

# **Revelation, Chapters 4-9**

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# Introduction

The book of Revelation is a revelation of Jesus Christ – that is, it is the Father’s revelation given *through* Jesus Christ *about* Jesus Christ. In it, the Father uses vivid, larger-than-life visions to show us what He is doing through His glorious Son. The visions give us the big picture of God’s actions past, present, and future. These visions seem less focused on relaying specific historical events and more focused on showing us a broad view of what God is doing. They relay history from a perspective that is wider and higher than any single historical incident can possibly capture.

The five-volume ***Revelation*** series in “Fresh Views of Timeless Truth” is designed to help us see and respond to the truths in this amazing, and sometimes intimidating, book. It is not a commentary, and thus it makes no attempt to explain every image, detail, and interpretation. Instead, it focuses on the major truths taught in Revelation and provides devotional resources to help us understand and respond to them.

With each passage of scripture you’ll find:

- The scripture itself.
- A devotional reflection and/or prayer response based on some major truth in that passage.
- An original hymn that helps us respond to that truth with body, mind, and heart. The words and music of the hymn are provided, along with a link to that hymn’s recording on our website, [LNWhymns.com](http://LNWhymns.com). Everything there is downloadable and free.

As with every word I write, this book is written with the purpose and deep desire that you be drawn to our magnificent Father. What a glorious, eternal destiny He has created for us in His Son, Jesus Christ!

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.*  
(Ephesians 1:18-19, NASB)

--Ken Bible

## Revelation 4

(NASB)

After these things I looked, and  
behold, a door standing open in heaven, and  
the first voice which I had heard,  
like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said,  
“Come up here, and  
I will show you what must take place after these things.”

Immediately I was in the Spirit;  
and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and  
One sitting on the throne.  
And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and  
there was a rainbow around the throne,  
like an emerald in appearance.  
Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and  
upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting,  
clothed in white garments, and  
golden crowns on their heads.

Out from the throne come  
flashes of lightning and  
sounds and  
peals of thunder.  
And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne,  
which are the seven Spirits of God;  
and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass,  
like crystal;  
and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures  
full of eyes in front and behind.  
The first creature was like a lion, and  
the second creature like a calf, and  
the third creature had a face like that of a man, and  
the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.  
And the four living creatures,  
each one of them having six wings,  
are full of eyes around and within;  
and day and night they do not cease to say,  
“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God,  
the Almighty,  
who was and  
who is and

who is to come.”

And when the living creatures give

glory and

honor and

thanks

to Him who sits on the throne,

to Him who lives forever and ever,

the twenty-four elders will

fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and

will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and

will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

“Worthy are You,

our Lord and

our God,

to receive

glory and

honor and

power;

for You created all things, and

because of Your will they

existed, and

were created.”

## Start with God

### *Reflection on Revelation 4*

Do you want to better understand your life?  
Do you want to better understand your world?  
Yourself?

Start with God.

See Him high and lifted up.

See Him for who He is:

all power,  
all wisdom,  
all love, justice, and rightness.

All that is flows **from** Him, the Source.

All that is flows **through** Him,

the Mover,  
the Means,  
the Doer,  
the Planner,  
the Power.

All that is flows **to** Him, the Goal.

To understand

your purpose,  
your design,  
your destiny,

start with Him,

for He is the Source and Goal of all you are.

This marvelous God made You in His own image.

He made you to be like Himself.

He is holy,

free from wrong,  
free from anything that binds, corrupts, or destroys.

And He longs to make you holy.

He understands your limitations, yet

He intends to make you holy as He is holy,

completely,  
freely,  
naturally,  
by simple faith.



He loves  
lavishly,  
abundantly,  
without any selfishness or reserve.  
And He frees you to love the same.

He is eternal,  
without beginning or end.  
He is unbound by time –  
never hurried.  
Time is not His master,  
but His slave.  
And He wants to share His limitless eternity with you.

Do you want to understand  
your purpose,  
your design,  
your destiny?  
Do you want to begin to experience  
what your life can be  
today and every day?  
Know and worship God  
high and lifted up.  
Start with Him.

**Hymn recording: [High and Holy Sovereign God](#)**

# High and Holy Sovereign God

TUNE: LLANFAIR (alt.)

Isaiah 6:1; Acts 17:28-29; Romans 8:28-39; 11:33-36; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:15-16

♩ = 84

D Bm D F# E<sup>m</sup>B<sup>m</sup>A<sup>sus</sup> A D F# D<sup>sus</sup>E D G G M<sup>7</sup>A<sup>sus</sup> A D D<sup>A</sup>

1. All ex - ist - ence flows from You, High and ho - ly Sov'-reign God.  
 2. Who can harm us in Your hand, High and ho - ly Sov'-reign God?  
 3. Fill our vis - ion day by day, High and ho - ly Sov'-reign God!

D D<sup>C#</sup> D<sup>B</sup> D<sup>A</sup> D<sup>G</sup> D<sup>F#</sup> E<sup>m</sup>11 E<sup>m</sup>B<sup>m</sup>A<sup>9</sup><sub>sus</sub> A A<sup>7</sup> D F# D<sup>sus</sup>E D G G M<sup>7</sup>A<sup>sus</sup> A D D<sup>A</sup>

Great-ness, good - ness, pure and true, High and ho - ly Sov'-reign God!  
 Who can block what Grace has planned, High and ho - ly Sov'-reign God?  
 Fill and rule this house of clay, High and ho - ly Sov'-reign God!

D D<sup>F#</sup> D G F#<sup>m</sup> Gadd<sup>9</sup> G E<sup>m</sup>7 G A<sup>sus</sup> A Aadd<sup>9</sup> A

All - trans-cend - ing Source and Goal, Might - y God, our Fa - ther!  
 Who can part us from Your love, Might - y God, our Fa - ther?  
 Lift our small and fear - ful hearts, Might - y God, our Fa - ther!

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 C<sup>#</sup> B A G F<sup>#</sup>    G G A<sup>sus</sup>    F<sup>#</sup> E

All is peace in Your con - trol,    High and ho - ly    Sov'-reign God.  
 None be - low and none a - bove,    High and ho - ly    Sov'-reign God!  
 Fill our faith with all You are,    High and ho - ly    Sov'-reign God!

