THE BIBLE HYMNAL

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HOW THIS HYMNAL CAME TO BE

Then I was holding the meetings in a one-room country schoolhouse eight miles west of Eugene, Oregon, in July and August 1933, which resulted in the start of the Philadelphia era of the Church of God, a local 80-year-old Bible student refused to join in singing the hymns.

Having no hymnal of our own, I was forced to use one of the somewhat thin paperback Protestant songbooks. The elderly Bible scholar said, "It is just as sinful to sing a lie as to tell one." I had to agree. For some time I had realized that many of the standard hymnals contained songs that were unscriptural.

It is, however, scriptural to sing hymns. Jesus sang hymns. After His last Passover, it is recorded, "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives" (Matthew 26:30). I knew that the Psalms were, in fact, songs—or hymns. It was clear in my mind that God's people should sing God's inspired words, not man's uninspired and often unscriptural words. But the Bible has not preserved nor revealed to us the music. God has left it to us to compose the music.

This was very much on my mind. One day I heard my youngest brother, Dwight, play on the piano a piece he had composed. It was not four-part harmony, but was in the style of a four-part harmony hymn. I was intrigued. It had quality and character. I had known from the time my brother was a small child that he had a special musical talent. I immediately asked him to compose two or three hymns, setting words from the Psalms to music. It took some little time, but they were good.

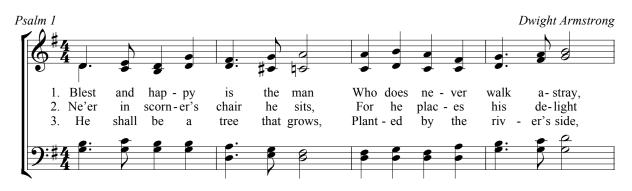
When we moved to Pasadena to found Ambassador College, in 1947, I asked my brother to devote full time to setting the words of Psalms—and/or any other scripture—to music in the four-part harmony style of hymns. For some little time the Church, then small, sang the first 12 or 15 hymns that had been composed. The Church grew, and so did the number of hymns sung with God's own inspired words.

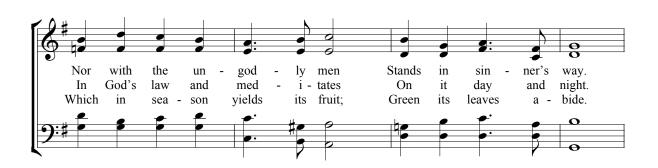
When we were able to print our first Church of God hymnal, not yet having a sufficient number of our own new hymns we filled out our comparatively small hymnals with well-known Protestant hymns whose words were not non-scriptural—even having to change the words in a few instances. Gradually through the years succeeding editions of our hymnal have contained fewer and fewer of the old Protestant hymns, and more and more of those composed by my brother. For the past few years our congregations have been singing our own hymns almost entirely.

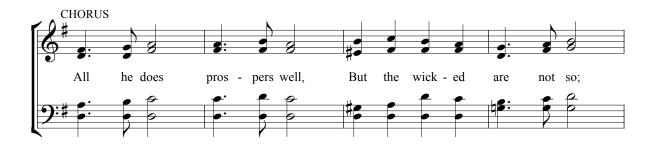
Now, at last, the time has come when we can omit the old Protestant hymns almost altogether, with more new hymns, and a few others whose words are proper, which we feel our congregations would want to sing occasionally.

It is, indeed, a happy achievement to have, at last, God's own hymnal for God's own Church. It is a happy event, also, that we now produce the hymnal with hard covers, and make them available to members to have in their own homes. I feel this is another milestone for God's Church.

BLEST AND HAPPY IS THE MAN











TRUST IN GOD AND STAND

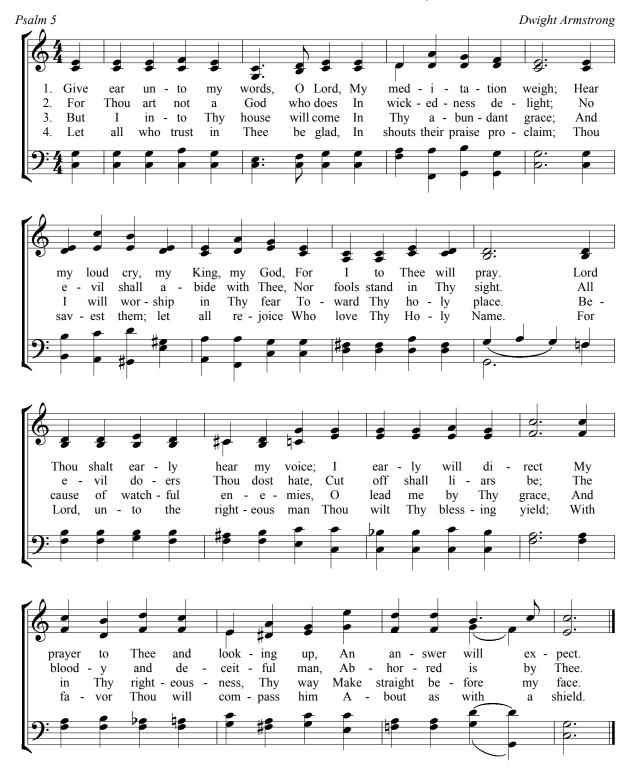








GIVE EAR UNTO MY WORDS, O LORD



TURN, O GOD, AND SAVE ME





HOW EXCELLENT IS THY NAME!



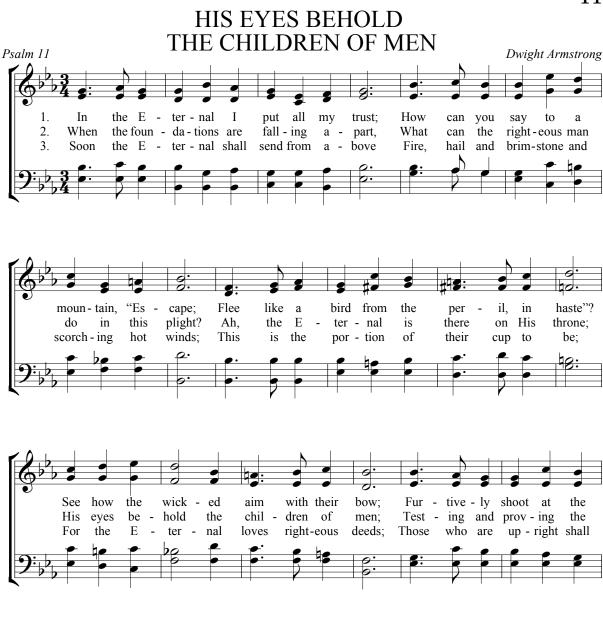
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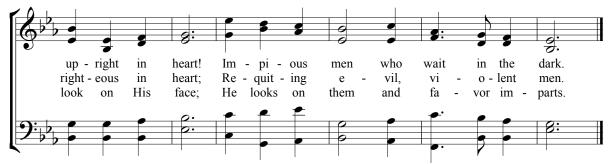




ARISE, ETERNAL, O MY GOD











WHO SHALL DWELL ON THY HOLY HILL?



