And what I'm saying really here is, ultimately, if you really think about it, they're all writing about the same thing, but with a slightly different emphasis. And so tonight I'm going to give a message on trust and obey.

Now, what happened is, many, many years ago, there was a preacher who was speaking at the assembly I grew up in in Toronto, and he gave a message on the hymn, Trust and Obey. It, rather than Scripture, was his text for the evening—not really, of course, but his message was simply: there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey. And I don't remember anything else about the message; I just remember that he did a message on Trust and Obey. And so I thought, well, I'm going to try to do the same thing. As I said, I don't remember anything else he said other than the fact that he demonstrated through Scripture, there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey. So this evening, we won't be covering any new ground. And if, after the message is through, all you remember is there is no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey, then that's enough.

The Hymn: Trust and Obey

So the song Trust and Obey—yeah, okay, yeah—so the song Trust and Obey is really known by either its first line or the refrain, "Trust and Obey." "When we walk with the Lord" is the first line of the hymn:

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise,
Not a cloud in the skies,
But a smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear,
Not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear,
Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss,
Not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do,

Where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Now, all I remembered was the title and the chorus, and I hadn't really thought about what the rest of the hymn was about, but I just thought I'd try a message on this and see how it goes.

The history of the hymn Trust and Obey isn't as dramatic as that of hymns like It Is Well With My Soul, but its origin is worth noting, really, for its simplicity. Trust and Obey was inspired by a story from one of D.L. Moody's evangelistic meetings. Daniel Towner, who wrote the tune to Trust and Obey, relates how this popular hymn came into being:

D.L. Moody was conducting a series of meetings in Brockton, Massachusetts in 1886, and I had the pleasure of singing for him there. One night, a young man rose in a testimony meeting and said, "I'm not quite sure, but I'm going to trust and I'm going to obey." I just dotted that sentence down and sent it with a little story to John H. Sammis. He wrote the hymn and the tune was born.

Of course, he wrote the tune, so he just said that the tune was born. But that simple testimony from over 140 years ago still testifies in church gatherings throughout the world today: "I'm not quite sure, but I'm going to trust and I'm going to obey." That simple testimony may have seemed to most that evening to be insignificant. Yet who knows what someone may say or share in a meeting, or in a Bible study, or even in passing in a private conversation. God used that young man's simple testimony to spark the song that many have come to love because of the power of that sentence: "I'm not quite sure, but I'm going to trust and I'm going to obey." Now remember, a young Christian filled with the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ can be more effective in sharing what he knows of Christ than a well-trained seminarian—that is to say, someone taught at a Bible college or seminary—who may have a head full of theology but may lack the reality of the living Christ in his life. And that's even more likely these days than even in the past.

So I will focus on the first and the two last stanzas of the hymn and the refrain, the chorus.

Walking with the Lord

"When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds on our way."

[Amos 3:3 NKJV] - Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

Well, as we know, there were two individuals in Scripture of whom God says they walked with God. And that's Enoch and Noah.

[Genesis 5:21-24 NKJV] - ²¹ Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. ²² After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. ²³ So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴ And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

And then we read about Enoch in Hebrews, of course:

[Hebrews 11:5-6 NKJV] - ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. ⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

And Enoch walked with God, for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. Up to that point in time, everyone had died that ever had lived. There was no record of anyone ever having been taken without dying. The only other individual later in Scripture was Elijah, as we know. Enoch walked with the invisible God for 300 years, and then he walked into eternity. Before his translation, he had this testimony: he walked with God, that he pleased God. The life of faith always pleases God; He loves to be trusted. William MacDonald, in the way only William can, writes: "The word walk implies a steady, progressive relationship, but not just a casual acquaintance. To walk with God is the business of a lifetime, and not just the performance of an hour." Enoch was translated to heaven prior to the flood, just as the church will be raptured to heaven before the tribulation brings. And that's what we're hoping for these days as we look up and lift up our heads, because truly our redemption draws nigh.

The other individual, as we pointed out, was Noah.

