

Looking to and following Christ (Quality: Average)

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- [0 : 00] Let us commence our worship this morning with hymn number 336. The tune is Romberg 214. When I consider Jesus' feet, and he anoints my head, such peace ensues so calm and sweet, I think my foes all dead, my simple heart then only dreams.
- It will see war no more, too firm to shrink my mountain seams, and every storm blows o'er.
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537. 6 cortar drocks■dah me and he anoints my head. 7 parsley changediste mundo, spurned up and sweet, And sheami's church, my■or um, My eyes playaciated I sing, O God, in God's name.
- [1 : 55] It will see the Lord and Lord.
- To come to see thy mountain sea.
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- My earth is alone. common I'm tick gest VC■OR.
- His faithful to Job, I'm here today.
- [3 : 29] Jesus' lasting men look to me. I did my choice with grateful help, and pray with help to help.
- There takes my heart within me wide, my fountain is a gift.
- O praise His hand is on my side, and thanks His last mere tears.
- And when my Lord reskings arise, He turns to lose my hand.
- Raise Thine compassion in His eyes, and Father in His hand.
- [5 : 31] My God, my God, can't keep the dust, and let my hope sing home.
- His grace is now my son, brothers, and Christ my only hope.
- I'll read this morning from the Gospel according to Luke, part of chapter 9.
- We will read down to verse 36 of the 9th of Luke. Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.
- And He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. And He said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor script, neither bread, neither money, neither have two coats of peace.
- [7 : 02] And whatsoever, how she enter into their abide, nor have two coats of peace.
- And He said unto them, nor have two coats of peace. And He said unto them, And He said unto them, And He said unto them, And of some that Elias had appeared, and of others that one of the old prophets was risen again.
- And Herod said unto them, And Herod said unto them, And he said unto them, And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done.

and he took them and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city of Al-Pasida and the people when they knew it followed him and he received them and spake unto them of the kingdom of God and healed them that had need of healing when the day began to wear away then came the trial and said unto him send the multitude away that they may go into the towns and countries round about and lodge and get bitters for we are here in a desert place but he said unto them give ye them to eat and they said we have no more but five loaves and two fishes except we should go and buy meat for all this people for they were about five thousand men and he said to his disciples make them sit down by fifties in a company and they did so and made them all sit down then he took the five loaves and the two fishes and looking up to heaven he blessed them and break and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude and they did eat and were all filled and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets he came to pass as he was alone praying his disciples were with him and he asked them saying whom say the people that I am and answering said John the Baptist some say Elias and others say that one of the old prophets is risen again he said unto them but whom say ye that I am

Peter answering said the Christ of God and he straightly charged them and commanded them to tell no man that thing saying the son of man must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be slain and be raised the third day 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 for whosoever will save his life shall lose it but whosoever will lose his life for my sake the same shall save it but what is a man advantaged if he gain the whole world and lose himself or be cast away for whosoever shall be ashamed of me and in my words of him shall the son of man be ashamed when he shall come in his own glory and in his fathers and of the holy angels but I tell you what were true there will be some standing here which shall not taste of death till they see the kingdom of God and he came to pass about eight days after these sayings he took Peter and John and James and went up into a mountain to pray as he prayed the fashion of his countenance was altered and his raiment was white and glistening and behold there taught with him two men which were Moses and Elias who appeared in glory and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem for Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep and when they were awake they saw his glory and the two men that stood with him and it came to pass as they departed from him

[12 : 07] Peter said unto Jesus Master it is good for us to be here and let us make three tabernacles there was one for thee one for Moses and one for Elias not knowing what he said while he thus spake there came a cloud and they overshadowed them and they feared as they entered into the cloud and there came a voice out of the cloud saying this is my beloved son hear him and when the voice was passed Jesus was found alone and they kept it close and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen we'll leave the reading there may the Lord bless it and may he now teach us to pray O gracious God do pour a spirit upon us of grace and supplication do give us each strength

Lord and diligence to hear the word of God as we've read it and also Lord to teach us pray one audibly and the others Lord in secret as their thoughts return us to heaven Lord seeking the blessing of the Lord to enrich our souls that as we come Lord we might realise that thou art able to remove those mountains of doubts and fears and unbelief that they were able to comfort our troubled hearts that they were able to break the bread of life for us to receive those promise in the Master's table oh we do need thee Lord to strengthen us we realise often Lord our outer man is decaying amongst we elderly ones may the inward man be renewed day by day week by week to keep alive those desires that are often very feeble for a saving knowledge of the dear Son of God we would see