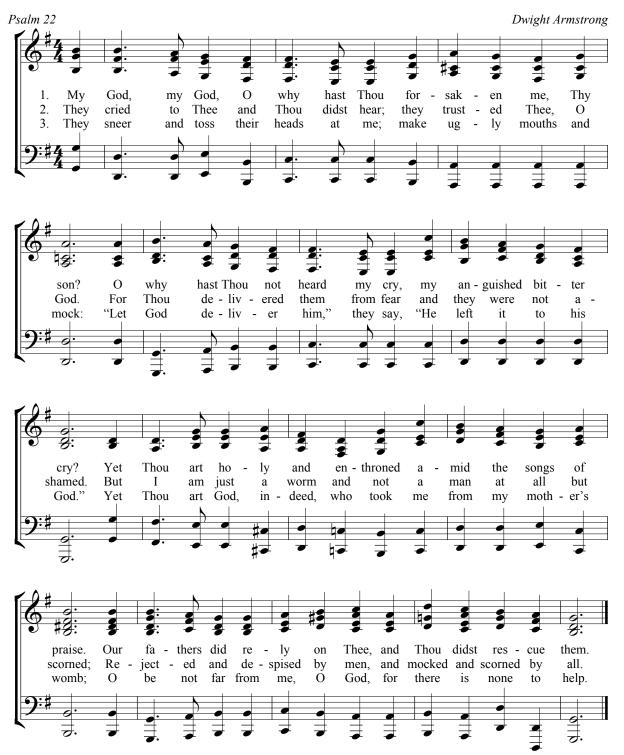
THE KING DELIGHTS, LORD







MY GOD, MY GOD



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD



THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

Crimond David Grant



OUR GOD IS GOOD AND UPRIGHT



TO THEE I LIFT MY SOUL





IN THEE, O LORD, I PUT MY TRUST



THEY ARE BLEST WHO ARE FORGIVEN



BLESSED IS THE NATION GOD IS FOR



TURN THOU FROM EVIL



THE WICKED MAN



REST IN THE LORD





LET THY CHASTENING BE IN MEASURE



FOR IT IS GOD WHO ORDERS LIFE



RIGHTEOUS JUDGE



O GOD, WE HAVE HEARD



AWAKE, O ETERNAL!



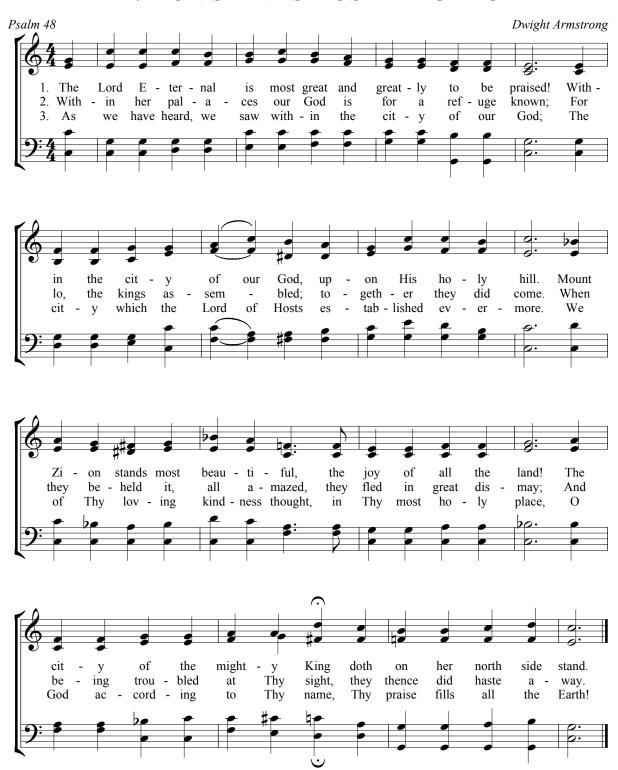
COME, SEE THE WORKS OF GOD



GOD OUR STRENGTH AND REFUGE IS



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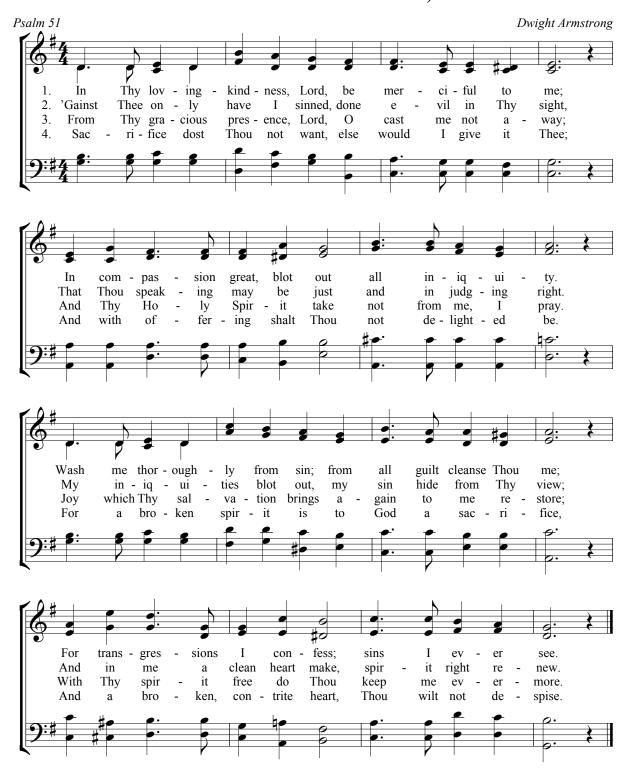




