

FROM THE WORD --

## **AN OLD HYMN THAT NEVER GROWS OLD**

Recently as I was working on the computer in the office my wife tuned in to our local Christian radio station and a man was singing a beautiful old Hymn that I had not heard in some time. I stopped my work and sang along with the recording – as the chorus ended I realized there were tears in my eyes. The message touched my heart in a real way and I was determined to look up the full words and music in the many Hymn books we had accumulated over the years, only to end up with nothing. A phone call to the Church choir director produced the needed sheet music.

The words brought many thoughts to my mind about Heaven and the longing to go Home to be with my Savior. Perhaps as you read over the Hymn you too will be reminded of the Home that awaits true Believers in Jesus Christ –

“There is coming a Day, When no heart-aches shall come, No more clouds in the sky,  
No more tears to dim the eye, All is Peace forever more, On that Happy Golden Shore,  
What a Day, Glorious Day, that will be – (Chorus) What a Day that will be, When my  
Jesus I shall see, When I look upon His face, The One who Saved me by His Grace,  
When He takes me by the hand, And leads me through the Promised Land, What a  
Day, Glorious Day, that will be.”

We get so taken up with the cares of this world and daily duties that the really important things often take a back seat in our lives.

Let's give some serious thought to our relationship with our Heavenly Father. We may attend Church Services (when it's convenient) – we may pray (when it's necessary) – we may contribute (when urged to) – we may even serve the Church in some way (when we can't get out of it) – BUT – what about real commitment?

My wife and I have spent the majority of our lives in the Service of the Lord – we feel we are totally committed to the Lord's work – BUT – there are times when we need a jolt from the Lord (like hearing this Hymn) to bring us back to our first Love – the Love of God who “sent His only begotten Son” (John 3:16) to be the sacrifice for our sin, and give us the Blessed Assurance of our future Home with Him.

Look at the words again – “What a day that will be” – WOW – think of it – to be face-to-face with Jesus Christ – to hold His nail pierced hands -- to be personally led by Him through the Promised Land – truly – WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE!

This is the fulfillment of His promise – Eternity with Him. We have received this Gift of Heaven FREE and FULLY PAID FOR -- by His death on the Cross.

The words of another Hymn ring loud and clear – “Why should He Love me so?”

Then, “God is Love” is repeated twice in 1 John 4, (verses 8 & 16) and brings out His nature and willingness to forgive our sins and make us part of His family.

Reader, has this article spoken to you in some way? Has this old Hymn spoken to you as it has to me? Do you realize there is something missing in your life? Do you have that longing and Blessed Assurance of being in Heaven when this life is over?

“Except a man be Born Again he CANNOT see the Kingdom of God?” (John 3:3),  
“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you WILL be Saved!” (Acts 16:31).

Give SERIOUS THOUGHT to this article – it could be your last opportunity!

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