



2CHR-FM 96.5 Gospel Hour Content

4 September 2011

Readings from the English Bible

- Genesis 3
- Luke 11
- Romans 3
- Psalm 119

Metrical Psalms

- Psalm 119:33-40

Chequebook of the Bank of Faith—Devotional reflection

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VICTORY WITHOUT BATTLE

"But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen." Hosea 1:7

Precious word! Jehovah Himself will deliver His people in the greatness of His mercy, but He will not do it by the ordinary means. Men are slow to render to God the glory due unto His name. If they go to battle with sword and bow, and win the victory, they ought to praise their God; yet they do not, but begin to magnify their own right arm, and glory in their horses and horsemen. For this reason our Jehovah often determines to save His people without second means, that all the honour may be to Himself alone.

Look, then, my heart, to the Lord alone, and not to man. Expect to see God all the more clearly when there is no one else to look to. If I have no friend, no adviser, no one at my back, let me be none the less confident if I can feel that the Lord Himself is on my side; yea, let me be glad if He gives victory without battle, as the text seems to imply. Why do I ask for horses and horsemen if Jehovah Himself has mercy upon me, and lifts up His arm for my defence? Why need I bow or sword if God will save? Let me trust, and not be afraid, from this day forth and for evermore. Amen.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Classical Believing Hymns — Truth for all time

"On Christ alone His Church is built"

Samuel Medley
(1738-1799)

*1Co 3:11 For other foundation can
no man lay than that is laid, which
is Jesus Christ.*

On Christ alone His Church is built;
He, only He, absolves from guilt;
To Him alone our praise we bring,
And Him, the great Foundation, sing.

In Him salvation stands secure;
This strong Foundation must endure;
Stronger than death His love is known.
Nor can His Church be overthrown.

In the eternal plan of grace,
He undertook our wretched case:
Love, how amazing, how Divine,
Throughout the whole transaction shine!

He is the "Rock" believers have;
Born to redeem, and strong to save;
He stooped to take our flesh and blood,
The wondrous Man, th' incarnate God!

In vain combinèd hosts assail,
Nor shall the gates of hell prevail:
Nor force, nor fraud, the building shock,
Founded on Him, th' eternal Rock.

**"Ye heirs of salvation with
gladness proclaim"**

David Denham
(1791-1848)

*Rev.5: 6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the
midst of the throne and of the four
beasts, and in the midst of the elders,
stood a Lamb as it had been slain,*

Ye heirs of salvation, with gladness
proclaim
The wonders our Jesus hath done'
No theme upon earth is so sweet as
His name,
The Lamb in the midst of the throne!

Endeared as a Kinsman, to save us He
came,
And for our offences atone;
While all the redeemèd exult in His
fame—
The lamb in the midst of the throne!

The law He fulfilled, and of sin made
an end,
And triumphed o'er Satan alone;
From death He arose as our conquer-
ing Friend—
The Lamb in the midst of the throne!

No merit or righteousness have we to
plead,
Yet still He accounts us His own;
He's boundless in mercy, our help in
all need—
The Lamb in the midst of the throne!

Translated from darkness to marvel-
lous light,
We've joys to the worldling unknown;
Arrayed in salvation, and strong in His
might—
The Lamb in the midst of the throne!

Classical Believing Hymns – Truth for all time (continued)

Then what must it be on His glories to
gaze,
When Christians are gathered in one,
Where angels and saints shall
eternally praise
The Lamb in the midst of the throne!