## **Be His Praise**

### *Reflection on Revelation 4*

Look at John's vision of the throne room of God and  
see who you were created to be.

See the twenty-four elders.

They are honored ones,  
respected leaders,  
perhaps priests.

They are royal,  
each wearing a crown of gold.

They are holy,  
dressed in white.

They worship God Almighty with  
word and  
posture and  
action.

They joyfully return to Him  
all the honor and glory He has shared with them.  
They know that all their crowns truly, only belong to Him.

The twenty-four elders are what God's people were redeemed to be.

See the four living creatures.

They surround the throne of the Sovereign Lord of all.

Each is wisely and lovingly fashioned by his Creator.

Each is unique  
yet one with all He has made.

Each is full of eyes in front and behind and is  
fully aware of all reality,  
fully attentive to their God.

Each has six wings and  
is ready to move immediately at His command.

Each ceaselessly responds to God in all His  
holiness,  
power, and  
eternity.

The four living creatures are what we were created to be.

Like the elders,  
like the living creatures,  
we exalt God most clearly and beautifully,  
not just by what we say,

but by what we do and  
who we are.

The infinite Spirit God, unlimited by a physical body,  
incarnates Himself in partial ways  
in each of His creatures.

He shares Himself and His qualities  
through us  
so that the whole universe might glimpse just how  
great and  
holy and  
gracious He is.

Child of God,  
be His praise!  
Be His glory!  
In Jesus Christ, be the incarnation of  
His life,  
His love, and  
His holy beauty.


Hymn recording: [God of All People](#)

# God of All People

TUNE: Morning Has Broken (BUNESSAN)  
*Exodus 34:5-7; Psalm 104:27-30; Isaiah 40:25;*  
*Matthew 5:43-48; 10:7-8; Acts 17:24-28; Ephesians 3:14-15*


♩ = 126

C C/G C Dm F G7 E/G G Fadd9 F C




1. God of all peo - ple, Fa - ther Cre - a - tor, Breath of all  
2. Lord of all lead - ers, Friend of the hum - ble, Bread for the  
3. God of com - pas - sion, We are Your chil - dren, We are Your

Em Em7 F C D7 G<sup>7</sup> sus G7 C G/B Am A<sup>m</sup> F C/G C/E



be - ing, Hope of each heart, Joy of all learn - ing, Spring of all  
hun - gry, Wine for the soul, Un - fail - ing wis - dom, Un - end - ing  
ser - vants, We are Your hands. Rich in Your Spir - it, Rich in Your

Am Fm<sup>6</sup> C/G G sus Em F C/E Dm7 G Em/G G7 C



lov - ing, Light of all vis - ion, Beau - ty of art,  
good - ness, Un - yield - ing mer - cy, Gen - tle con - trol,  
bless - ings, Help us to live as Your love de - mands.

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MUSIC: Gaelic Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

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## Revelation 5:1-7

(NIV)

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne  
a scroll with

writing on both sides and  
sealed with seven seals.

And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice,

“Who is worthy to  
break the seals and  
open the scroll?”

But no one

in heaven or  
on earth or  
under the earth

could open the scroll or  
even look inside it.

I wept and wept because

no one was found who was worthy to  
open the scroll or  
look inside.

Then one of the elders said to me,

“Do not weep!  
See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,  
the Root of David,  
has triumphed.

He is able to open the scroll and  
its seven seals.”

Then I saw a Lamb,

looking as if it had been slain,  
standing at the center of the throne,  
encircled by  
the four living creatures and  
the elders.

The Lamb had

seven horns and  
seven eyes,

which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

He went and took the scroll

from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

# **The Lamb of God**

*Reflection on Revelation 5:1-7*

The stage is set.

The glowing introduction has built to a climax.

We eagerly await the next moment,

when we will finally meet the One so long promised:

the Mighty Conqueror,

the Root of David,

the King of all Kings,

the Lion of Judah.

At last we are about to see the One who is worthy

to bring to living reality all the

magnificent plans and

magnificent promises of our sovereign, loving God.

All the sprawling creation is about to meet

the One through Whom it was created,

its hope,

its Redeemer.

But behold the Man!

The Lion is a Sacrificial Lamb.

The Mighty Conqueror is One slaughtered,

still bearing His wounds.

The King of all Kings is a Servant.

The Lord of all Lords is a homeless peasant, without

power,

status, or

any attractiveness whatsoever.

Yet this One has overcome

all evil

everywhere,

for all time.

This one has conquered

through self-sacrifice,

not self-fulfillment,

through complete dependence,

not complete self-sufficiency,

through weakness,

not strength.



And this One stands with His arms outstretched,  
calling to each of us and all of us:

*“If anyone wishes to come after Me,  
he must deny himself, and  
take up his cross and  
follow Me.”* (Matthew 16:24, NASB)

This is our all-conquering hero.

This is our Leader,

This is the One against whom

all rightness,

all success

all victory is measured:

He is Christ crucified.

Hymn recording: [Christ Crucified](#)

# Christ Crucified

TUNE: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (EIN' FESTE BURG, alt.)  
*Matthew 16:24; 27:27-50; Mark 8:34; 15:16-37; Luke 9:23; 23:26-46; John 14:6;  
 19:17-30; 1 Corinthians 1:17-31; 2:1-5; Philippians 2:5-11; Revelation 5:11-14*

♩ = 76

C C<sub>E</sub> C G Em Am D D<sup>7</sup> G Am Em F C Am

1. Here stripped of all but blood and shame, The Lord of Lords, Christ  
 2. Our Way, our Truth, our Life Di - vine, Our Bro - ken Bread, Christ  
 3. All pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, might Be Yours a - lone, Christ

Dm G G<sup>7</sup> C C<sub>E</sub> C G Em Am D D<sup>7</sup> G Am

cru - ci - fied! Here crowned with thorns and robed with pain, The  
 cru - ci - fied. Our Light, our Door and Liv - ing Vine, Our  
 cru - ci - fied! Each burn - ing hope, each heart's de - light Is

Em F C Am Dm G G<sup>7</sup> C C Am G<sub>B</sub> G<sub>C</sub> D D<sup>7</sup> G C

King of Kings, Christ cru - ci - fied! Now hung up - on His throne, Re -  
 Ser - vant King, Christ cru - ci - fied. Our call - ing now is clear. The  
 full in You, Christ cru - ci - fied. With all our hearts we sing Our

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 MUSIC: Martin Luther; adapted by Ken Bible

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G C F Dm<sup>6</sup> A<sup>m</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>m</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>m</sup> D D<sup>7</sup> G F  
 B G# B C

ject - ed, cursed, a - lone, In ha - tred hoist - ed high A -  
 life we seek is here. Our stand - ard is the cross. We  
 Lord, our God, our King! We fill our end - less days With

E C C<sup>7</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Dm E A<sup>m</sup> E<sup>m</sup> F C A<sup>m</sup> Dm G G<sup>7</sup> C  
 A C# C#

gainst a black-ened sky, Our dy - ing God, the glo - rious Son!  
 fol - low, gain or loss. Our goal: to glo - ri - fy His name.  
 end - less lives of praise, O Lamb of God, Christ cru - ci - fied!

