

~ Anchor Bible Church Ladies ~

A Heritage of Blessing

For You have heard my vows, O God;
You have given me the inheritance of those who fear Your name.

Psalm 61:5

Point 1: The Lord Hears Your Vows of Devotion to Him

“*Vows* may rightly be joined with prayers when they are lawful, well-considered, and truly for God’s glory. It is great mercy on God’s part to take any notice of the vows and promises of such faithless and deceitful creatures as we are. What we promise Him is His due already, and yet He deigns to accept our vows as if we were not so much His servants as His free suitors who could give or withhold at pleasure.” ~Charles Spurgeon¹

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

~Thomas O. Chisholm

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me.

Psalm 50:15

I am not afraid to look the king of terrors in the face, for I know I shall be drawn, not driven, out of the world. Until then let me continually glow and burn out for Thee, and when the last great change shall come let me awake in Thy likeness, leaving behind me an example that will glorify Thee while my spirit rejoices in heaven, and my memory is blessed upon earth, with those who follow me praising Thee for my life. ~ *The Valley of Vision*, “Retrospect and Prospect”

Thou art my divine treasury in whom all fullness dwells, my life, hope, joy, peace, glory, end. May I be daily more and more conformed to Thee, with the meekness and calmness of the Lamb in my soul. ~ *The Valley of Vision*, “Retrospect and Prospect”

May I never give Thee rest until Christ is the pulse of my heart, the spokesman of my lips, the lamp of my feet. ~ *The Valley of Vision*, “The Throne”

¹ C. H. Spurgeon, *The Treasury of David: Psalms 56-87, vol. 3* (London; Edinburgh; New York: Marshall Brothers, n.d.), 41.

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Jonathan Edwards' Resolution #62. Resolved, never to do anything but duty; and then according to Eph. 6:6-8, do it willingly and cheerfully as unto the Lord, and not to man; "knowing that whatever good thing any man doth, the same shall he receive of the Lord."²

Oh, could I sing as I desire,
My grateful heart should never tire
To tell the wondrous love and power
Thus working out, from hour to hour,
What pleases God.

J. C. Ryle, *Hymns for the Church on Earth*, #261³

Point 2: The Lord Gives You an Inheritance Among the Saints

"Delight in divine service is a token of acceptance. Those who serve God with a sad countenance, because they do what is unpleasant to them, are not serving him at all; they bring the form of homage, but the life is absent."

~Charles Spurgeon⁴

Alexander MacLaren said, "Meek endurance and meek obedience, the accepting of His dealing, of whatever complexion they are and however they may tear and desolate our hearts, without murmuring, without sulking, without rebellion or resistance, is the deepest conception of the meekness which Christ pronounced blessed." And "The meaning of all that God does with us—joys and sorrows, light and darkness... is that our wills be made plastic and flexible." ~Alexander MacLaren⁵

"What God decrees, child of His love,
Take patiently, tho' it may prove the storm that wrecks thy treasure here;
Be comforted: thou need'st not fear what pleases God."

"The wisest will is God's own will;
Rest on this anchor and be still;
For peace around thy path shall flow when only wishing here below what pleases God." ~An old German hymn⁶

² <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-resolutions-of-jonathan-edwards>

³ Ryle, J. C. 1876. *Hymns for the Church on Earth*. London: William Hunt and Company.

⁴ C. H. Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening: Daily Readings* (London: Passmore & Alabaster, 1896). January 9th, Evening.

⁵ Alexander MacLaren quoted by Isobel Kuhn, *Green Leaf in Drought Time* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1957) 50-51.

⁶ J. C. Ryle, *Hymns for the Church on Earth*, #261, Translated by Sarah Findlater in 1858 and contained in Jane Borthwick's *Hymns from the Land of Luther*.

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May holiness be the atmosphere in which I live. ~The Valley of Vision⁷

The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him. Prov. 20:7.

“Anxiety about our family is natural, *but we shall be wise if we turn it into care about our own character.* If we walk before the Lord in integrity, we shall do more to bless our descendants than if we bequeathed them large estates. A father’s holy life is a rich legacy for his sons. *The upright man leaves his heirs his example, and this in itself will be a mine of true wealth.*” ~Charles Spurgeon⁸

Give me Father, a purpose deep,
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e’er the strife,
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
*Only one life, ’twill soon be past,
Only what’s done for Christ will last.*

Oh let my love with fervor burn,
And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
*Only one life, “twill soon be past,
Only what’s done for Christ will last.*
~C.T. Studd

Psalm 17:14–15: 14 From men with Your hand, O Lord, From men of the world, whose portion is in this life, And whose belly You fill with Your treasure; They are satisfied with children, And leave their abundance to their babes. 15 *As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake.*

⁷ <https://banneroftruth.org/us/devotional/conflict/>

⁸ C. H. Spurgeon, *The Cheque Book of the Bank of Faith: Being Precious Promises Arranged for Daily Use with Brief Comments* (New York: American Tract Society, 1893), April 25, 116.