

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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Greeting and Opening Prayer

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Devotional Summary: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's a light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;

Over us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conquerors we are!

His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

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Words and Music by Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

This wonderful old hymn calls us to a precious place in our walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The cares and the struggles of life can be overwhelming if we face them in our own strength. We all understand disappointment and discouragement - these things can be a very real distraction from the goal of our journey here on earth. It is faith in Christ that lifts us up above the shadows of sadness and depression, for through this faith we can see into the eternal realms of Glory that await the children of God. Our faith in Jesus affords us a peace and a joy that the world cannot give us. Let us put our back to worry and frustration and turn our eyes upon Jesus!

When we look upon Jesus through the eyes of faith we see God's gift of love to a lost and dying world. In His face we see the pure, powerful, everlasting love of God beaming with the light of eternal life in Christ! In the face of Jesus we see His everlasting life flooding forth into our very own soul. In His face we see the reflections of His passion on the Cross where He bore our sins in our place and won our free salvation.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (NKJV)

As we turn our eyes upon Jesus we see our salvation freely poured upon us by His grace simply through the faith that He so generously gives us. In His forgiving eyes we see our liberation from the burden of guilt that drives our futile toil to try to save ourselves. In Christ's eyes we find all the forgiveness, all the mercy, all the love our thirsty soul can drink in. As our eyes of faith gaze into His compassionate face we see there all we will ever need for our eternal salvation.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV)

In the face of Jesus we see the only **pathway** into fellowship with our Heavenly Father. In Christ we see the **truth** of the Gospel standing out against the lies of Satan. The Gospel Truth is like an immovable mountain surrounded by a sea of shifting, sinking sand. In Christ Jesus alone are we embraced, empowered and encompassed by the Father's divine, eternal joyful **life**. There is no other power, no other person, no other source in which we find the way, the truth, and the life of our Father God. All the riches of heaven, all the grace of God, all the joy of fellowship with Christ, all the power of the Holy Spirit we find in the loving eyes of Jesus.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6 (NKJV)

Look unto Jesus. Gaze upon the pure, free, infinite gift of God's grace to you personally through your faith in what He did, what He is doing and what He has promised to do for you. He bore your punishment for every sin you have ever committed or will commit when He was nailed to the Cross. If you are His child, He is working in your heart right now to effect constant transformation in the character of your soul. He is coming again to you, to claim you as His own, to bring you into the fold of Heaven in total victory and everlasting peace and joy.

Hold your eyes on His wonderful grace. Don't look back to the failures and the faults in your past. See the compassion and the mercy in Christ's eyes. Don't listen to the enemy who would have you doubt and give up on God. Listen to Christ as He calls you to come to Him. Don't look at your circumstances as having the last word in your life. Keep your faith in the promises of your Heavenly Father for they are all fulfilled in your relationship with Christ Jesus by His Holy Spirit in your heart. Jesus is there. Look at Him. Listen to Him. Love Him for He loves you with an everlasting love.

For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:3-7

The arms of Jesus are forever open to you. Hear your name on His lips. Close your eyes and embrace Him in your mind. See His loving face shining upon you. Put your faith in what He has said to you. Believe His word - it will never fail - believe and keep on believing. Let the world and all its troubles and trials fade from your mind as you hold Him in your eyes of faith.

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