## Revelation 5:8-14

(NRSV)

When he had taken the scroll,  
the four living creatures and  
the twenty-four elders  
fell before the Lamb, each holding  
a harp and  
golden bowls full of incense,  
which are the prayers of the saints.  
They sing a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slaughtered and  
by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every  
tribe and  
language and  
people and  
nation;  
you have made them to be a kingdom and  
priests serving our God, and  
they will reign on earth.”

Then I looked, and  
I heard the voice of  
many angels surrounding the throne and  
the living creatures and  
the elders;  
they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,  
singing with full voice,  
“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive  
power and  
wealth and  
wisdom and  
might and  
honor and  
glory and  
blessing!”

Then I heard every creature  
in heaven and  
on earth and  
under the earth and  
in the sea, and  
all that is in them, singing,  
“To the one seated on the throne and  
to the Lamb

be  
blessing and  
honor and  
glory and  
might  
forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said,  
“Amen!”  
And the elders fell down and worshiped.

## One Day

*Reflection on Revelation 5:8-14*

One day, all evil,  
all deception,  
all distraction will be gone  
completely and  
forever.

All will be light.

All will be truth.

We will see all reality like the morning sun,  
pure and unclouded.

We will see Jesus Christ for all He is, the  
transcendent,  
unseeable,  
unimaginable God in all His  
beauty and  
perfection.

And as we see Him,  
we will become like Him.

Through all the universe,  
seen and unseen,  
all that is not of Him will be  
burned away forever.

When that happens, all creation will be swept up  
into one mighty response to its Creator,  
full heart and  
full voice.

Praise will roll like a tidal wave  
through all reality.

We, all of us,  
will lift Him up for  
all that He is and  
all He has done.

But even then, our response to Him will be  
small and  
inadequate.

Through an endless eternity,  
His magnificence will draw us up into  
lives of ever-increasing

thanksgiving,  
worship, and  
love.

Hymn recording: [Enthronement Hymn](#)

# Enthronement Hymn

TUNE: Rule, Britannia! (adapted)

Psalm 24; 47:5-9; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 2:11; Revelation 11:15

♩ = 60

N.C. G  $\frac{G}{F\#}$  Em  $\frac{G}{D}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  C<sup>6</sup> D D<sup>7</sup> G  $\frac{G}{D}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$

1. We lift our love to You, E - ter - nal King! Our  
2. Our God made flesh, our liv - ing Bread and Wine, Our

G  $\frac{G}{F\#}$  Em Em<sup>7</sup> D G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Em<sup>7</sup> A A<sup>7</sup> D N.C.

lives of wor - ship are the praise we bring. Our  
Lord, our Broth - er, and our Breath Di - vine! Our

N.C.  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  Bm  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{Em}{G}$   $\frac{D}{A}$  A<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> A<sup>7</sup> D  $\frac{D}{C}$

lives, Great Sav - ior, are the praise we bring!  
Lord, we share Your ho - ly breath we di - vine.

$\frac{G}{B}$  G C N.C.  $\frac{G}{B}$  Am<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>9</sup> C<sup>6</sup> C D  $\frac{D}{C}$

King of Glo - ry, Your un - i - verse a - waits! We  
Hope of glo - ry, our heav - en here be - gun, The

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$\frac{G}{B}$   $A_m^7$   $D^7$   $G$   $\frac{G^{sus}}{A}$   $\frac{G}{B}$   $C$   $\frac{G}{D}$   $D$   $G$

lift Prince our of heads! Be lift - ed up, you gates! Son!  
 Prince of Life, the Fa - ther's Sov - 'reign

*Refrain*

$\frac{G}{B}$   $C$   $E$   $A_m$   $\frac{E^{sus}}{B}$   $\frac{A_m}{C}$   $\frac{A^7}{C\#}$   $D$   $\frac{D}{E}$   $D$   $\frac{D}{C}$   $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D^7_{sus}}{A}$   $D^7$

Come, Lord Je - sus! All king - doms are Your own! Come, Al -

$G$   $\frac{G^{sus}}{A}$   $\frac{G}{B}$   $C$   $\frac{G}{D}$   $D^7_{sus}$   $D^7$

might - y God, As - cend Your throne! throne! throne!

1  $G$  D.C. 2  $G$  D.S. 3  $G$

## Revelation 6:1-8

(NASB)

Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and  
I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder,  
"Come."

I looked, and behold,  
a white horse, and  
he who sat on it had a bow; and  
a crown was given to him, and  
he went out conquering and  
to conquer.

When He broke the second seal,  
I heard the second living creature saying,  
"Come."

And another, a red horse, went out; and  
to him who sat on it,  
it was granted to take peace from the earth, and  
that men would slay one another; and  
a great sword was given to him.

When He broke the third seal,  
I heard the third living creature saying,  
"Come."

I looked, and behold,  
a black horse; and  
he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

And I heard something like a voice  
in the center of the four living creatures  
saying,

"A quart of wheat for a denarius, and  
three quarts of barley for a denarius; and  
do not damage the oil and the wine."

When the Lamb broke the fourth seal,  
I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying,  
"Come."

I looked, and behold,  
an ashen horse; and  
he who sat on it had the name Death; and  
Hades was following with him.

Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth,

to kill

with sword and  
with famine and  
with pestilence and  
by the wild beasts of the earth.

## **Judgment Has Already Begun**

*Prayer Response to Revelation 6:1-8*

Father, when we turn away from You,  
we turn toward ourselves.  
We separate ourselves from the only Source of  
all that is good.

