



## 2CHR-FM 96.5 Gospel Hour Content

1st May 2011

### *Readings from the English Bible*

- Proverbs 18
- Mark 11
- 1 Thessalonians 2
- Psalm 69

### *Metrical Psalms*

- Psalm 95:1-6

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

May 1

#### FULL OF SONG

"The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands" #Isa 55:12

When sin is pardoned, our greatest sorrow is ended, and our truest pleasure begins. Such is the joy which the Lord bestows upon His reconciled ones, that it overflows and fills all nature with delight. The material world has latent music in it, and a renewed heart knows how to bring it out and make it vocal. Creation is the organ, and a gracious man finds out its keys, lays his hand thereon, and wakes the whole system of the universe to the harmony of praise. Mountains and hills, and other great objects, are, as it were, the bass of the chorus; while the trees of the wood, and all things that have life, take up the air of the melodious song.

When God's Word is made to prosper among us, and souls are saved, then everything seems full of song. When we hear the confessions of young believers, and the testimonies of well-instructed saints, we are made so happy that we must praise the Lord, and then it seems as if rocks and hills, and woods and fields, echoed our joy-notes, and turned the world into an orchestra. Lord, on this happy Mayday, lead me out into thy tuneful world as rich in praise as a lark in full song.

***Charles Haddon Spurgeon***

*Classical Believing Hymns – Truth for all time*

**"Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near"**

John Fawcett  
(1740-1817)

*Duet. 25-27 Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be. There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms:*

Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near,  
Thy Saviour's gracious promise hear:  
His faithful word declares to thee,  
That, as thy days, thy strength shall be.

Let not thy heart despond and say,  
"How shall I stand the trying day?"  
He has engaged by firm decree,  
That, as thy days, thy strength shall be.

Thy faith is weak, thy foes are strong,  
And if the conflict should be long,  
The Lord will make the tempter flee,  
For, as thy days, thy strength shall be.

Should persecutions rage and flame,  
Still trust in thy Redeemer's name;  
In fiery trials thou shalt see,  
That, as thy days, thy strength shall be.

When called to bear the weighty cross  
Of sore affliction, pain, or loss,  
Or deep distress or poverty -  
Still, as thy days, thy strength shall be.

When ghastly death appears in view,  
Christ's presence shall thy fears sub-  
due;  
He comes to set thy spirit free,  
And, as thy days, thy strength shall be.

**"God of my life to thee I call"**

William Cowper  
(1731-1800)

*Ps.69:15-16 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.*

God of my life, to Thee I call,  
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall;  
When the great water-floods prevail,  
Leave not my trembling heart to fail!

Friend of the friendless and the faint,  
Where should I lodge my deep com-  
plaint?  
Where but with Thee, whose open door  
Invites the helpless and the poor?

Did ever mourner plead with Thee,  
And Thou refuse that mourner's plea?  
Does not the word still fixed remain,  
That none shall seek Thy face in vain?

That were a grief I could not bear,  
Didst Thou not hear and answer  
prayer;  
But a prayer-hearing, answering God  
Supports me under every load.

Fair is the lot that's cast for me,  
I have an Advocate with Thee:  
They whom the world caresses most,  
Have no such privilege to boast.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,  
Yet God, my God, forgets me not;  
And he is safe, and must succeed,  
For whom the Lord vouchsafes to  
plead.