

Something New

I awoke with a hymn and a concept on my mind Saturday morning. The hymn:

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| 1 | SINCE man by sin has lost his God,
He seeks creation through,
And vainly strives for solid bliss,
In trying something new. | | |
| 2 | The new possessed, like fading flowers,
Soon loses its gay hue,
The bubble now no longer stays,
The soul wants something new. | 5 | The soul forsakes her vain pursuits,
In Christ finds something new. |
| 3 | Now could we call all Europe ours,
With India and Peru,
The mind would feel an aching void,
And still want something new. | 6 | The joy the dear Redeemer gives,
Will bear a strict review;
Nor need we ever change again,
For Christ is always new. |
| 4 | But when we feel the power of Christ,
All good in him we view; | 7 | Come, sinners, then, and seek the joys
Which Christ bids you pursue,
And keep the glorious theme in view,
In Christ seek something new. |
| | | | But soon a change awaits us all,
Before the great review,
And at his feet with rapture fall,
And heaven brings something new. |

Lloyd Hymnal

The hymnist certainly was given an understanding of scripture and the work of God in salvation by grace. I trust God has given me this understanding also.

Verse 1: ***"SINCE man by sin has lost his God, He seeks creation through, And vainly strives for solid bliss, In trying something new."***

When did man lose his God? It began in the Garden of Eden and has continued ever since upon the earth, in time. Do you understand that in the garden, when tempted by Satan, Eve and Adam made a decision to promote self above God? When they did this, they died, as God had said they would, not naturally but spiritually. If you don't want to believe that you are born with a sin nature, the scripture teaches plainly that the soul that sins shall die. The first time you had a foolish thought, told a lie (even a little white one as we like to say), lusted for something, or whatever ungodly thing you did, you didn't make God first priority so you are now dead in sin. Satan has taken this concept and continues to use it to tempt man to turn away from God.

Being driven from the garden, having died to the things of God, man goes about striving to find something new. Striving to find something to take the place of his great loss of fellowship and communion with God, his creator.

Verse 2: ***"The new possessed, like fading flowers, Soon loses its gay hue, The bubble now no longer stays, The soul wants something new."***

The spiritually dead man, walking and living the natural life without the enlivened spirit of God, is striving constantly for something new, because, whatever he has found or concocted is not lasting. The glory sought and found soon perishes, and the desire for something new is a driving force in the spiritually dead man's fleshly nature. Man is always seeking to overcome or to attain something that exalts himself in some way.

Verse 3: ***"Now could we call all Europe ours, With India and Peru, The mind would feel an aching void, And still want something new."***

The hymnist understands; should we gain the whole world; we should still want more, because that is the nature of the dead and alienated man, without God. Scripture teaches this to us in: **Ac 17:21 (For**

all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.) This scripture in Acts is in the age of grace, and we see that indeed man, in his own strength, can do nothing but strive for something new. Why were these people striving? They are idolaters and there is nothing in idolatry that is soul satisfying to one who is truly seeking God. Here they are hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ which is something new to them. As we read on in the chapter we see that the gospel was effectual in some of their lives, and as seen in the next verse of this hymn.

Verse 4: ***"But when we feel the power of Christ, All good in him we view; The soul forsakes her vain pursuits, In Christ finds something new."***

Here we see that the soul (the soul is again united with the Holy Spirit and is a living soul, no longer dead) of man has been born again. Now, the pursuit of the born again man is in the opposite direction of what it was before the new birth took place. We notice that the hymn says ***"But when we feel the power of Christ"***, you see, we are in a new and different age since the fall of man, in sin, in the garden. We are living today in the age of ***"Salvation by Grace"***, and this is the new thing we discover when we are born again. We now understand that Christ Jesus is to us all things: ***Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.***

Also, ***"The soul forsakes her vain pursuits, In Christ finds something new."*** This then brings our minds to the scripture in: ***2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.***

Verse 5: ***"The joy the dear Redeemer gives, Will bear a strict review; Nor need we ever change again, For Christ is always new."***

We now have a new desire, to serve God faithfully. This new desire is both sure and steadfast; it is not striving to promote self, but doing what God designed for man to do in the beginning, praise the Lord. ***Heb 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: 18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; 20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.***

Verse 6: ***"Come, sinners, then, and seek the joys Which Christ bids you pursue, And keep the glorious theme in view, In Christ seek something new."***

Where are we to come to? We are to join ourselves unto the body of Christ, walk in water baptism and follow the commandments of Christ as recorded in scripture, some examples: ***Ac 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.***

Lu 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Remember we no longer obey the old nature old self-righteousness.

Php 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Verse 7: ***"But soon a change awaits us all, Before the great review, And at his feet with rapture fall, And heaven brings something new."***

Finally, we come to the hope and expectation of every born again sinner. Understanding who and what Christ is gives us understanding that this world is not our home. We see and understand that when time on earth is no more, we have another home that Christ has gone to prepare for us. We

understand that there will be a resurrection and those who are born again in time will be gathered unto Christ and carried to that place.

It also reminds us of another scripture about new: ***Mt 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.*** In this text, we have another of those promises that give us full assurance of the love of God, and the finished work of salvation by Christ, how? "***until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.***" Christ tells us plainly that we will be with Him in eternity and there we will sup with Him in that eternal day.

We also have the sure promise of Christ in: ***Re 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*** There, in that eternal home, having completely lost our sin nature, mortality, and corruption, we will no longer seek something new, for we will be where all is new.

Praise the Lord for **Salvation by Grace!** Praise the Lord for the sure hope of being where Christ is always new. Praise the Lord! that we can enjoy that salvation here in time. Praise the Lord there is "Something New" and it is us, born again, saved by grace, with the hope of being forever in the presence of God, and never being separated from that glorious communion ever again. Yes, Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

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