GIVE THANKS AND OFFER PRAISE



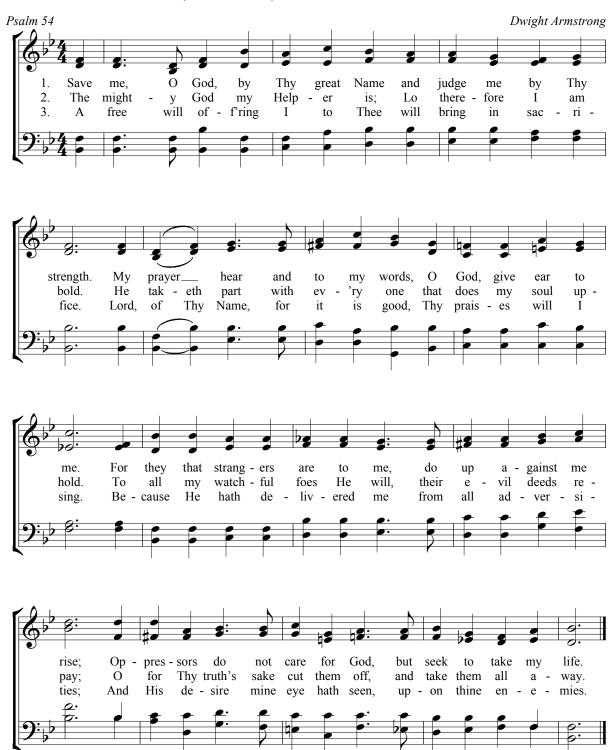
IN THY LOVING KINDNESS, LORD







SAVE ME, O GOD, BY THY GREAT NAME



BUT AS FOR ME, I'LL CALL ON GOD



UNTO MY EARNEST PRAYER GIVE EAR



O PITY ME, BE GRACIOUS GOD



RETURN AGAIN, O GOD



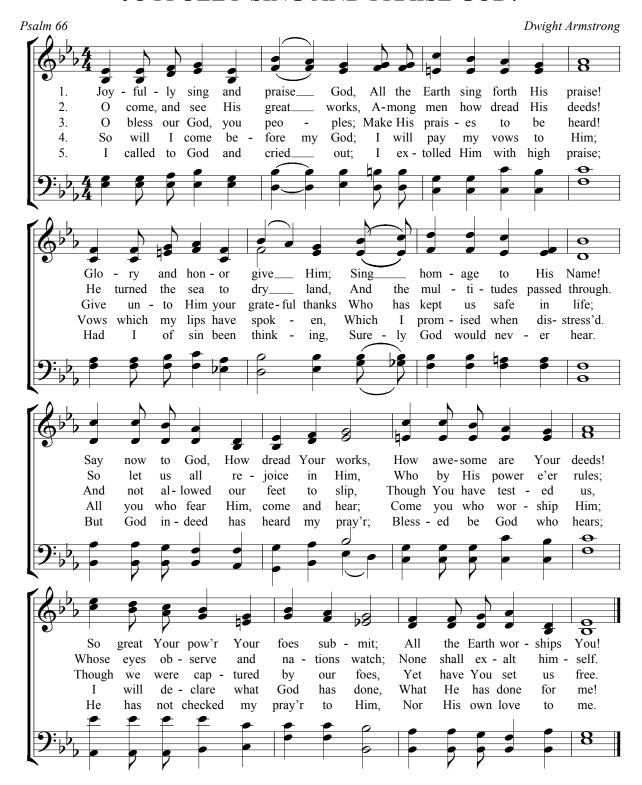
GIVE EAR UNTO MY PRAYER, O GOD







JOYFULLY SING AND PRAISE GOD!



FOR EVEN FROM MY YOUTH, O GOD



O GOD, FORSAKE ME NOT



LET ALL NATIONS HAIL HIM KING!



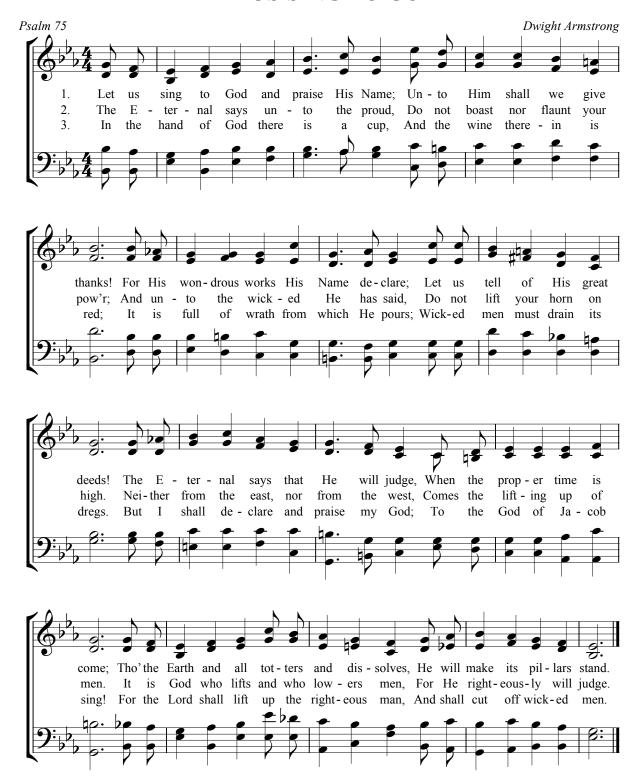
GIVE JUDGMENT TO THE KING, O GOD



THE DAY AND NIGHT ARE THINE



LET US SING TO GOD



HIS NAME IS GREAT!