We turn away from love, and  
we are self-centered,  
controlling others for our own benefit.  
We turn away from Your peace, and  
strife grows in us and among us.  
We turn away from Your abundance, and  
our need and want increase.  
We turn away from Your life, and  
death is all that is left.

Part of Your judgment on our sin  
comes with the sin itself.  
The curse of sin immediately begins to infect  
all we are and  
all we do.  
If we don't turn away from our sin and back to You,  
Your judgments will one day be complete and final.

Father, the four horsemen of the Apocalypse,  
conquest,  
war,  
famine, and  
death,  
are riding among us right now.  
They are not only riding through all of human history,  
but through each of  
our cultures,  
our communities,  
our families,  
our individual lives.

Father of love,  
Father of peace,  
Father of all goodness,  
Father of life,

we turn to You now.  
Grow us toward Yourself  
as flowers grow toward the sun.  
We need You.

Hymn recording: [Prayer for Purity](#)

# Prayer for Purity

TUNE: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (MORECAMBE)

Genesis 2:7; Psalm 19:14; 51:10; 139:1-4, 23-24;

Ephesians 1:5-6; 3:14-19; 1 Peter 1:14-19

♩ = 48

B $\flat$  F $^7$ /A B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D C $m^7$  F $^7$  B $\flat$

1. Al - might - y God, to whom all hearts are known,  
2. Come, All - in - all, and fill our ev - 'ry thought.

G $m$  G $m^7$  A A $^7$ /C $\sharp$  D $m$  G $^7$ /D F C G $m$ /C C $^7$  F

Cleanse our de - sires, and fill us with Your own.  
Come, help us live and the life Your love has bought.

F F $^7$  E $\flat$ /F F $^7$  E $\flat$ /F F $^7$  E $\flat$ /F F $^7$

All that we are lies o - pen here to You.  
Give us Your - self, so great, so near, so far,

B $\flat$  B $\flat^6$  F $^7$ /C B $\flat$ /D B $\flat$ M $^7$ /E $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /F E $\flat$ /G B $\flat$ /F F $^7$  B $\flat$

Breathe, great Cre - a - tor God, and make us new.  
That we might show the world how good You are!

WORDS: Ken Bible, based on *The Book of Common Prayer*  
MUSIC: Frederick C. Atkinson

MORECAMBE  
10.10.10.10.

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## Revelation 6:9-17

(NIV)

When he opened the fifth seal,  
I saw under the altar  
the souls of those who had been slain because of  
the word of God and  
the testimony they had maintained.  
They called out in a loud voice,  
“How long, Sovereign Lord,  
holy and true,  
until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and  
avenge our blood?”

Then each of them was given a white robe, and  
they were told to wait a little longer,  
until the full number of their fellow servants,  
their brothers and sisters,  
were killed just as they had been.

I watched as he opened the sixth seal.  
There was a great earthquake.  
The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair,  
the whole moon turned blood red,  
and the stars in the sky fell to earth,  
as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.  
The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and  
every mountain and island was removed from its place.

Then the kings of the earth,  
the princes,  
the generals,  
the rich,  
the mighty, and  
everyone else,  
both slave and free,  
hid in caves and  
among the rocks of the mountains.  
They called to the mountains and the rocks,  
“Fall on us and hide us  
from the face of him who sits on the throne and  
from the wrath of the Lamb!  
For the great day of their wrath has come, and  
who can withstand it?”

## **Hiding in You or from You?**

*Prayer Response to Revelation 6:9-17*

Almighty, holy God, am I  
hiding in You or  
hiding from You?

When I am pursued and pressured by evil,  
when doing what is right seems  
less desirable than  
compromise,  
less pleasant than  
“just this once,”

do I hide in You or  
hide from You?

Do I immediately turn toward You and  
cling to You more tightly,  
or do I let myself be drawn away toward  
some other “good”?

When temptation comes, do I move  
toward You or  
away from You?

Or to ask it another way:

When the Day of the Lord comes to all the earth,  
when Your reality is suddenly obvious to everyone  
and I realize that my eternal destiny is now fixed,  
will I be  
hiding in You or  
hiding from You?

**Hymn recording: [Free to Choose](#)**



# Free to Choose

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

♩ = 84

Cm Cm Cm/Bb Ab Fm Fm7 Fm

1. Free to choose— Fa - ther God, we choose to live or  
2. Free to choose— Fa - ther God, we face You ev - 'ry

Cm Cm7 Bb Bb/Ab Fm6/Ab Eb/Ab Ab Eb/Bb

die, day. To feast our - selves on us, E - den's fruits Or  
You stand be - fore us, giv - ing life. We

Cm Fm11 Fm9 Bbsus Bb Ab Bb

feed our fool - ish pride. Cre - a - tor, You are  
trust or turn a - way. Your pres - ence or Your

Eb Eb/Bb Ab Bb Cm Cm7

all in all, A heav - en each can know. With -  
ab - sence, Lord, Re - ceive You or can re - fuse— For -

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

FREE TO CHOOSE  
3.9.8.6.8.6.8.6.

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A $\flat$       F $\flat$ m<sup>6</sup>   B $\flat$    E $\flat$    B $\circ$ 7   C $\flat$ m   C $\flat$ m  
          A $\flat$    A $\flat$    G   G   B $\flat$

out You is an aw - ful void Where on - ly death can  
 ev - er and com - plete - ly, God, You give us what we

E $\flat$       E $\flat$       2, 4      G<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>   G<sup>7</sup><sub>5 $\sharp$</sub>    C $\flat$ m  
          G   A $\flat$    A $\flat$

grow. choose.      Cre - on - ly death can grow.  
 Your give us what we choose.

## Revelation 7:1-8

(NRSV)

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth,  
holding back the four winds of the earth  
so that no wind could blow on  
earth or  
sea or  
against any tree.

I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun,  
having the seal of the living God, and  
he called with a loud voice  
to the four angels  
who had been given power to damage earth and sea,  
saying,  
“Do not damage  
the earth or  
the sea or  
the trees,  
until we have marked the servants of our God  
with a seal on their foreheads.”