[Genesis 6:8-10 NKJV] - ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

It's interesting that in both instances of Noah and Enoch walking with God, the context in both mentions their children. And then in Hebrews again, because he's also mentioned in the wall of faith, as it were, or the colosseum of faith:

[Hebrews 11:6-7 NKJV] - ⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Faith not only believes that God exists, but also trusts Him to reward those who diligently seek Him. There's nothing about God that makes it impossible for me or anyone else to believe. The difficulty is with the human will. The faith of Noah was based on God's warning that He was going to destroy the world with a flood. There had never been a flood before, but Noah believed God and built an ark. He was doubtless mocked and ridiculed, but Noah's faith was rewarded. His household was saved. The world was condemned by his life and testimony. And he became the heir of righteousness, which is received on the basis of faith—that is to say, trust. So just as Enoch is a symbol or type of the church raptured to heaven, Noah symbolizes the remnant preserved through the tribulation to live in the millennial reign of Christ.

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds on our way. The psalmist could say:

[Psalm 119:105 NKJV]
Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

God speaks to us primarily through His Word. The light of the Word guides us by showing the right way, the safe path. God's guidance is summed up by Solomon in the words:

[Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV]

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

We must trust God with all our heart for the direction of our lives. And there must be a healthy distrust of self—the opposite of what the world teaches. We don't know what's best for us. Jeremiah expressed it:

[Jeremiah 10:23 NKJV]

O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself;
It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

We have to acknowledge God in all aspects of our lives. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. We must have no will of our own—only the single, pure desire to know His will and to do it. Then God promises to direct our path, or as different versions say, make plain our paths or make straight our paths to show us the right way. God will make His guidance so clear that to refuse would be positive disobedience.

While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

So the first part is: while we do His good will, He abides with us still. And then, of course, we're reminded of John 15:

[John 15:4-5 NKJV] - ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

And with all who will trust and obey. It's not only fellowship with God, but with all who will trust and obey.

[1 Corinthians 1:9 NKJV] - God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

[1 John 1:7 NKJV] - But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

[1 John 2:6 NKJV] - He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

[1 John 2:17 NKJV] - And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

[1 John 3:24 NKJV] - Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

What It Means to Trust

What does it mean to trust and obey? Trust. So I'm going to look at—the song is called Trust and Obey—I'm going to look at trust first and then obedience.

Trust is essentially synonymous with faith. Faith is the noun and trust is the verb—that is to say, the action. So if we look at the dictionary definition, as I said, faith is a noun. It's trust or confidence in someone or something. And so here, of course, it's trust and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work. And trust is really the verb. It means to believe in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of. And so if we think of that in the context of the Lord Jesus, well, we believe in the reliability, truth, ability, and strength of the Lord Jesus Christ and in His Word. They break it down a little bit more in the dictionary definition as: to rely on the truthfulness or accuracy of. And of course, we rely on the truthfulness and accuracy of our Lord and Savior and His Word. We place our confidence in Him in the light of His Word, and we hope or expect confidently in Him. The other one aspect of the word trust, it means to entrust. Entrust, I mean: so to commit or place in one's care or keeping. And so we commit or place in the care of the Lord Jesus Christ and in His nail-pierced hands, ourselves. We've entrusted ourselves to Him. And then the other aspect is: to permit or stay or go to or do something without fear or misgiving. And we permit the Lord to, you know, basically have free reign in our lives.

Now, to trust—as William MacDonald says, to trust Jesus is the most sane, logical, reasonable thing a person can do. No, actually, faith demands the surest evidence and finds it in the Word of God. There is nothing as certain as God's Word. His Word is truth. To trust Him is the most sane, logical, reasonable thing a person can do. What is more reasonable than that the creature should trust his Creator? He cannot lie, deceive, or be deceived. So to live by faith simply means to believe or trust God when He speaks. God means what He says and says what He means. God said it, and that is enough. If we look at much of the church today or Christendom, that is not enough for them. But for us it is: God said it, and that is enough. Faith is the reasonable response to clear evidence. Faith is simply taking God at His Word.