UNTO GOD I LIFT MY VOICE



O THOU THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL ART

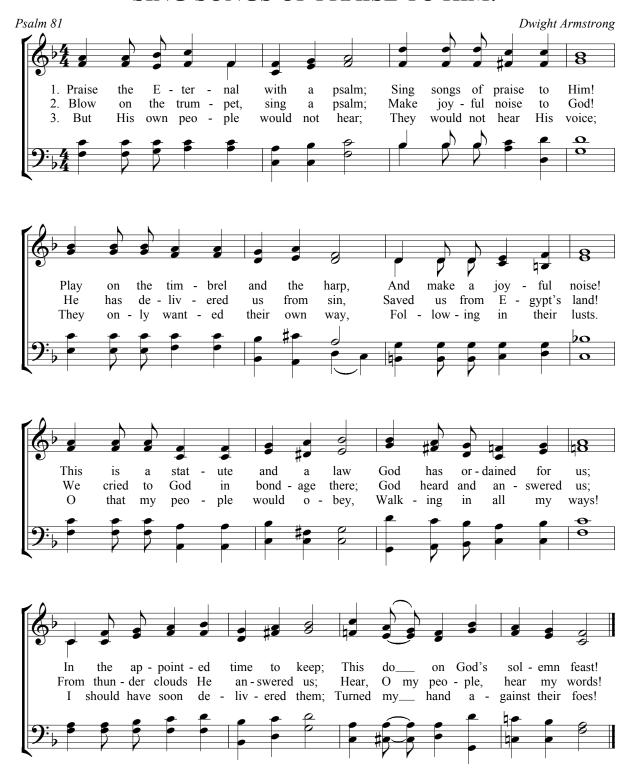


THOU SHEPHERD THAT DOST ISRAEL KEEP

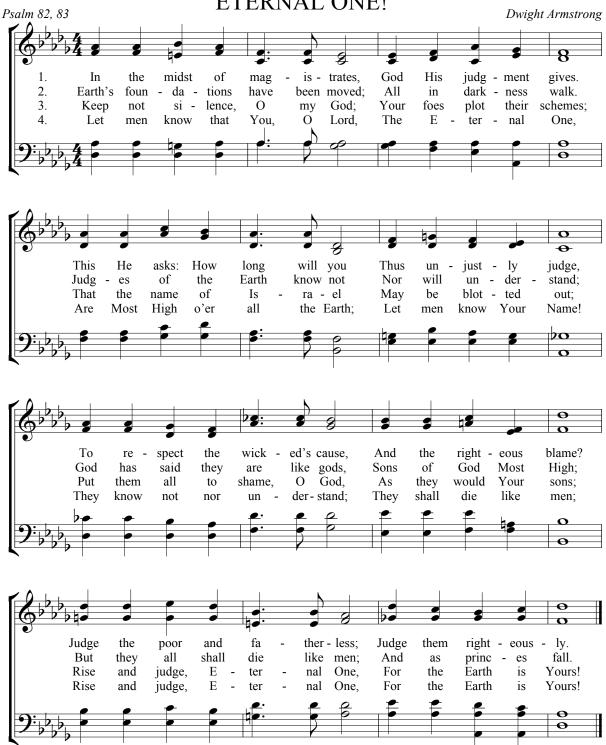




SING SONGS OF PRAISE TO HIM!



RISE AND JUDGE, ETERNAL ONE!



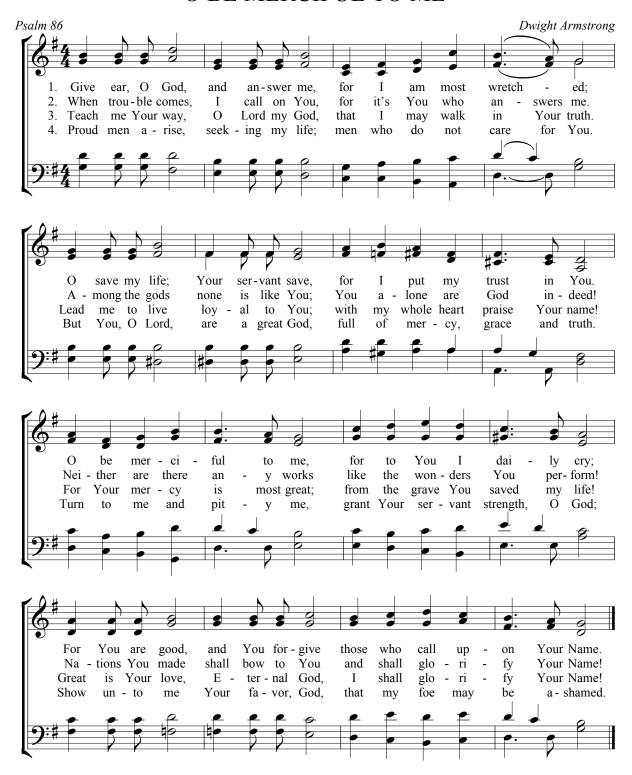
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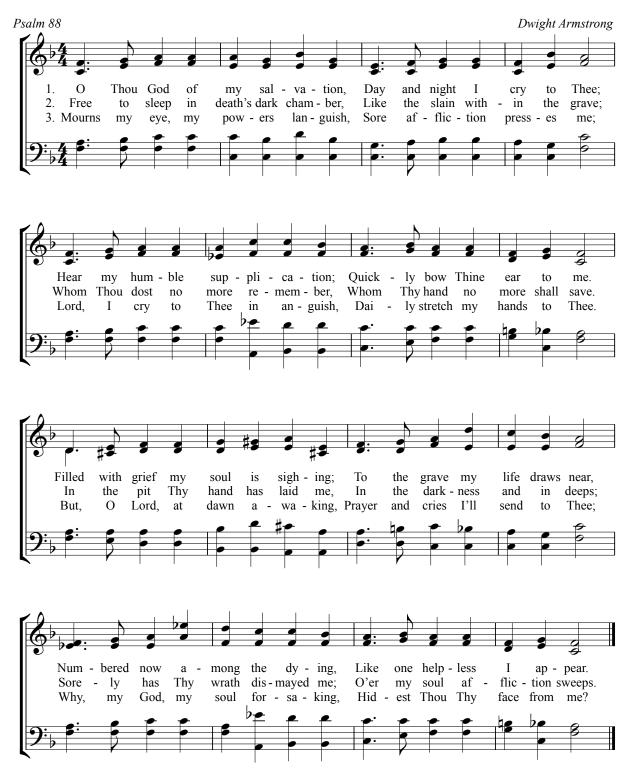
O LORD OF HOSTS, MY KING, MY GOD!



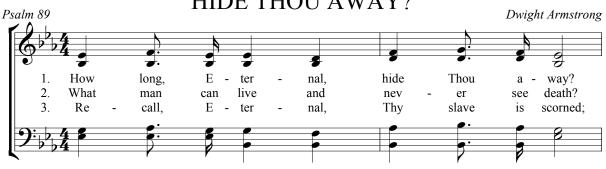
O BE MERCIFUL TO ME



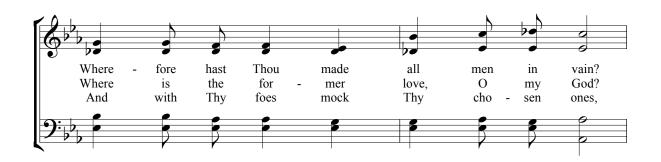
O THOU GOD OF MY SALVATION



HOW LONG, ETERNAL, HIDE THOU AWAY?