Jesus we would have him to reveal to us we pray we pray we will take thy word and seal it upon our souls to apply the exceeding great and precious promises that Lord can be a comfort and hope to us that we might yet Lord get the victory over this body of sin and death through the merits of Jesus dear Jesus shine into our hearts bless us together today as we gather that we might have our fill of good things Lord of those favours Lord that thou dost bestow upon my people from time to time their godly hidden writers Lord that experience much in times past of the presence of the Lord and Lord we're not all there to hope Lord that thou knowest all about us and though some of us Lord may seem to honour the reality of religion when it's so much undermined in the dark day and age that we live in

Lord thou dost reign and we do believe that we do thou comfort our troubled hearts and give us grace to be still to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord we do pray Lord meet our cases we get very troubled Lord we get very concerned about the welfare of ourselves we look to thee Lord and wonder where the sins go to end and we do need Lord to be prepared if it could please thee for those mansions in the sky Lord we're not looking to pray things but we look Lord for a saving knowledge of the dear son of God we want that grace Lord in our hearts we want that love and only thou can shed it abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit thou can comfort our troubled hearts hear our poor feeble petitions and answer them in favour to our souls though we realise

Lord that we're unworthy the least of thy mercies we have to say Lord hitherto do and we would raise an Ebenezer to thy praise that thou hast Lord brought us up under the sound of the truth and though Lord we have been very ignorant of it in the early days and would not have thee to reign over us yet through thy mercy thou hast brought us back thou hast made us to consider the blessedness of the gospel the good news of salvation to prepare us Lord for those sweet moments when Jesus himself draws near in the midst of the sorrows of the way we find there a hiding place a refuge for our weary souls do be with us Lord as we journey on don't leave us to be wearied in well doing we might realise in due time we shall reek if we faint not we do need that patience

[17 : 47] Lord to tarry thy leisure then wait the appointed hour wait to the bridegroom of our souls reveal his love with power to meet Lord the secret cases of our friends do touch their hearts help them to trust thee for thy faithfulness we do pray thee increase their faith and their hope and their love Lord to be the Lord Jesus for what a solemn barren life it is without the love of Christ shed abroad in our hearts do heal us and do restore unto us the joy of salvation so Lord do remember us in mercy for good have mercy upon our guilty land and nation confusion of face Lord amongst those that have the government upon their shoulders and yet Lord is not the government upon thy shoulders do make thy bear thine arm to this country do turn us again

O Lord God of hosts and cause thy face to shine upon us and raise us up those carry upon who are to Remember also in mercy of the good we pray thee.

All those who would that we look to thee are to manifest that love of Christ in their hearts. O Lord, wilt thou not hear us in these things?

We also seek, Lord, preserve unto us their Protestant heritage, their religious liberties. We ask thee, Lord, to preserve the open Bible. There might be more distribution of the Bible, this authorised version that we so love so dearly and would hold fast to it, undaringly make us afraid.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. We do ask thee, Lord, to be with thy servant at the heart and his wife. Do bless thee, Lord, with that liberty and the truth this day.

[20 : 40] O Lord, have noticed his fears. O Lord, have noticed his desires. We ask thee, Lord, to bless the word that it might have free course and be glorified amongst the souls up there.

We thank thee, Lord, for the anniversary of the birth of our beloved deacon. Hold up his goings in thy powers in his footsteps, if not. Bless him with that covenant hope, Lord, that he has been bought with a price.

And others, too, who are seeking to have evidences that they, too, are born of God and that their treasure is about. Bless our young friends here, Lord. Bless the young friends, too, up there at Ly.

Bless our friends, Lord, at Adelaide and Connie in the home, Lord, and Anne at Geelong. O may their souls be nourished and fed with living bread and living waters.

And O Lord, wait before our hope as it were. Do descend for our aid. Give us strength equal to the demands of the day. We do beg of thee. And do forgive our sin.

[21 : 51] O that hideous monster, his dearest monster sin, Lord, that we cannot escape from as it's brought to our remembrance. Past offences. O God, we come with weeping and supplication, praying for forgiveness.

A joyful sound of malefactors, do the dark. Do not leave us. Do not forsake us. Bless our loved ones. Bless all those that fear thy name.

And do grant yet, if it could please thee, a turning again unto thee, the Lord God of Surveyor. To see, Lord, the signs and evidences that there is a turning point where no longer will they be further falling away, but men pricked in their conscience and given them real hunger and thirst after thy righteousness to save them from the right to come.

Pardon, Lord, we ask for this. We do beg of thee. And forgive, Lord, all our sins and our transgressions. We ask you for Christ's sake alone.

Amen. Let us further sing hymn number 300, the tune of his day of verse 124.

[23 : 16] How simple are thy children, Lord, unskilled in what they pray. For lot they lift a hearty word, yet know not what they say.

