

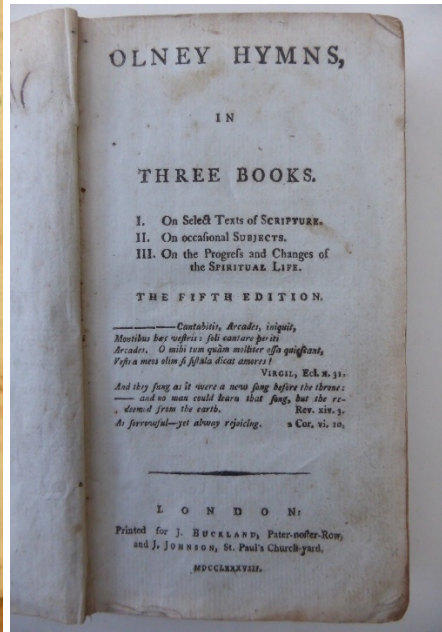
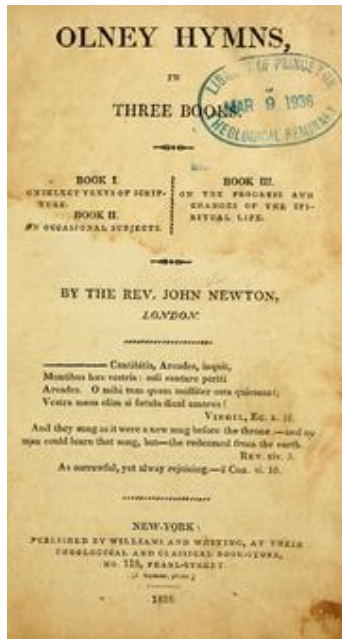
**Lessons from the Great Hymns**  
**“There is a Fountain”**  
**October 25, 2017**

Hymn: Song of praise, song or poem extolling the character of God.

Worship is for an audience of ONE.

William Cowper wrote this great hymn after his first major bout with depression.





Zechariah 13:1 - “On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity”.

1. Because of Jesus’ blood shed on the cross, we can lose all our guilty stains.

God organized a sacrificial system as a way to constantly remind His chosen people that atonement for sin is a very costly thing.

This entire system that God set up was to be symbolic.

As Hebrews 10:4 says, “It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

1 John 1:7 says - “The blood of Jesus purifies us from every sin.”

Hebrews 9:11-12 – “Jesus came as High Priest of this better system which we now have. He once for all took blood into that inner room, the Holy of Holies, and sprinkled it

on the mercy seat; but it was not the blood of goats and calves. No, He took His own blood and with it He, by Himself, made sure of our eternal salvation.”

*Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace,  
Or wash away the stain.  
But Christ the heavenly Lamb  
Took all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.?*

This is called positional sanctification.

2. Because of Jesus' blood, shed on the cross, we can be saved to sin no more.

Progressive sanctification. With one sacrifice He made perfect forever, those who are being made holy.

Hebrews 10:14 - “With one sacrifice He made perfect forever, those who are being made holy.”

Philippians 2:12-13 – “Do the good things that result from being saved, obeying God with deep reverence, shrinking back from all that might displease Him. For God is at work in you, helping you want to obey Him, and then helping you to do what he wants.” (TLB)

This song speaks of the important spiritual need to grow toward maturity.

*There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see*

*That fountain in his day  
And there have I, though vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away.*

*Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved, to sin no more.*

*E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.*

*When this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
Lies silent in the grave.  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,  
I'll sing Thy power to save,*

*Lord, I believe Thou hast prepared,  
Unworthy though I be,  
For me a blood bought free reward,  
A golden harp for me!*

*'Tis strung and tuned for endless years,  
And formed by power divine,  
To sound in God the Father's ears  
No other name but Thine.*