And I heard the number of those who were sealed,  
one hundred forty-four thousand,  
sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel:  
From the tribe of Judah twelve thousand sealed,  
from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand,  
from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,  
from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand,  
from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand,  
from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,  
from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand,  
from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand,  
from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,  
from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand,  
from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand,  
from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed.

# I Am Yours

*Prayer Response to Revelation 7:1-8*

In sickness and  
in struggle, Father,  
I am Yours.

Through ordinary days and  
when all the world is crumbling around me,  
I am Yours.

In pain and  
in grief,  
when completely enveloped in darkness,  
I am Yours.

When I am weak,  
helpless,  
sorrowful,  
confused,  
inconsistent,  
ignorant, and  
deeply, incurably needy,  
I am Yours.

You have sealed me as Your very own.  
No enemy can threaten me.  
No authority can accuse me.  
No judge can condemn me.  
No power can separate me from the embrace of Your eternal love.

Father, now and forever,  
I am Yours.

*Can a woman forget her nursing child  
And have no compassion on the son of her womb?  
Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.  
Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands.  
(Isaiah 49:15-16, NASB)*

Hymn recording: [Be Still, My Child](#)

# Be Still, My Child

*Psalms 46:10; 121; 131; Isaiah 30:15; 32:17-18*

♩ = 58

3rd time to Coda ☸

C C  $\frac{C}{G}$  F  $\frac{C}{G}$  F6  $\frac{A^m}{E}$  Dm7  $\frac{F}{A}$  F6  $\frac{C}{G}$  Gsus G7

1. Be still, my child, be still. You are mine. I am yours. I am with you.  
 (2. Be) still, my child, be still. Sim-ply rest. You are loved. I am watch-ing.  
 (3. Be) still, my child, be still. You are mine. I am yours. I am with you.

G13 C  $\frac{C}{E}$  Fadd9 F  $\frac{C}{G}$  Gsus  $\frac{C}{G}$   $\frac{E}{A}$   $\frac{F}{C}$   $\frac{F6}{C}$   $\frac{C}{G}$  G

Be still, my child, be still. Why your grasp-ing, your want-ing, your wor-ry?  
 Be still, my child, be still. I am here. You can sleep. I will hold you.

G C7  $\frac{B^badd9}{D}$   $\frac{C7}{E}$  Fadd9 F  $\frac{CM7}{E}$  D7  $\frac{Dsus}{E}$   $\frac{D7}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{D7sus}{G}$  G  $\frac{G}{F}$  G6  $\frac{G7}{F}$

No fear and no pride. All you need I pro-vide. Be con-tent, and be  
 No fear by my side. All you need I pro-vide. Be con-tent, and be

☸ CODA

G13 C  $\frac{C}{E}$  F  $\frac{E}{A}$  G13 C

Be still. Be still. Be still.

WORDS: Ken Bible  
 MUSIC: Robert Schumann and Ken Bible

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## **Revelation 7:9-17**

(NASB)

After these things I looked, and behold,  
a great multitude which no one could count,  
from every nation and  
all tribes and  
peoples and  
tongues,  
standing before the throne and  
before the Lamb,  
clothed in white robes, and  
palm branches were in their hands;  
and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,  
“Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and  
to the Lamb.”

And all the angels were standing  
around the throne and  
around the elders and  
the four living creatures; and  
they fell on their faces before the throne and  
worshiped God, saying,  
“Amen,  
blessing and  
glory and  
wisdom and  
thanksgiving and  
honor and  
power and  
might,  
be to our God forever and ever.  
Amen.”

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me,  
“These who are clothed in the white robes,  
who are they, and  
where have they come from?”

I said to him,  
“My lord, you know.”

And he said to me,  
“These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and  
they have washed their robes and

made them white in the blood of the Lamb.  
For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and  
they serve Him day and night in His temple; and  
He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.  
They will hunger no longer,  
nor thirst anymore;  
nor will the sun beat down on them,  
nor any heat;  
for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and  
will guide them to springs of the water of life; and  
God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

# **The People of the Living God**

*Reflection on Revelation 7:9-17*

We are the people of the Living God.

Embattled,  
rejected, and  
sharing the suffering of our crucified Lord,  
we are the people of the Living God.

Human but  
holy,  
flawed but  
forgiven,  
immature but  
growing daily in Christ,  
we are the people of the Living God.

Chosen,  
adopted,  
redeemed,  
sanctified, and  
sealed as His very own,  
we are the people of the Living God.

We are His Body,  
His temple,  
His treasured possession,  
His precious children.

And soon, we will be His  
holy,  
glorious,  
stunningly beautiful Bride,  
aglow with the perfection of our Beloved.

We are the people of the Living God.

Hymn recording: [Chosen in Jesus](#)



# Chosen in Jesus

TUNE: Ride On, King Jesus

Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Isaiah 42:1; 43:1-4; 49:6; John 15:11;  
Romans 8:14-17; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Ephesians 1:3-6;  
2 Thessalonians 2:13-15; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Peter 2:9

♩ = 88

Refrain

Cho - sen in Je - sus! Cho - sen, we are set a - part,

Chil - dren of the Fa - ther, The treas - ure of His lov - ing heart.

1. By the Fa - ther's deep de - sire, We are cho - sen in Je - sus.  
2. Driv - en by our Fa - ther's love, We are ser - vants of Je - sus.  
3. Look - ing to our Fa - ther's hand, We are trust - ing like Je - sus.

His through dark - ness, flood, and fire, We walk se - cure in Je - sus Christ.  
Draw - ing need - y hearts a - bove, We live and die in Je - sus Christ.  
Dy - ing at His love's com - mand, We share the joy of Je - sus Christ.

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Spiritual and Ken Bible

RIDE ON 2  
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## **Revelation 8:1-2**

(NIV)

When he opened the seventh seal,  
there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and  
seven trumpets were given to them.

# Through Silence and Trumpets

*Prayer Response to Revelation 8:1-2*

*The Lord is in His holy temple.*

*Let all the earth be silent before Him. (Habakkuk 2:20, NASB)*

In the silence,

    You are Lord.

In the waiting,

    You are Lord.

As we scramble through crises or  
trudge through the endless ordinary,

    You are Lord.

When events start to trumpet that Your Day is near,  
when justice begins to thunder through all creation,  
and then,

when that last trumpet sounds,

    You will be holy,  
        high and lifted up.

    You will be glorious,  
        right, and  
        good.