THOU ART OUR GOD FOREVER



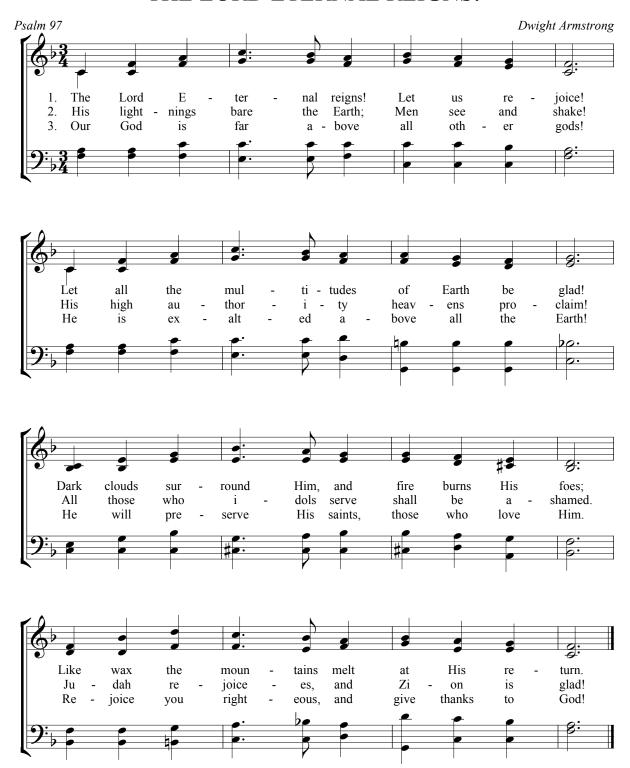
HOW GOOD IT IS TO THANK THE LORD



O COME AND LET US WORSHIP HIM



THE LORD ETERNAL REIGNS!



SING PRAISES AND REJOICE!



HOLY, MIGHTY MAJESTY!









I'LL SING OF MERCY AND OF JUSTICE







BLESS THE LORD ETERNAL, O MY SOUL



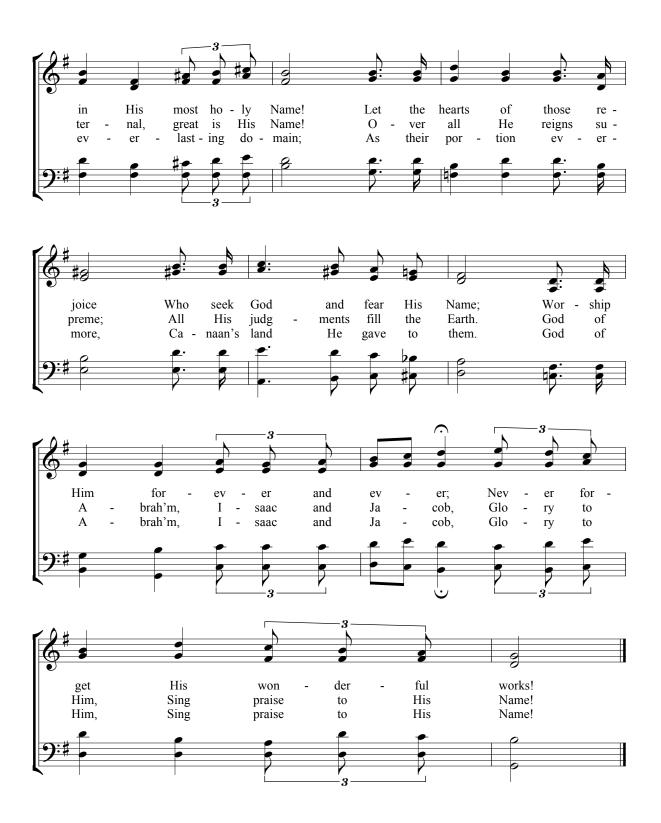
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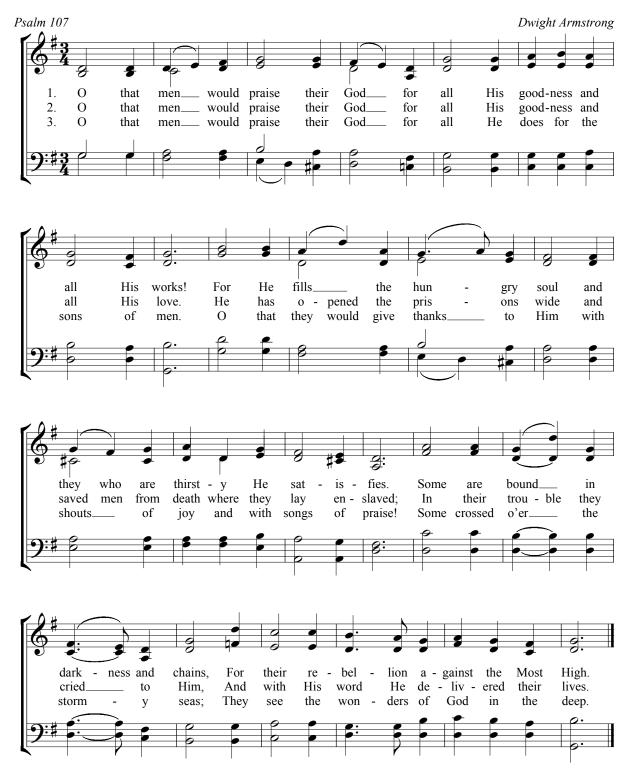
REMEMBER US, O ETERNAL







O THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THEIR GOD!



