



**\*Hymn 44**

“How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

*Refrain*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

*Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

*Refrain*

**Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 21

**Congregational Prayer**

MIGHTY GOD,

I humble myself for faculties misused,  
Opportunities neglected, and words ill-advised.

I repent of my folly and inconsiderate ways,  
My broken resolutions, untrue service,  
My backsliding steps, my vain thoughts.

Bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' blood  
And let no evil result from my fretful disposition.

If by unkindness I have wounded or hurt another,  
Pour in the balm of heavenly consolation;  
If I have turned away in apathy from the needs of others,  
Do not in just anger forsake me:  
If I have shunned those who have offended me,  
Keep open the door of Your heart to my need.

Fill me with an overflowing ocean of compassion,  
The reign of love my motive, the law of love my rule.

O God of all grace, make me more thankful and humble;  
Cement my oneness with my blessed Lord,  
That faith may adhere to Him more immovably,  
That love may entwine itself round Him more tightly,  
That His Spirit may pervade every fiber of my being.  
Then send me out to make Him known to my fellow men.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*Hymn 468**

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

My faith has found a resting place,  
 From guilt my soul is freed;  
 I trust the Ever-living One,  
 His wounds for me shall plead.

*Refrain:*

I need no other argument,  
 I need no other plea,  
 It is enough that Jesus died,  
 And that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
 This ends my fear and doubt;  
 A sinful soul I come to Him,  
 He'll never cast me out.

*Refrain*

My heart is leaning on the Word,  
 The written Word of God:  
 Salvation by my Savior's name,  
 Salvation through His blood.

*Refrain*

My great Physician heals the sick,  
 The lost He came to save;  
 For me His precious blood He shed,  
 For me His life He gave.

*Refrain***New Testament Reading**

Revelation 5:6-10

**Message***"A KING'S JOY IN THE LORD'S STRENGTH"***\*Hymn**

"Victory in Jesus"

I heard an old, old story,  
 How a Savior came from glory,  
 How He gave His life on Calvary  
 To save a wretch like me;  
 I heard about His groaning,  
 Of His precious blood's atoning,  
 Then I repented of my sins  
 And won the victory.

*Refrain:*

O victory in Jesus,  
 My Savior, forever.  
 He sought me and bought me  
 With His redeeming blood;  
 He loved me ere I knew Him  
 And all my love is due Him,  
 He plunged me to victory,  
 Beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,  
 Of His cleansing pow'r revealing.  
 How He made the lame to walk again  
 And caused the blind to see;  
 And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
 Come and heal my broken spirit,"  
 And somehow Jesus came and brought  
 To me the victory.

*Refrain*

I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory.  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
Beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing,  
And the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there  
The song of victory.

*Refrain*

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**\*God Blesses His People**                      2 Corinthians 13:14

**\*Hymn 731**    “Doxology”

**“A KING’S JOY IN THE LORD’S STRENGTH”**

Psalm 21

Polybius: “Monarchy degenerates into tyranny, aristocracy into oligarchy, and democracy into savage violence and chaos.” Erich Sauer: “The Old Testament is promise and expectation, the New is fulfilment and completion. The Old is the marshalling of the hosts to the battle of God, the new is the Triumph of the Crucified One. The Old is the twilight and dawn of morning, the New is the rising sun and the height of eternal day.” So we take every text to our Divine Warrior. Rev 1:5-6. Saved by grace, yes; but for what?

**I. AN OVERVIEW OF HOW PSALM 21 FUNCTIONED IN ANCIENT ISRAEL**

20:4/21:2; 20:7/21:7.

**A. Thanksgiving for the Military Success**                      1-7  
Ps 67:7

**B. God’s Cause Will Ultimately Triumph**                      8-12

Calvin: “(This) admonishes us that we ought patiently to bear the cross as long as it shall please the Lord to exercise and humble us under it. If, therefore, He does not immediately put forth His power to destroy the ungodly, let us learn to extend our hope to the time which our heavenly Father has appointed in His eternal purpose for the execution of his judgment, and when our King, armed with His terrible power, will come forth to execute vengeance.” Ex 20:5-6

**C. May God Be Exalted Through His Final Victory** 13

Rev 19:6

**II. KING DAVID, AN IMPROVEMENT OVER KING ADAM**

**A. One of Adam’s Purposes was to Rule as a King**

Gen 2:15. *shamar* = “guard.” Gen 1:31; 3:1; 2:17

**B. The Calling of David, Adam -- and Ours**

Creation mandate; cultural mandate; gospel mandate.  
Rev 5:9-10; 1 Cor 6:3.

**III. WE ARE BLESSED IN KING JESUS, THE GOD-MAN**

**A. Man Failed as a King**

Rev 19:19-21

**B. But the God-Man Serves as a Humble King**

John 12:24; Matt 19:28; 1 Cor 15:45; Rom 5:12-21

*Conclusion*