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Words of Welcome

Psalm 119:169-170 (ESV)

169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word!

170 Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.

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Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:24-29 (ESV)

- 24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,
- 25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,
- 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.
- 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
- 28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.
- 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is your Health and Salvation
Come all who hear now to His Temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord
Above all things so wondrously reigning
Shelt'ring you under his wings
And so gently sustaining
Have you not seen? All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord
Who will prosper your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

Chorus

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Op'ning to the sun above

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord oh let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Glady forever adore Him

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I Sing the Mighty Power Of God

Verse 1:

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

Verse 2:

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.
He formed the creatures with His Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed, wherever I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

Verse 3:

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Your glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Your throne;
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care;
And everywhere that man can be, You, God, are present there.

Verse 4:

In heaven He shines with beams of love, with wrath in hell beneath;
It's on His earth I stand or move, and it's His air I breathe.
His hand is my perpetual guard, He keeps me with His eye;
Why should I then forget the Lord, Who is forever nigh?

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Come Praise and Glorify

Verse 1:

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

Chorus:

To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves

Verse 2:

Come praise and glorify our God who gives his grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us the myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

Verse 3:

Come praise and glorify our God for we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise to God, the Three-in-One

Last Chorus:

To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves

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New City Catechism

17: What is Idolatry?

Full Answer

Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.

Children's Answer

Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator.

Scripture

ROMANS 1:21 AND 25

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. . . . They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator. . . .

Commentary

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What is it to have a god? Or, what is one's god? Answer: To whatever we look for any good thing and for refuge in every need, that is what is meant by "god." . . . Many a person imagines that he has God and everything he needs, provided he has money and property. . . . The evidence for this appears when people are arrogant, secure, and proud because of such possessions, but desperate when they lack them or lose them. I repeat, to have a god means to have something on which one's heart depends entirely.

Question and explore your own heart thoroughly, and you will find out if it embraces God alone or not. Do you have it in your heart to expect nothing but good things from God, especially when you are in trouble and in need? And does your heart in addition give up and forsake everything that is not God? Then you have the one true God. On the other hand, is your heart attached to and does it rely on something else, from which you hope to receive more good and more help than from God? And when things go wrong, do you, instead of fleeing to Him, flee from Him? Then you have another god, a false god, an idol.

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All My Ways Are Known To You

Verse 1:

In days of peace and days of rest
In times of loss and loneliness
Though rich or poor, Your word is true
That all my ways are known to You

Verse 2:

No trial has come beyond Your hand
No step I walk beyond Your plan
The path is dark outside my view
Still all my ways are known to You

Chorus:

And oh what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be
For all my ways are known to You
Hallelujah, they are known to You!

Verse 3:

I do not fear the final night

For death will be the door to life
You take my hand and lead me through
For all my ways are known to You

[repeat Chorus]

Bridge:

Open up my eyes so I may see
That You have made these ways for me
Open up my eyes so I may see
That You my God, will walk with me

[repeat Bridge]

[repeat Chorus 2 times]

Tag:

Hallelujah, they are known to You!

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Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

Bridge

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)
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You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill)

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Benediction

2 Peter 1:2 (ESV)

2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.