WISDOM BEGINS WITH THE FEAR OF THE LORD

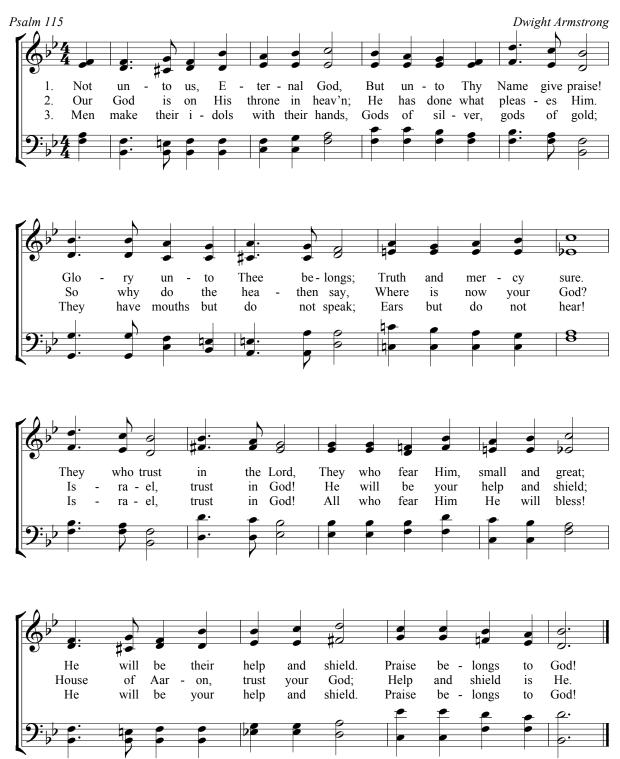


WHEN ISRAEL OUT OF EGYPT WENT





PRAISE BELONGS TO GOD!



O GIVE THANKS UNTO OUR GOD



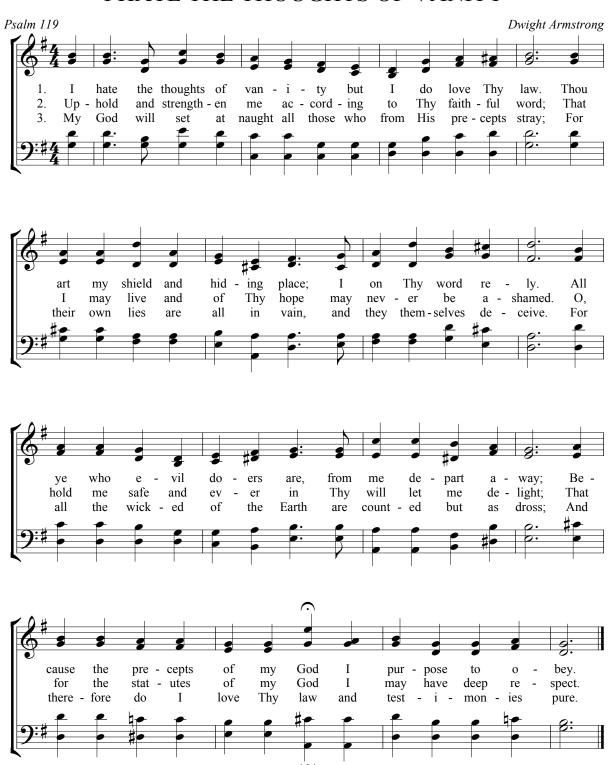
O HOW LOVE I THY LAW!



FOR THY LAW IS TRUTH AND LOVE



I HATE THE THOUGHTS OF VANITY



LORD YOU DEALT WELL WITH ME



IN MY DISTRESS I CRIED UNTO THE LORD

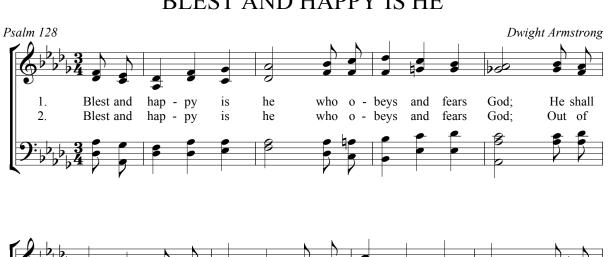


TO THE HILLS SHALL I LIFT MINE EYES?

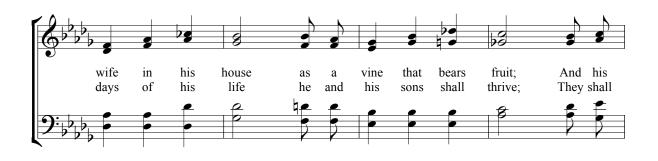


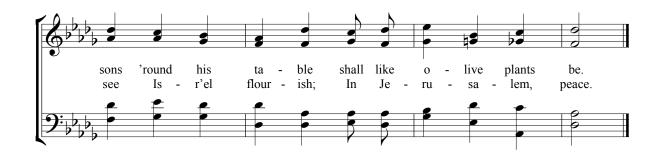


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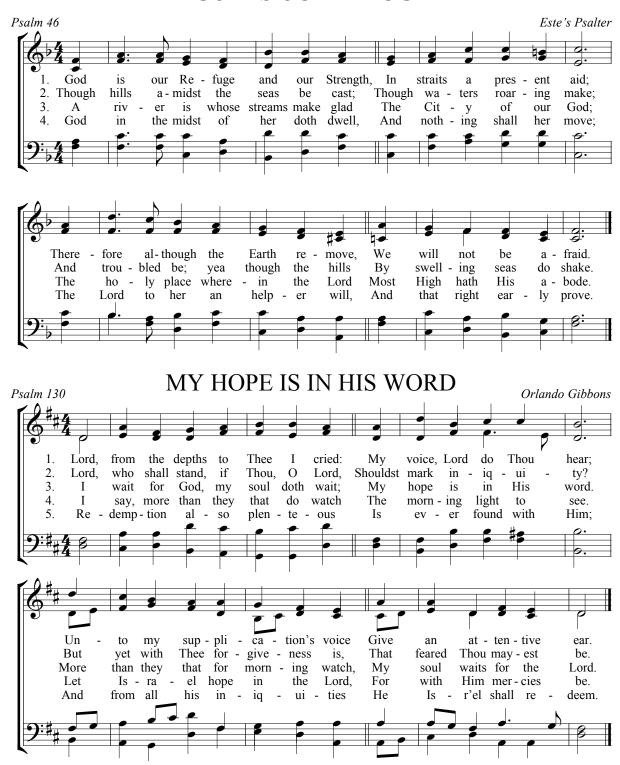




