

Daily Devotion on October 21, 2021

“David **sang** this song to the Lord....” 2 Samuel 22

Yesterday at our Wednesday Bible study we were looking at 2 Samuel 22 where verse 1 says, “David **sang** this song to the Lord.....” This was the psalm that David wrote as he returned back to Jerusalem after his son Absalom had been killed and he once again took the reins of leadership for the nation of Israel. David wrote half of the psalms in the Book Of Psalms. Psalms were sacred songs that Israel used for their worship of God.

Today in church we sing hymns and praise songs. But as I shared in bible study, the hymns we sing have deep theological meaning and that as we sing our praise songs and hymns we should take to thought the meaning behind the words.

This Sunday we will sing one of my favorite hymns “Day By Day” written in 1865 by Lina Sandell after she witnessed the tragic drowning of her father. It is a hymn of the assurance of God’s presence, comfort and mercy in times of trouble. You can listen to this hymn on YouTube.

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me,
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counsellor and Pow’r.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
“As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,”
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation,
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith’s sweet consolation,
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,

E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till with Christ the Lord I stand.

Thought for Today: Take time today to thoughtfully and slowly read and meditate on the words from this hymn. I pray that they would bless your soul as they do mine.

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God that he is a God of peace and comfort in the midst of life's toils and tribulations. Pray for God's presence and peace to be with those that He brings to mind. Deo Volente.