In Hebrews 11, we're given a series of illustrations of faith. A number of different individuals are described in many circumstances of life, all making a distinction. Faith is the decision to respond to God and His Word. And so trusting God ultimately involves making a decision. And Moses is a good example. As we know, there are five words which illustrate his response to God. Those words are: he refused, he chose, he esteemed, he forsook, and he kept. Each word indicates a decision on the part of Moses. He was not to stay in Egypt; he was to lead the Israelites into Canaan.

And so, as we pointed out, faith and to trust are very closely related. Two times the Lord speaks of individuals of great faith. Both times they were Gentiles. We know these passages well: the centurion and the woman of Canaan. I'll just look at today just the centurion; we won't look at the Canaanite woman.

[Matthew 8:5-10 NKJV] - ⁵ Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, ⁶ saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." ⁷ And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸ The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, "Go," and he goes; and to another, "Come," and he comes; and to my servant, "Do this," and he does it." ¹⁰ When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

Our attitude to our Savior should be the same. We should simply say to Him, "Speak the word only." And that should be enough. Speak the word only. The Lord honors those who

honor Him. And of course, the ultimate statement, really, in many respects of someone who showed his faith in God—it was Job, as we know:

[Job 13:15 NKJV] - Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.

What It Means to Obey

The hymn continues: while we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. Now we're going to look at the obey part. Again, very familiar—it's the scene with Saul.

[1 Samuel 15:22 NKJV] - So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.

[John 14:15 NKJV] - "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

That's what the Lord Jesus said.

[John 14:21 NKJV] - He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

[John 14:23 NKJV] - Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

If we truly love the Lord Jesus, we will keep His commandments. We will be obedient, and we will be loved of His Father, and He will love us, and the Lord Jesus will manifest Himself to us. If we truly love the Lord Jesus, we will keep His words. We will be obedient, and His Father will love us, and the Father and Son will come unto us and make Their abode with us. What marvelous words of life!

In John 15, we read, while the Lord Jesus speaks:

[John 15:10-14 NKJV] - ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

Do you want to be the friend of Jesus? Keep His commandments; trust and obey. If we do whatever He asks of us, we're His friends. We will abide in His love, and His joy will remain in us, and our joy will be full. How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

Trust and Obey continues with the stanza:

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Now, if you have a line like "until all on the altar we lay," we immediately think of Romans chapter 12:

[Romans 12:1-2 NKJV] - ¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

[Matthew 16:24-25 NKJV] - ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Again, you know me, I love a good poem:

What shall I give Thee, Master,
Thou who hast died for me?
Shall I give less than all I possess,
Or shall I give all to Thee?
Jesus, my Lord and Savior,
Thou hast given all for me;
Not just a part or half of my heart,
I will give all to Thee. Amen.

Another poet put it:

A sacrifice to God in life or death are we;
Then keep us ever, blessed Lord, thus set apart to Thee.
Bought with a price, we're not our own;
We died, we live to God alone.

David Livingstone, who basically opened up Africa with the gospel, was once—someone was talking to him and spoke to him about his sacrifice, and he said:

Sacrifice? Away with the word! Say emphatically it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger now and then, with a forsaking of the common conveniences of life, may cause the spirit to waver... But let this be only for a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory that shall hereafter be revealed in us and for us. I never made a sacrifice.

Of this we should—we ought not talk when we think of the great sacrifice which He has made for us.

[2 Corinthians 4:17 NKJV] - For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

The Lord Jesus is our shield and our exceeding great reward.

Following His Lead

And then the next stanza of the hymn is:

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

He's the best of masters. He loves you and He knows what's best. So whatever He says we ought to do, and wherever He sends we ought to go. We ought to be like Isaiah, who in hearing the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" said:

[Isaiah 6:8 NKJV] - Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Think about the words of Abner when he sought to bring over the ten tribes to David's side:

[2 Samuel 3:17-18 NKJV] - ¹⁷ Now Abner had communicated with the elders of Israel, saying, "In time past you were seeking for David to be king over you. ¹⁸ Now then, do it! For the LORD has spoken of David, saying, "By the hand of My servant David, I will save My people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and the hand of all their enemies."