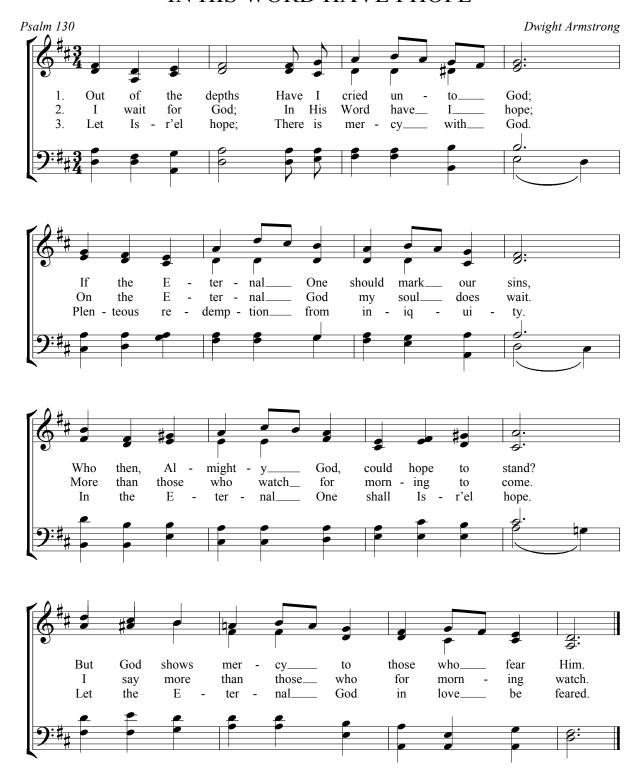




GOD IS OUR REFUGE



IN HIS WORD HAVE I HOPE



HIGH ON ZION'S HOLY HILL



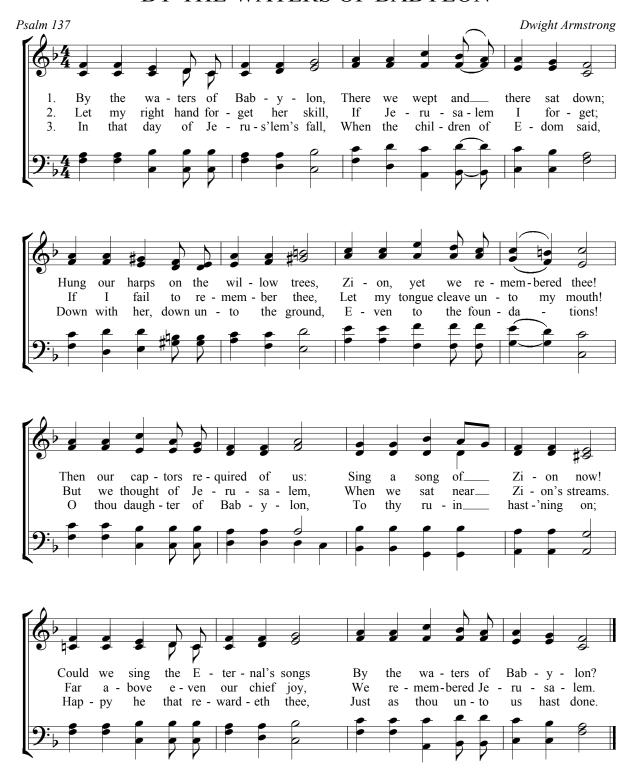
PRAISE GOD'S NAME!



HIS MERCY NEVER FAILS



BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON



LORD, I WILL PRAISE THEE!



WHERE SHALL I GO FROM YOUR SPIRIT O GOD?



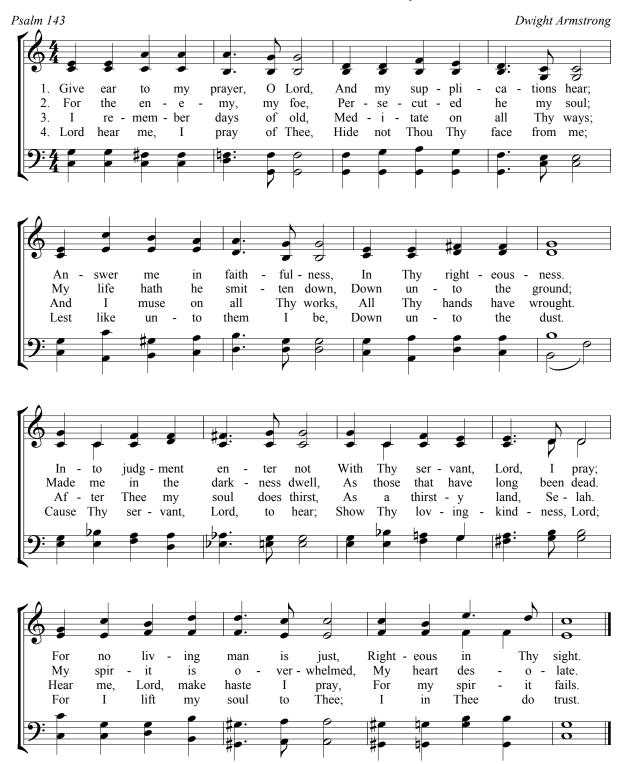
HEAR MY CRY, ETERNAL ONE



TO THE ETERNAL I WILL CRY



GIVE EAR TO MY PRAYER, O LORD



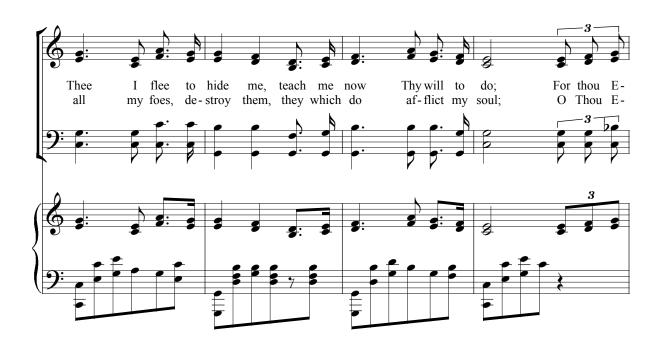
O LORD, THOU ART MY GOD AND KING!

