



Hark the Glad Sound

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1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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“Hark the Glad Sound”

The sound of Jesus coming is exciting news to the burdened soul. This Savior had been promised in the Garden of Eden to forgive Adam and Eve and absolutely every human being who would follow them. Stanza 1 urges a preparation of the heart that gives place only to Jesus.

Stanzas 2 and 3 speak to what this Savior will do. These verses reflect Isaiah 61:1-2: *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn...*

These verses from Isaiah are a succession of phrases that describe the Messiah's deliverance. To the poor, to the afflicted in heart, he gives the sure prospect of deliverance. This good news comes on the authority of God, for the speaker is sent by God. The terms “captives” and “prisoners” may refer in part to the outward condition of the exiles, but the “brokenhearted” are those in every age who are bound to sin and the shackles of a deep sense of guilt before God. Deliverance from that spiritual dungeon of darkness will be like gaining new sight for the eyes.

That is what the Savior has done for all people, including us. Therefore, stanza 4 is all about praising the Lord for all his work, and it includes the heavenly hosts who rejoice at every forgiven sinner.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for everything you promised to do and have done for us, without any merit on our part. Help us to praise you right into eternity. Amen.