



It is Well With My Soul

#626, Hymn's For Worship

It is Well with My Soul – the hymn

- A song with a profound backstory that gives us greater appreciation of its message.
- Its ultimate theme is “Contentment”
- A hymn that “checks all the boxes”
Great melody & harmonies
Powerful spiritual message
Glorifying God and edifying one another
- Written by Horatio B. Spafford and composed by Philip Bliss.

Vs. 1 – Whatever my lot in life

- ***When peace like a river attendeth my way***
- times of blessing and prosperity.
In such times, it can become easy to forget God – **Proverbs 30:8-9**
- ***When sorrows like sea billows roll*** – times of trouble, coming in waves.

Vs. 1 – Whatever my lot in life

- ***Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say...*** - it is up to me to determine how I will react, regardless of what I face in life. You may not be able to control others, what they do, OR what happens to you. But you **CAN** control you attitude! **1 Peter 3:13-15**

Vs. 1 – Whatever my lot in life

- ***It is well with my soul*** -
the statement demonstrates the contentment we are to have.
The theme of this song (sung up to 14x)
- **Philippians 4:11-13** – He had learned in whatever state he found himself to be content

Vs. 2 – When tempted by Satan

- ***Though Satan should buffet-***
buffet – to beat or forcefully strike, “blacken the eye” (**1 Corinthians 9:27** – KJV)
- Satan is our enemy working to defeat us and destroy whatever progress we have made
- **1 Peter 5:8**
- We need to prepare for this – **1 Peter 5:9, 2 Corinthians 2:11**

Vs. 2 – When tempted by Satan

- ***Though trials should come -***
and they will!

2 Timothy 3:12, 1 Peter 1:6-7

Vs. 2 – When tempted by Satan

- ***Let this blessed assurance control*** – what will I think about as I face the trials of life? **James 1:2-4** – trials produce strength
1 Corinthians 10:13
- A blessed assurance:
Jesus knows and cares – **Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Peter 5:7**
He will never forsake you –
Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:5
Philippians 4:6-7

Vs. 2 – When tempted by Satan

- ***That Christ has regarded my helpless estate*** – He came to earth and lived among the common people – **Philippians 2:5-6**
Matthew 9:36 – He was moved with compassion
Hebrews 2:14-18, 4:14-16 – because of how He lived, He understands!

Vs. 2 – When tempted by Satan

- ***And has shed His own blood for my soul***
– Why did He come? Ultimately it was to give us forgiveness

Romans 5:6-8

The ultimate example of how Jesus regarded my helpless estate

Vs. 3 – I am forgiven

- *My sin, o the bliss of this glorious thought* –

We are all sinners - **Romans 3:23, 6:23, 8:12-13** – we are debtors

“O the bliss...” is an interjection for emphasis

Vs. 3 – I am forgiven

- ***My sin, not in part but the whole*** –
Jesus died so that ALL our sins could be forgiven
There is no sin we can commit that He will not forgive if we repent (except one –
Matthew 12:31-32)
- ***Is nailed to the cross*** –
Colossians 2:13-14

Vs. 3 – I am forgiven

- ***And I bear it no more*** –

When God forgives, our sins are washed away.

Hebrews 10:17-18 (Jer. 31:34)

Acts 22:16 – our sins are “washed away”

See **Isaiah 1:18, Micah 7:18-20**

Vs. 3 – I am forgiven

- ***Praise the Lord, O my soul –***
In Hebrew, it is “Hallelujah”

Romans 4:7-8 (Psalm 32:1-2)

We sing this song, with assurance that He can and does help, so we render unto Him the praise He is due.

Vs. 4 – Lord, haste the day

- ***And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight –***

Now we “walk by faith” **2 Corinthians 5:7**

1 Peter 1:6-9 - we anticipate that day when we see Him.

We OUGHT to anticipate His return!

Vs. 4 – Lord, haste the day

- ***The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord
shall descend... –***

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 – descriptive of
His return!

Revelation 1:7 – behold, He is coming
with clouds...

Vs. 4 – Lord, haste the day

- ***Even so, it is well with my soul*** –
Is it???? Are you ready for His return?
1 Corinthians 16:22, “O Lord, come!”
- Why hurry His return?
New heavens & earth – **2 Peter 3:11-13**
Our victor’s crown – **2 Timothy 4:6-8**
Our inheritance – **Romans 8:16-17**
Immortality – **1 Corinthians 15:51-53**
Going home – **Philippians 3:20-21**
A great reunion – **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**

The story behind the song!

- Horatio Spafford was a Chicago attorney & Presbyterian elder. Very successful, but he lost most of his possessions during the great fire of Chicago in 1871. 2 years later, he and his family planned a trip to Europe via the *Ville du Harve* ocean liner. Business caused him to stay behind while his family went ahead. During their voyage, the ship struck another vessel and sank. Only his wife survived of the family.

The story behind the song!

- After the tragedy, as Horatio made his way to England, when they neared the location of the shipwreck he was told. At that time he penned the words to this song.
- This gives us insight into the depth of contentment that was behind its message.

Is it well with your soul?



Let us pray!

