



## 2CHR 96.5FM Gospel Hour Content

15th January 2012

### *Readings from the English Bible*

- Psalm 90
- Genesis 18
- John 2
- Hebrews 2
- Psalm 102

### *Metrical Psalms*

- Psalm 90:14-17
- Psalm 102:13-22

### *Chequebook of the Bank of Faith—Devotional reflection*

#### REST IS A GIFT

*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" Matt. 11:28*

We who are saved find rest in Jesus. Those who are not saved will receive rest if they come to Him, for here He promises to "give" it. Nothing can be freer than a gift; let us gladly accept what He gladly gives. You are not to buy it, nor to borrow it; but to receive it as a gift. You labour under the lash of ambition, covetousness, lust, or anxiety: He will set you free from this iron bondage, and give you rest. You are "laden" — yes, "heavy laden" with sin, fear, care, remorse, fear of death; but if you come to Him, He will unload you. He carried the crushing mass of our sin, that we might no longer carry it. He made Himself the great Burden-bearer, that every heavy laden one might cease from bowing down under the enormous pressure.

Jesus gives rest. It is so. Will you believe it? Will you put it to the test? Will you do so at once? Come to Jesus, by quitting every other hope, by thinking of Him, believing God's testimony about Him, and trusting everything with Him. If you thus come to Him, the rest which He will give you will be deep, safe, holy, and everlasting. He gives a rest which develops into heaven, and He gives it this day to all who come to Him.

***Charles Haddon Spurgeon***

*Classical Believing Hymns – Truth for all time*

**“There is a friend who sticketh fast”**

John Berridge  
(1716-1793)

*Prov. 17:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*

There is a Friend who sticketh fast,  
And keeps His love from first to last,  
And Jesus is His name;  
An earthly brother drops his hold,  
Is sometimes hot and sometimes cold,  
But Jesus is the same.

He loves His People, great and small,  
And, grasping hard, embraces all,  
Nor with a soul will part;  
No tribulations which they feel,  
No foes on earth, or fiends of hell  
Shall tear them from His heart.

His love before all time began,  
And through all time it will remain,  
And evermore endure;  
Though rods and frowns are sometimes  
brought,  
And man may change—He changes  
not;  
His love abideth sure.

Let all the ransomed of the Lord  
Exalt His love with one accord,  
And hallelujah sing;  
Adore the dying Friend of man,  
And bless Him highly as you can;  
He is your God and King.

**“The means of grace are in my hand”**

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*Jas. 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

The means of grace are in my hand  
The blessing is at God’s command  
Who must the work fulfill;  
And though I read, and watch and  
pray,  
Yet here the Lord directs my way  
And worketh all things still.

I cannot speak a proper word,  
Nor think aright, but from the Lord  
Preparing heart and tongue;  
In Nature I can see no good,  
But all my good proceeds from God,  
And does to grace belong.

I see it now, and do confess  
My utter need of Jesus’ grace,  
And of His Spirit’s light;  
I beg his kind and daily care;  
O Lord, my heart and tongue prepare  
To think and speak aright.

Prepare my heart to love thee well,  
And love Thy truth which doth excel,  
And love thy children dear;  
Instruct me how to live by faith,  
And feel the virtue of Thy death,  
And find Thy presence near.

Prepare my tongue to pray and  
praise,  
To speak of providential ways,  
And heavenly truth unfold;  
To strengthen well a feeble soul,  
Correct the Wanton, rouse the dull,  
And silence sinners bold.