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To God Be the Glory

#44, Hymns for Worship

Introduction

- ❖ Written by Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915) around 1875
Put to music by William Doan – a frequent collaborator with her.
- ❖ Crosby was a prolific songwriter with over 900 hymns
- ❖ This hymn focuses on giving God the glory He is due from us. This correlates with our 2022 Theme, “Closer to God”

Vs. 1 – Great Things He Has Done

❖ *To God be the glory*

❖ This is about praising God – esteeming Him highly.

Psalm 29:1-2 – He is worthy!

2 Timothy 4:18, “To whom be the glory forever and ever”

❖ Can we ever glorify God enough?

Vs. 1 – Great Things He Has Done

- ❖ *Great things He has done*
- ❖ How can we fully fathom the greatness of His works?

Deuteronomy 10:21 – great and awesome things (**4:32-36**)

Romans 11:33-36, “*How unsearchable are His judgment and His ways past finding out*”

Vs. 1 – Great Things He Has Done

❖ *So loved He the world that He gave us His Son*

❖ **John 3:16, Romans 5:6-8** –

God's love demonstrated

Among all the gifts God has given us, both physical and spiritual, the greatest would be His Son – for OUR sins!

Vs. 1 – Great Things He Has Done

- ❖ *Who yielded His life an atonement for sin*
- ❖ **Romans 5:9** – justified by His blood
He yielded – Jesus freely submitted for us.
Atonement – making matters right so as to provide reconciliation.
Romans 5:11 (KJV – atonement)
Romans 3:25 - propitiation

Vs. 1 – Great Things He Has Done

❖ *And opened the life gate that all may go in*

❖ Jesus has entered into heaven itself and is there now waiting for us –

Hebrews 9:24, 12:1-2, John 14:1-3

Salvation is for all – **John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:9, 1 Timothy 2:3-4** –

God wants us to be saved

Vs. 2 – Salvation for all

- ❖ *O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood*
- ❖ Redemption means a price was paid to purchase our spiritual freedom – **Hebrews 7:26-27** – He is the perfect sacrifice, “once for all”
In contrast with the inadequacies of animal sacrifices – **Hebrews 10:1-4**; His was a better and perfect sacrifice – **Hebrews 10:10-14**

Vs. 2 – Salvation for all

- ❖ *O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood*
- ❖ All of this for our redemption –
Ephesians 1:7

Vs. 2 – Salvation for all

- ❖ *To every believer, the promise of God*
- ❖ Again, available to all – **Galatians 3:27-28**

The promise of God – God keeps His promises.

Here we find the promise of salvation – **1 John 2:25, James 1:12, (cf. Mark 16:16)**

Vs. 2 – Salvation for all

- ❖ *The vilest offender who truly believes...*
- ❖ The Bible has examples of the vile being saved – **1 Timothy 1:15-16**
– Paul.
Peter denied Jesus 3 times, etc.

Vs. 2 – Salvation for all

- ❖ *Who truly believes, when buried with Jesus a pardon receives*
- ❖ Genuine faith is at the foundation of our salvation. It is the reason behind obeying the gospel
But we MUST still obey – **Acts 22:16, Romans 6:3-4** – we are buried with Him in baptism.

Vs. 2 – Salvation for all

- ❖ *Who truly believes, when buried with Jesus a pardon receives*
- ❖ Note: This is an adaptation from the original (“The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives”)
While this can be reconciled with scripture, the statement would need clarification every time it was sung.
Scripture teaches that when we are baptized, we are saved – **cf. Acts 8:39**

Vs. 3 – Glorious eternal hope

- ❖ *Great things He has taught us, great things He has done*
- ❖ To the “great things” done in vs.1, this verse adds, “He has taught us”
 - His word is filled with “great things”
2 Peter 1:3, Romans 1:16-17, Hebrews 4:12
 - Through His word we know His will – it is the WORD OF GOD (**2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21**)
 - John 6:68 – Peter was right!**

Vs. 3 – Glorious eternal hope

❖ *And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son*

❖ Because of Jesus, we have hope and reason to rejoice

Luke 10:20 – your names are written in heaven.

Acts 16:34, the jailer and his family rejoiced

Romans 5:11, we rejoice having received the reconciliation

Vs. 3 – Glorious eternal hope

- ❖ *But purer and higher and greater will be, our wonder our transport, when Jesus we see.*
- ❖ No matter what rejoicing we experience in this life, what the next life has to offer will be so much greater
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:3, we have a building from God...
1 John 3:1-3, because of our hope, we purify ourselves.

Chorus: Praise the Lord

❖ *“Praise the Lord”*

❖ “Hallelujah”

Hebrews 13:15, let us offer the sacrifice of praise...

1 Peter 2:9, we are a royal priesthood – proclaiming the praises of Him

Chorus: Praise the Lord

- ❖ *Let the earth hear His voice... Let the people rejoice*
- ❖ Nature and the world speaks -
Psalm 19:1ff, Romans 1:19-20
We praise Him in song, etc.
Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 2:12

Chorus: Praise the Lord

❖ *O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son*

❖ An invitation -

Acts 2:40, Matthew 11:28-30

ALSO, it is through Jesus we have access to the Father – **Ephesians 2:18, cf. John 14:6**

Chorus: Praise the Lord

- ❖ *And give Him the glory, great things
He has done*
- ❖ When we approach God – regardless
of how – we **MUST** give Him the
glory!
In our prayers, we glorify Him -
cf. Matthew 6:9
Never devalue the goodness of God

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Are you glorifying God in
your life?

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Let us pray!