



2CHR-FM 96.5 Gospel Hour Content

30th May 2010

Readings from the English Bible

- Deuteronomy 28
- John 19
- Romans 3
- Psalm 32

Chequebook of the Bank of Faith—Devotional reflection

May 30

BE OF GOOD CHEER

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" #John 16:33

My Lord's words are true as to the tribulation. I have my share of it beyond all doubt. The flail is not hung up out of the way, nor can I hope that it will be laid aside so long as I lie upon the threshing-floor. How can I look to be at home in the enemy's country, joyful while in exile, or comfortable in a wilderness? This is not my rest. This is the place of the furnace, and the forge, and the hammer. My experience tallies with my Lord's words.

I note how He bids me "be of good cheer." Alas! I am far too apt to be downcast. My spirit soon sinks when I am sorely tried. But I must not give way to this feeling. When my Lord bids me cheer up I must not dare to be cast down.

What is the argument which He uses to encourage me? Why, it is His own victory. He says, "I have overcome the world." His battle was much more severe than mine. I have not yet resisted unto blood. Why do I despair of overcoming? See, my soul, the enemy has been once overcome. I fight with a beaten foe. O world, Jesus has already vanquished thee; and in me, by His grace, He will overcome thee again. Therefore am I of good cheer, and sing unto my conquering Lord.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Classical Believing Hymns – Truth for all time

“Great Father of glory”

John Stevens
(1776-1847)

1John.3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Great Father of Glory, how rich is Thy
grace!
What wonderful love is displayed in
Thy face?
In Jesus Thine image with brightness
we view,
And hope to be formed in that
likeness anew.

By favour adopted, Thy sons we
appear,
And, led by Thy Spirit, we boldly draw
near;
In Jesus beloved, and washed in His
blood,
With hope we adore at the footstool
of God.

The man who is blessed with hope in
the cross
Is purified truly from darkness and
dross;
The blood of his Surety by faith he
reviews,
While hope in that Fountain his spirit
renews.

The world knows us not, but in this
we rejoice;
To God we're no strangers, but
objects of choice;
His love from eternity gave us a
home,
Where now we are hoping in safety to
come.

**“Immortal honours rest on
Jesus' head ”**

William Gadsby
(1773-1844)

Phil.4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Immortal honours rest on Jesus' head;
My God, my Portion and my Living
Bread;
In him I live, upon him cast my care;
He saves from death, destruction and
despair.

He is my Refuge in each deep distress;
The Lord my strength and glorious
righteousness;
Through floods and flames he leads me
safely on,
And daily makes his sovereign
goodness known.

My every need he richly will supply;
Nor will his mercy ever let me die;
In him there dwells a treasure all
divine,
And matchless grace has made that
treasure mine.

O that my soul could love and praise
him more,
His beauties trace, his majesty adore;
Live near his heart, upon his bosom
lean;

Obey his voice, and all his will esteem.

Classical Believing Hymns — Continued

Arrayed in obedience all wrought by
the Lamb,
By Christ, our Jehovah, the ancient
I AM;
With boldness we journey, while
Christ leads the van,
And hope to see God in the true
Glory-Man.