    You will be peace and  
        light and  
        love.

We will see You and  
    worship You for  
all You are and  
all You have always been:  
    Sovereign Lord.

Through the noise and  
through the silence, O God,  
    we look to You alone.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Hymn recording: [The Trumpet Will Sound](#)

# The Trumpet Will Sound

Matthew 24:30-31; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58;  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 7:10-12; 22:20

♩ = 88

N.C. N.C. C N.C.  $\frac{G}{B}$  Am  $\frac{C}{G}$   $\frac{Csus}{F}$

$\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{Em}{G}$  G Am  $\frac{C}{F}$   $\frac{Csus}{F}$  Gsus G  $\frac{Csus}{G}$  Csus  $\frac{Csus}{G}$  C

C C G C G Am FM<sup>7</sup> F C G

1. The trum - pet will sound. Our Lord will de - scend On  
2. One blink of an eye God And we will be changed. This  
3. Sal - va - tion to God Who sits on the throne, And

F  $\frac{G7}{D}$   $\frac{C}{E}$  Am  $\frac{D7}{A}$  Gsus  $\frac{Gsus}{D}$  G C C G C  $\frac{C}{E}$

clouds with great pow - er and glo - ry. The dead will a - rise, Then  
dy - ing will van - ish for - ev - er. Then all will be clothed In  
un - to the Lamb be all glo - ry! All wis - dom and strength, All

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: George Frederick Handel and Ken Bible

TRUMPET CALL  
5.5.9.5.5.9.5.5.7.

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F  $\frac{Dm}{G}$  G7 C<sub>sus</sub> C Em Am A<sub>sus</sub> Am Em E<sub>sus</sub> Em F F6  $\frac{G}{F}$

those who re - main Will gath - er to Him from all na -  
un - end - ing life. Im - mor - tal, we'll reign in His pres -  
hon - or and praise For - ev - er and ev - er be giv -

Em7  $\frac{C}{E}$  C G G<sup>6</sup> Dm G7 Am G7 C  $\frac{C}{E}$  F  $\frac{G}{F}$   $\frac{C}{E}$

tions. All hearts will be one, Yes, we will be one For - ev - er with  
ence. O thanks be to God! All thanks be to God! Our fu - ture is  
en! Your peo - ple say, "Come!" Our spir - its say, "Come!" O come, Je - sus

1, 2 Dm7 G C D.C. 3 Dm7 G7 C<sub>sus</sub>  $\frac{C_{sus}}{G}$  C

Christ our Lord! Christ our Lord!  
Christ our Lord!

♩ = 88

Bb trumpet: play at the beginning of all three verses

## Revelation 8:3-12

(NRSV)

Another angel with a golden censer came and stood at the altar;  
he was given a great quantity of incense  
to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar  
that is before the throne.

And the smoke of the incense,  
with the prayers of the saints,  
rose before God from the hand of the angel.

Then the angel took the censer and  
filled it with fire from the altar and  
threw it on the earth; and  
there were peals of thunder,  
rumblings,  
flashes of lightning, and  
an earthquake.

Now the seven angels  
who had the seven trumpets  
made ready to blow them.

The first angel blew his trumpet, and  
there came hail and fire,  
mixed with blood, and  
they were hurled to the earth; and  
a third of the earth was burned up, and  
a third of the trees were burned up, and  
all green grass was burned up.

The second angel blew his trumpet, and  
something like a great mountain,  
burning with fire,  
was thrown into the sea.  
A third of the sea became blood,  
a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and  
a third of the ships were destroyed.

The third angel blew his trumpet, and  
a great star fell from heaven,  
blazing like a torch, and  
it fell on a third of the rivers and  
on the springs of water.

The name of the star is Wormwood.

A third of the waters became wormwood, and  
many died from the water,  
because it was made bitter.

The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and  
a third of the sun was struck, and  
a third of the moon, and  
a third of the stars,

so that a third of their light was darkened;  
a third of the day was kept from shining, and  
likewise the night.

# God Is Moved by Prayer

*Reflection on Revelation 8:3-12*

Sovereign God is moved by the prayers of His people.

He seeks our prayers.

He welcomes our prayers.

He listens to our prayers.

He is pleased with our prayers.

He answers our prayers.

The God of fire acts mightily in response to our prayers.

The Holy God brings justice because we pray.

The God of the Exodus delivers oppressed people because we pray.

Our humble, stumbling prayers rise as fragrant incense  
in the throne room of the universe,  
in the presence of the Lord of all reality.

Our prayers matter because they align us  
with His purposes,  
with all He has and  
all He is.

Our prayers matter because the Sovereign God  
says that they matter.

Father, may our prayers rise to You  
as constantly as breath,  
from hearts of love, warmed by Your love,  
in simple, childlike faith.

Hymn recording: [As I Pray](#)



# As I Pray

♩ = 64

$\text{A}^{\flat}\text{B}^{\flat}$   $\text{B}^{\flat}7$   $\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{F}^{\flat}\text{m}$   $\text{A}^{\flat}$   $\text{A}^{\flat}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{A}^{\flat}\text{B}^{\flat}$   $\text{B}^{\flat}7$

1. As I pray, I'm with You face to face. You are  
 2. As I pray, Lord, oth - ers come to mind. They are  
 3. You are God; I'm with You face to face. You are

$\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{B}^{\flat}\text{D}$   $\text{Cm}$   $\text{Cm}^7$   $\text{B}^{\flat}\text{sus}$   $\text{B}^{\flat}7$   $\text{G}^{\flat}\text{m}$   $\text{B}^{\flat}7$   $\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{B}^{\flat}7$   $\text{F}$   $\text{G}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}\text{add}9$   $\text{G}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}$

here, and all I see is grace. You are joy; You fill my heart with  
 Yours- they share Your life di - vine. All their hopes, their joys and needs are  
 love, and wise in all Your ways. You are light- the world's a bright - er

$\text{A}^{\flat}\text{add}9$   $\text{A}^{\flat}$   $\text{E}^{\flat}\text{B}^{\flat}$   $\text{B}^{\flat}7$   $\text{A}^{\flat}\text{B}^{\flat}$  1  $\text{E}^{\flat}$  2, 3 Fine 3rd time  $\text{E}^{\flat}$

praise mine place As I pray. Lord, I will pray.  
 As I pray. Lord, I will pray.  
 As I pray. Lord, I will pray.

