

## 24.09.08 Notes

## #205 – Hymn Study (Hannah Wong) – 24.09.08

- The hymn we are studying today is "Jesus Loves Even Me."

*Can someone read the hymn for us? [all the verses and then the chorus]*

*Before we begin, I would like to pray: PRAY*

- Before we read the hymn again, I want to tell you the story of the hymn and also ask you a question:
  - This hymn was written by Philip Bliss, who is the same person who wrote "It is Well." Bliss got the idea to write this hymn while singing the chorus of "Oh, How I Love Jesus" over and over at a meeting (explain chorus). While doing this, he thought, **"Have I not been singing enough about my POOR love for Jesus, and shall I not rather sing of His GREAT love for me?"** And so he wrote this hymn to highlight how a Christian's peace and comfort lies not so much in his own love for God but rather in looking away to Christ's love for him. It is the love of *Christ* that compels him.
  - So as we read the hymn again, think about these questions, and we'll discuss afterwards:
    - **In the hymn, why are we not just glad but so glad that Jesus loves us?**
    - **And what kind of a heart is it that when it sings "Oh how I love Jesus" yearns to sing moreso "Oh how Jesus loves me"?**

### DISCUSS

- The answer lies in "EVEN me." This phrase recognizes that I am utterly unworthy. There isn't even a "I'm as good as or better than some other people, though." It's more of "Jesus loves all those people" and you come to yourself last and go, "wow, and even me..."
    - SO glad (1.1;C) wonderful things (1.3) dearEST (1.4) Even (C.4) Still (2.2) only one song (3.1) what a wonder (3.4) sweetEST rest (6.1) just (6.4)
    - Very clear in verse 2
    - The way I imagine the chorus is *I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me; I am so glad that Jesus loves me* – you're rejoicing in the simple truth of the Bible and then the realization really sinks in – ***Jesus loves even me.***
  - The answer to the second question is the same as the first.
- STUDY
    - There are two big parts to this hymn: stanzas 1-3 puts forth Jesus' love for *even me*. Stanzas 4-6 provides assurances of Jesus' love for *even me*.
      - 1: kw = BIBLE. This is how I learned that Jesus loves me. Very simple and obvious but consider this: without the Bible, we couldn't know that. We couldn't. It's amazing that God spoke and that when did, He spoke of Jesus dying for us. The very existence of the Bible demonstrates that Jesus loves *even me*.
      - 2: kw = STRAY. This is talking not about becoming a Christian but rather about straying and wandering even *after* becoming a Christian. The remedy for this is the fact that *Jesus loves me*—even as I wander. Which leads straight into...
      - 3: kw = WONDER. Astonishment and joy that Jesus loves *even me*.

- I want to go back and look at stanza 2 because it makes a staggering claim: "Back to His dear loving arms do I flee / When I remember that Jesus loves me" ("remember" is in contrast to "forget Him" in 1st line). How does remembering that Jesus loves me make me not just go back but **flee** back?

*Read Romans 6:1-2; echoed in 8:31-2 → Ephesians 3:17-19*

- Know the love of God → next 3 stanzas
  - 4: Christ died (Romans 8:31-2)
  - 5: The Holy Spirit (Romans 6:1-2 - obedient from the heart; Ephesians 3:17-19 talking about Spirit strengthening us to comprehend)
  - 6: Now it's not just us fleeing back to Jesus but Satan **fleeing** from us when we hold fast to "Jesus Loves Me": (Romans 8:31-2)
- There are so many more passages talking about the love of God for us and how that is our hope and our assurance and our motivation (like Romans 5, 2 Corinthians 5, and so on) but I want to leave you with these two points:
  1. It is true that God's love shows up so much more in the Bible than our love. He will always love us infinitely more than we are able to love Him to the point that we need to be *strengthened* by the Holy Spirit to comprehend this love. So may we have a heart as well that is eager more to sing of how God has loved me than of my poor love for Him.
  2. Jesus doesn't just love me, He loves *even* me. He doesn't just love you, He loves *even* you. And that even has all the weight of all your failings and your selfishness and your pride and your neglect and fill in the blank. God knows that better than we ourselves do, and still He loves us. And man, when we consider that, how thankful we are and how eager we are to sing of **Jesus'** love for us.



*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. John 3:16*

Philip P. Bliss

10.10.10.10. with chorus

Philip P. Bliss

1. I am so glad that our Fa-ther in heav'n Tells of His love in the Book He has giv'n;

Won-der-ful things in the Bi-ble I see: This is the dear-est, that Je-sus loves me.

CHORUS

I am so glad that Je-sus loves me, Je - sus loves me, Je-sus loves me;

I am so glad that Je-sus loves me, Je - sus loves e - ven me.

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| <p>1 I am so glad that our Father in heav'n<br/>Tells of His love in the Book He has giv'n<br/>Wonderful things in the Bible I see:<br/>This is the dearest that Jesus loves me.</p> | <p>4 Jesus loves me, and I know I love Him;<br/>Love brought Him down my poor soul to redeem;<br/>Yes, it was love made Him die on the tree:<br/>Oh, I am certain that Jesus loves me!</p> |
| <p>2 Though I forget Him, and wander away,<br/>Still He doth love me wherever I stray;<br/>Back to His dear loving arms do I flee,<br/>When I remember that Jesus loves me.</p>      | <p>5 If one should ask of me, how can I tell?<br/>Glory to Jesus, I know very well!<br/>God's Holy Spirit with mine doth agree,<br/>Constantly witnessing—Jesus loves me.</p>              |
| <p>3 Oh, if there's only one song I can sing,<br/>When in His beauty I see the great King,<br/>This shall my song in eternity be:<br/>"Oh, what a wonder that Jesus loves me."</p>   | <p>6 In this assurance I find sweetest rest,<br/>Trusting in Jesus, I know I am blest;<br/>Satan, dismayed, from my soul now doth flee,<br/>When I just tell him that Jesus loves me.</p>  |

**Romans 6:1-2**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

**Romans 8:31-32**

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**Ephesians 3:17-19**

...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—

that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

# My Faith Has Found A Resting Place 322

*Other foundation can no man lay than...Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11*

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Norse Air, arr. W. Kirkpatrick

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support through chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. My faith has found a rest-ing-place, Not in de-vice nor creed;  
I trust the Ev - er - liv - ing One, His wounds for me shall plead.

CHORUS

I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea; It  
is e - nough that Je - sus died, And that He died for me.

- 2 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.
- 3 My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The written Word of God,  
Salvation by my Savior's name,  
Salvation through His blood.
- 4 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.