He said, "You sought for David in times past to be king over you. Now then, do it!" We ought to say to our Savior: "King of my life, I crown Thee now. Thine shall the glory be."

Consider too the wise advice given by Mary to those who sought her intercession. She pointed them to the Son of God and says:

[John 2:5 NKJV] - His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

We ought to say:

[1 Samuel 3:9-10 NKJV] - ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, "Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

Recall too the noble words of Jonathan to David:

[1 Samuel 20:4 NKJV] - So Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you yourself desire, I will do it for you."

We ought to say to Jesus, "Whatever You say, Lord, I will do for You."

In the last two weeks, my Facebook algorithm keeps popping up a reel from a couple in Australia who are singing. Every day it pops up when I go to Facebook. But I don't mind. And you're all familiar with this, but I had to include it in this evening for that reason, because it keeps popping up:

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands;
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand
Than to be the king of a vast domain
And be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead.

The Joy of Trusting and Obeying

So lastly, let's look at the chorus of our hymn for this evening:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Is it biblical to say that by trusting and obeying, we will be happy in Jesus? Well, I looked at this. I was going through the verses; I just got through a few of them. But here's a few that I found.

So Psalm 2, verse 12 says:

[Psalm 2:12 NKJV]
Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,
And you perish in the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

And blessed can mean happy, right? Blessed in Webster's dictionary says: "enjoying happiness." It can mean a little bit more than that as well. But "blessed are all they that put their trust in Him."

[Psalm 34:8 NKJV]
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Again: happy is the man that trusteth in Him.

[Psalm 84:11-12 NKJV]
¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
The LORD will give grace and glory;
No good thing will He withhold
From those who walk uprightly.
¹² O LORD of hosts,
Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

So again, that can be: happy is the man that trusteth in Thee (Psalm 84:11-12). But if you look at that in even a different version—the GNT, the Good News Translation, I think that is: "How happy are those who trust in You!"

But then again, when we get to Psalm 144:15, the word even in the KJV is:

[Psalm 144:15 NKJV]

Happy are the people who are in such a state;
Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

And then continuing in the Psalms, and it's using the word happy now here:

[Psalm 146:5 NKJV]

Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

And then Proverbs 16:20, it's just right on point:

[Proverbs 16:20 NKJV]

He who heeds the word wisely will find good,
And whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he.

[Jeremiah 17:7-8 NKJV]

⁷ "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
And whose hope is the LORD.

⁸ For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the river,
And will not fear when heat comes;
But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

In other words: happy is the man that trusteth in the Lord and whose hope the Lord is.

And then in Luke—Jesus said:

[Luke 11:28 NKJV] - But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Happy are they that hear the Word of God and keep it. And that has both aspects there: hearing the Word of God and keeping it, trusting and obeying. Okay. As God's people, we ought to be able to hear the Word of God and keep it, to be a happy people. Who else but us?

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

So I'll just close in a word of prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, we would just thank Thee for this opportunity that we had to both look at one of the hymns that was written in the past that simply talked about trusting and obeying the Lord Jesus Christ. And dear Heavenly Father, then we opened Your Word. We see, of course, that this is biblical. And dear Heavenly Father, we pray that You would help each of us to trust and obey, to put our faith wholly in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then to be obedient to whatever You would tell us to do. Dear Heavenly Father, if Your Word says it, then we should do it. And dear Heavenly Father, whatever You tell us to do, we ought to do it. You're the best of masters. You know what's best for us. And so, dear Heavenly Father, we just thank Thee for Your Word, for these hymns. And pray, dear Heavenly Father, You would part us with Your blessing and that You will bless us in the week that lies ahead, that each one of us, Lord, might shine a little more for the Lord Jesus Christ where we are, that we would take the moment and the opportunity just to talk to others about Jesus. In His precious, worthy, and lovely name we pray. Amen. Amen.