$\text{E}^{\flat}$   $\text{B}^{\flat}\text{D}$   $\text{Cm}$   $\text{Cm}^7$   $\text{Cm}$   $\text{Cm}^7$   $\text{Gm}$   $\text{Cm}$   $\text{Cm}^7$   $\text{Gm}$

I will pray, for You in - vite me. I will pray, for You are near. I will

WORDS & MUSIC: Ken Bible

AS I PRAY  
9.9.9.7.w.Bridge

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D.C. al Fine

Cm      Cm7    A $\flat$  A $\flat$ add 9    E $\flat$        $\frac{Gm7}{D}$     Cm    Cm7       $\frac{E\flat}{B\flat}$      $\frac{F}{A}$      $\frac{F9}{A}$     B $\flat$ 7sus    B $\flat$ 7

pray,      and You will    an - swer.    You will    speak, Lord,      and I    will    hear.

## Revelation 8:13 – 9:12

(NASB)

Then I looked, and  
I heard an eagle flying in midheaven,  
saying with a loud voice,  
    “Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth,  
    because of the remaining blasts  
    of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”

Then the fifth angel sounded, and  
I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and  
    the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.  
He opened the bottomless pit, and  
    smoke went up out of the pit,  
    like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and  
    the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.  
Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and  
    power was given them,  
    as the scorpions of the earth have power.  
They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth,  
    nor any green thing,  
    nor any tree,  
    but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.  
And they were not permitted to kill anyone,  
    but to torment for five months; and  
    their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man.  
And in those days men will seek death and  
    will not find it;  
    they will long to die, and  
    death flees from them.

The appearance of the locusts was  
    like horses prepared for battle; and  
on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and  
their faces were like the faces of men.  
They had hair like the hair of women, and  
their teeth were like the teeth of lions.  
They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and  
the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots,  
    of many horses rushing to battle.  
They have tails like scorpions, and  
    stings; and

in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months.  
They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss;  
his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and  
in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

The first woe is past;  
behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

## **You Call Me Back**

*Prayer Response to Revelation 8:13 – 9:12*

*See also 9:20-21*

Father, everything calls me to You.  
You are All-in-all.  
All things flow  
    from You,  
    through You, and  
    to You, and  
I am drawn always back to You as well.

My joys,  
my concerns,  
my restlessness  
    call me to You.  
My blessings,  
my frustrations,  
my deepest desires  
    cause me to flow back to You,  
    as surely as the river to the sea.

My strengths are Your gifts, and  
they draw me to You  
    in grateful service.

But more often, Father,  
my neediness pulls me back to You,  
    the Source of so much that I lack.  
My failures,  
my ignorance,  
my weakness,  
my inconsistency,  
my sickness, blindness,  
    laziness, and self-centeredness  
all call me to You,  
    on my knees,  
    face down.

O Father, keep me right here by Your side,  
    looking to You,  
    clinging to You,  
    depending completely on You.

Why should I ever leave?

Keep me here.

The more separation I allow to grow between us,  
the more I suffer unnecessarily before getting  
back here again.

But Father, above all,  
thank You for continuing to

patiently,

persistently

call me back.

I praise You and

worship You

with all my heart,

even through the pain.

**Hymn recording: [Back to You](#)**

# Back to You

TUNE: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

*Psalm 39:7; 60; 62:5-8; 123; Lamentations 3:22-23; Luke 23:33-46*

♩ = 76

B $\flat$  F $\flat$ 7 C B $\flat$  D $\flat$ 7 F $\sharp$  Gm Gm Gm Gm D $\flat$  D $\flat$  E $\flat$  Cm $\flat$  B $\flat$  D $\flat$  B $\flat$  F C F C $\flat$ 7 F F $\flat$

1. Need has called us back to You, Back to what is al - ways true.  
2. Need has crushed our hearts a - gain, Pain we can - not com - pre - hend.  
3. Blind with grief, we ask You why Till we see You lift - ed high,  
4. Need has blessed us once a - gain, Love we can - not com - pre - hend.

B $\flat$  F $\flat$ 7 B $\flat$  Dm $\flat$ 7 Gm E $\flat$  B $\flat$  B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F $\flat$ 7 Gm E $\flat$  B $\flat$

All we have is on - ly due To Your good - ness and Your mer - cy.  
All our proud de - lus - ions end, Lov - ing Fa - ther, in Your mer - cy!  
Groan - ing, giv - ing as You die. We are si - lent. Christ, have mer - cy!  
Sav - ior, Sov - 'reign, Fa - ther, Friend, We are rest - ing in Your mer - cy.

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss; arr. by Ken Bible

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!  
7.7.7.8.

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## Revelation 9:13-21

(NIV)

The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and  
I heard a voice  
    coming from the four horns of the golden altar  
    that is before God.

It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet,  
    “Release the four angels  
    who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”

And the four angels who had been kept ready  
    for this very hour and  
    day and  
    month and  
    year

were released to kill a third of mankind.

The number of the mounted troops was  
    twice ten thousand times ten thousand.  
I heard their number.

The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this:

Their breastplates were  
    fiery red,  
    dark blue, and  
    yellow as sulfur.

The heads of the horses resembled  
    the heads of lions, and  
out of their mouths came  
    fire,  
    smoke and  
    sulfur.

A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of  
    fire,  
    smoke and  
    sulfur

that came out of their mouths.

The power of the horses was  
    in their mouths and  
    in their tails;

    for their tails were like snakes,  
    having heads with which they inflict injury.



The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues  
still did not repent of the work of their hands;  
they did not stop worshipping  
demons, and  
idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood —  
idols that cannot see or hear or walk.

Nor did they repent of  
their murders,  
their magic arts,  
their sexual immorality or  
their thefts.

# **The Foolishness of Unbelief**

*Prayer Response to Revelation 9:13-21*

Father, uproot from my heart and life  
all the foolishness of unbelief.

You created me.

You shared Yourself  
with me and  
through me.

You redeemed me.

When I didn't know You and had  
no inclination toward You whatsoever,  
You poured out Your life for me.

Yet I still struggle to trust You completely with needs that are  
right now,  
in the real world.

When the pain is pressing and I feel no relief,  
I still doubt.

When the answer doesn't come when and how I expect,  
I waver.

