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Words of Welcome

Psalm 46:8-11 (ESV)

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he
 burns the chariots with fire.
10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the
 earth!"
11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:18b-26 (ESV)

18b Yes, and I will rejoice,
19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,
20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.
21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.
23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.
24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.
25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,
26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Verse 1:

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

Verse 2:

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the Savior, now to us displayed.

Verse 3:

From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds,
runs out his course to death and hell,
returns on God's high throne to dwell.

Verse 4:

O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

From the Highest Throne

Verse 1:

From the highest throne
Jesus came to earth
Born in Bethlehem in a humble birth.
In the manger hay
He was laid to sleep
Now we too can rest for He is our peace

Chorus:

Jesus came a poor man
Left His riches and glory
To save His beloved ones
He came to bring us home.

Verse 2:

Angels sang the news
Shepherds came to see
The Savior of the world, who He would be
So, we bring the news
To each waiting soul
Bring your heart to Him, He will make it whole

Ending:

He came to bring us home.
He came to bring us home.

In The Bleak Midwinter

Verse 1

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Verse 2

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter, a stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty — Jesus Christ.

Verse 3

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

Ending

Gloria! Gloria! Now my eyes have seen.
Soli Deo Gloria! He salvation brings.
Gloria! Gloria! Now my eyes have seen.
Soli Deo Gloria! He salvation brings.
As the Lord has promised, I may go in peace.

New City Catechism

52: What Hope Does Everlasting Life Hold for Us?

Full Answer

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

Children's Answer

That we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be forever freed from all sin in a renewed, restored creation.

Scripture

REVELATION 21:1–4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Commentary

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Let us settle it then in our minds, for one thing, that the future happiness of those who are saved is eternal. However little we may understand it, it is something which will have no end: it will never cease, never grow old, never decay, never die. At God’s “right hand are pleasures for evermore” (Ps. 16:11). Once landed in paradise, the saints of God shall go out no more. The inheritance is “incorruptible, undefiled, and fadeth not away.” They shall “receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away” (1 Pet. 1:4; 5:4). Their warfare is accomplished; their fight is over; their work is done. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more. They are travelling on towards an “eternal weight of glory,” towards a home which shall never be broken up, a meeting without a parting, a family gathering without a separation, a day without night. Faith shall be swallowed up in sight, and hope in certainty. They shall see as they have been seen, and know as they have been known, and “be for ever with the Lord.” I do not wonder that the apostle Paul adds, “Comfort one another with these words” (1 Thess. 4:17–18).

All Glory Be to Christ

Verse 1

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive

Verse 2

To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our King!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

Verse 3

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love

Verse 4

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!

Verse 5

When on the day the great I am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new

Verse 6

Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!

Sermon
The Well Who Gives Living Water

John 4:1-42 (ESV)

- 1 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John
- 2 (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples),
- 3 he left Judea and departed again for Galilee.
- 4 And he had to pass through Samaria.
- 5 So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
- 6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.
- 7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."
- 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)
- 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)
- 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."
- 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"
- 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."
- 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,
- 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
- 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."
- 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."
- 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';
- 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."
- 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.
- 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."
- 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.
- 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.
- 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.
- 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."
- 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things."

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26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"

28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people,

29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"

30 They went out of the town and were coming to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

33 So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?"

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

36 Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'

38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did."

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.

41 And many more believed because of his word.

42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Verse 1:

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega
He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

Verse 2:

O ye heights of heaven adore Him,
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

Verse 3:

Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

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Benediction

Isaiah 41:8-10 (ESV)

8 But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
9 you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you,

"You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off";

10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.