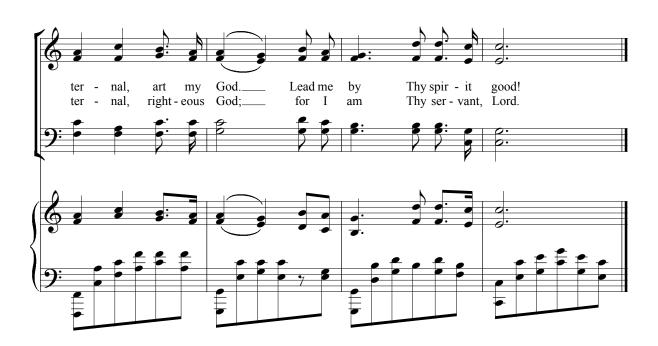


LORD, TEACH ME THAT I MAY KNOW

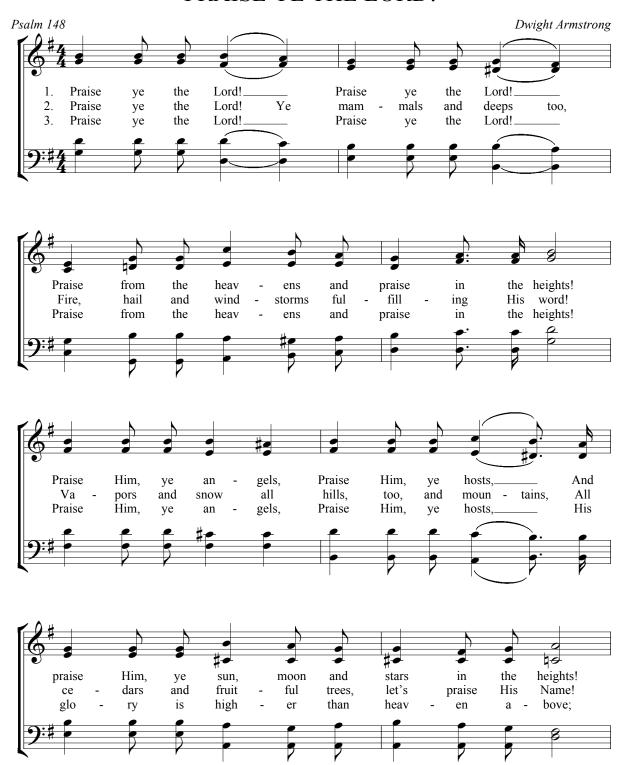


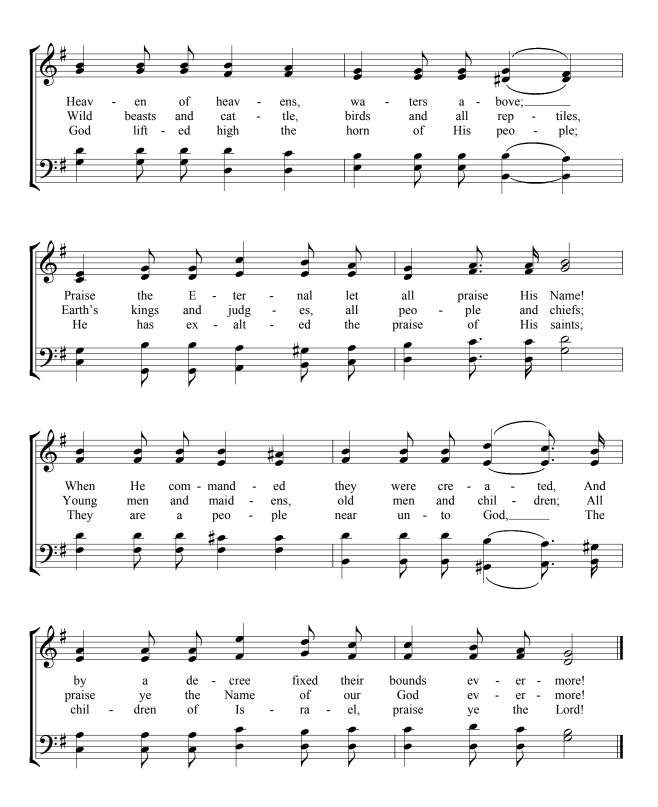






PRAISE YE THE LORD!





HALLELUJAH! PRAISE GOD!





I WILL SING TO THE ETERNAL



THEE WILL I LOVE, O LORD



BLOW THE HORN, LET ZION HEAR!



BEHOLD, THE DAY WILL COME

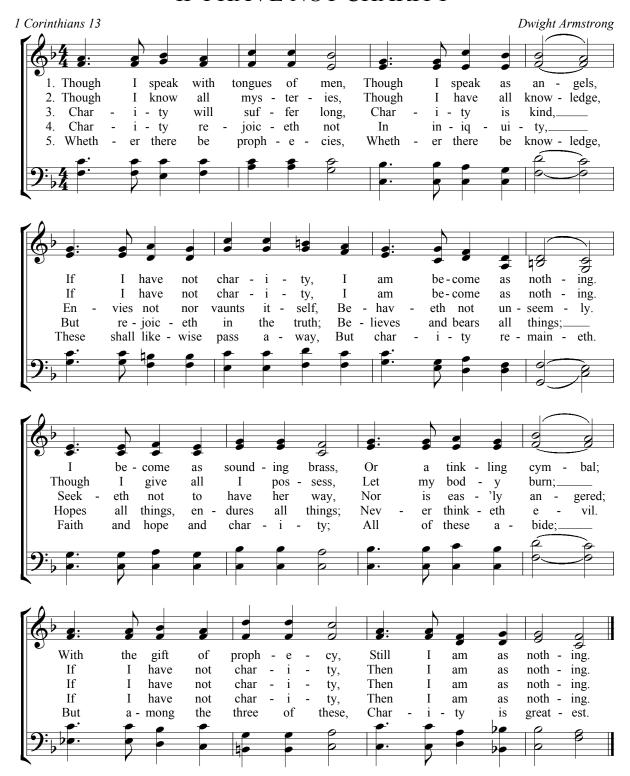




NOT MANY WISE MEN



IF I HAVE NOT CHARITY



GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN John Newton Franz Joseph Haydn spo - ken, Zi thee are on, cit - y wa - ters, Spring - ing from e the streams of liv - ing ter - nal__ love, 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and fire ken Formed thee for whose word can own a -Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, And all fear of want re - move: For glo - ry cov - 'ring, Show - ing that the Lord is___ near! and Rock__ of found - ed, What can shake thy sure Α ges faint,__while flows their thirst to'as - suage? Who can a riv - er Ev - er such Glo-rious things_ of thee spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God; are thy__ foes. sal - va-tion's walls sur-round - ed, Thou mayst smile_ at_ Grace which, like the Lord, the Giv - er, Nev - er___ fails__ $from_{-}$ to___ age. age He, whose word can - not be bro - ken, Formed thee__ for_ His_ own a - bode.

GOD SPEAKS TO US



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL



ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!



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