You know it's true, Father.

You are the only Source and complete reservoir of all  
love,  
power, and  
wisdom.

All that I see, touch, and know  
came from You alone.

Yet it's still not automatic to trust that  
You and all Your promises are  
absolutely real and  
absolutely certain.

I trust material things and  
not You?

Money and  
not You?

Myself and  
not You?

Father, continue to uproot all this nonsense from my  
thinking and

doing.  
How many times do You have to prove Yourself to me?  
I do believe in You.  
I do know, from  
    reason and  
    experience,  
that You are  
    completely true,  
    always responsive, and  
    unfailingly faithful.  
Infuse all I am with that  
    simple faith.

You are the most real thing in all my world.  
Help me to live like it.

**Hymn recording: [Lord, Why Am I Anxious?](#)**

# Lord, Why Am I Anxious?

TUNE: Traditional Irish Melody (MY LODGING)

Romans 8:18-39

♩ = ca. 92

Em G7 C G7sus C C7 F

1. Lord, why am I an - xious and what do I fear, And  
2. Lord, how can I an - swer so might - y a love, And

C G7 C G7 E G7 C Em G7 C G7sus C C7

what could I hope for, or need? O Lord of the heav - ens, You've  
where can my wor - ship be - gin? You loved me be - fore this whole

F C G7 E G7 C G7

giv - en Your - self Far be - yond what I know or can see. Great  
world came to be, And You'll love me long af - ter it ends. You

C C7 E F C C sus C

Fa - ther of all, You so lov - ing - ly call. You come as my  
give me Your - self, so I need noth - ing else, Though com - forts are

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Traditional Irish Melody;  
arr. by Ken Bible

MY LODGING  
11.8.11.9.D.

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G<sup>7</sup>    $\frac{F}{G}$    G<sup>7</sup>   C    $\frac{E_m}{G}$  G<sup>7</sup>   C    $\frac{G^7_{sus}}{C}$    C   C<sup>7</sup>

Broth - er and Friend.   You breathe, and Your pow - er - ful  
 man - y or few.   You've giv - en me all that my

F    $\frac{C}{G}$    G<sup>7</sup>    $\frac{F}{G}$    G<sup>7</sup>   C

Spir - it is mine To re - shape me each mo - ment with - in.  
 heart could de - sire, For my hope and my trea - sure is You.

# Unshakable Confidence

*Reflection on Revelation 6:1 – 11:14*

As He faced crucifixion,  
Jesus shared with His disciples  
    His joyful, unshakable confidence in the Father (John 13 – 16).  
Here in Revelation 6:1 – 11:14,  
    He portrays the same confidence through  
    a panoramic tapestry of  
        judgment and  
        salvation.

In Revelation 6 He rolls out the judgments of the first six seals.  
He climaxes the account with the sobering question,  
    “The great day of the wrath of  
    God and the Lamb  
    has come, and  
    who can stand?” (Revelation 6:17, para.).

He answers that question in chapter 7  
by giving us two visions of the Church during those dark days.  
Both  
    the Church on earth (7:1-8) and  
    the Church in heaven (7:9-17)  
are absolutely secure under  
the care and protection of Almighty God.

Revelation 8 – 9 resumes God’s awesome judgments,  
    which are growing ever more intense.  
He is calling unbelievers to repentance  
    through afflictions that are  
    increasingly severe.  
But where is the Church in that disintegrating world?  
Revelation 10:1 – 11:14 gives the answer:  
    the Church is faithfully witnessing to God’s unchanging truth.  
    We are joyfully glorifying Him,  
        even in the darkest times and places.

Thus the broad canvas of Revelation lays out  
the same truth that Jesus spoke to His disciples as He faced death:

- Even in the most severe persecution,  
    we are absolutely secure in the Father.
- Even the deepest sorrow

cannot take away our joy and peace in Christ.

- Eternal gain continues  
through all earthly loss.
- *“In the world you have tribulation, but take courage;  
I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33, NASB).

Child of God, in  
life and death,  
sickness and sorrow,  
pain and persecution,  
you have nothing to fear.  
Not today.  
Not ever!  
Thanks be to God!

Hymn recording: [Father, in This Suffering](#)

# Father, in This Suffering

*Psalm 23:4-6; 42; Isaiah 43:1-3a; John 15:11; Romans 8:16-28;  
2 Corinthians 4:7-18; Philippians 1:29; 3:7-11; 2 Timothy 2:12a; 1 Peter 4:12-16; 5:10*

♩ = 84

F Fadd<sup>9</sup><sub>A</sub> F<sub>A</sub> B $\flat$  F<sub>A</sub> B $\flat$ M7 Gm<sup>9</sup> Gm7 C<sup>13</sup> C<sup>7</sup> C C<sup>7</sup>

1. Fa - ther, in this suf - fring, This deep and des - p'rate dark - ness,  
2. Thro' this loss so bit - ter You give a gift more pre - cious:

A m A m7 B $\flat$ add<sup>9</sup> B $\flat$  F<sub>A</sub> B $\flat$ 6 D<sub>A</sub>m Gm7 Gm<sup>9</sup> D<sub>C</sub>m C

Tho' I can - not feel You, I know You walk be - side me.  
Deep - er, sweet - er u - nion With Christ, the Man of Sor - rows.

F Fadd<sup>9</sup><sub>A</sub> F<sub>A</sub> B $\flat$  F<sub>A</sub> B $\flat$ M7 Gm<sup>9</sup> Gm7 C<sup>13</sup> C<sup>7</sup> C C<sup>7</sup> A m A m7

Bro - ken and de - fense - less, A - wash in waves of sor - row, Rea - son now is  
All is false and fleet - ing But You, my love, my Fa - ther! Suf - fring al - ways

B $\flat$ add<sup>9</sup> B $\flat$  F<sub>A</sub> B $\flat$ 6 D<sub>A</sub>m Gm7 Gm<sup>9</sup> D<sub>C</sub>m C C<sup>13</sup> F F<sub>A</sub> B $\flat$  Gm7 B $\flat$ <sub>C</sub> F

help - less, But faith is calm - ly rest - ing In Christ, with Christ in You.  
pass - es, But joy is full for - ev - er In Christ, with Christ in You.

WORDS: Ken Bible  
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SCOTTISH BALLAD  
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