For patience made ways to cry. Fresh burdens made me wrought. My foolish heart would then reply, For patience pray no more.

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Great. Great.

Great. My holy child, your name is mine, O Jesus, praise the Lord.

[25 : 19] O Jesus, praise the Lord.

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[28 : 01] O Jesus, praise of the Lord. O Jesus, praise the Lord.

If the Lord may be pleased to help me, I will direct you prayerfully to Luke chapter 9 and reading verse 35.

There came a voice out of the cloud saying, This is my beloved Son. Hear Him. What instruction here, dear friends, for you and me as a poor sinner, that God the Father should last favour this privileged Lord of Peter, though weary in body, yet they saw the glory of the Lord with that tabernacle, with that view, with that blessed favour, that the two men, which were Moses and Elias, taught with Jesus.

Oh, what a sacred place that was then at that time, but to hear the voice, the voice God not seen, but out of the cloud.

This is my beloved Son. Hear Him. Jesus then, the only begotten Son of God, full of grace and full of truth, is revealed in His glory with His Father and by the Spirit.

[30 : 20] And what a mercy that is. You see, when the voice was passed, Jesus was found alone, and yet not alone, because the eye of God the Father was upon Him.

And so it is with you and me, my friends, and all how we do need to hear God's voice, to see it through the mediator, Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners, and all to see this blessed work of the Spirit when Jesus, with His mighty love, visits your troubled breath.

We have been singing about tribulation, working patience, and all how God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.

Has He not performed it in your soul? Has He not stopped you in your mad career? Has He not made you conscious with pricks in the conscience that you're one that must need be bowed to the knee before Him in reverence and to fear His name?

It isn't a slavish fear, as we often say, but it's that filial fear, that acknowledgement of the majesty and holiness of God as revealed to such poor sinners as you and me.

[31 : 51] And so, that voice will come, that voice will be gone. But what the looks of over the Lord has spoken to you and me as He passes by, as He sees you in your tribulatory path, He says, come unto me.

and we do need the Lord to speak. God the Father instructs Him when and where to speak. And we know that we are told now that Jesus has all power in heaven and in earth.

and so, it's hearing the Son, the only begotten Son, full of grace and full of truth, grace sufficient, strength made, powerful in weakness, you glory in your infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon you.

Or can we not recall these moments in our lives when the Lord has so visited us, so favoured us, that we see Him and feel we need to know Him as our all and in all.

No, I have refuge for your soul and my dear friends, weary you may be and well doing. But the instruction is, the drawing influence of the Spirit is to come follow me.

[33 : 17] Take up your cross to follow Him. Yes, we're not worthy we know of bearing this cross.

For those it sanctified to you and me in their losses and their crosses. So, we have to come into fellowship with the sufferings of their Lord and Saviour.

We know He came amongst His own, His own received Him not, but as many received Him to get them gave Him the power. Sons of God, is it withholding of the power?

We may feel it at times. But the power of Christ will rest upon you as you're given grace to honour Him, to have your ear brought at the doorpost that you might have something to show you receive in gathering in the services of God's house.

Whether it's a reading of the word, whether it's in prayer, whether it's in your own prayer's answer, and whether He favours you to drop a word into your soul unexpectedly, and you meditate upon it.

[34 : 26] And so, when He spake, there came a cloud that overshadowed them. And what a mercy if you've ever felt that, the Lord overshadowing you, as He calls you by His grace, as He exercises your mind, because He says, I know the thoughts that I think towards you, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

There came a voice. Oh, what a mercy, divine instruction and teaching in the way that He would have you and me to go. exercise your mind and mine.

As if we touch something in prayer, you come with weeping and supplication. You're a mourner. We mourn over the loss of family members over through our life's journey, don't we?

Rightly so. We miss them. But oh, how much more, dear friends, should we mourn over our sins? You can't escape from the conviction of sin and what a mercy.

And though it's a painful path because you cannot shake off, you cannot erase what you and I have committed or admitted in our lives. But blessed be the Lord, this is my beloved Son.

[35 : 48] The instruction to hear Him, to hear His voice. As He says, my sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me. all that we might yet see are reviving in our churches and following Christ to have this cross.

You see, without the cross to your friends, there'll be no deliverance. It's a burden for your soul and mine. We want reality in our religion.

We come across so few that want to know anything about God. They want to despise Him, deny Him, forsake Him and curse Him. They'll have sorrow and they curse Him, dear friends, to their, to their, to their, curse Him and they will fear the effects of God's wrath except the Lord has compassion upon them and grants them repentance and godly sorrow for that sin.

There's a mercy to be brought there to fear God and keep His commandments and to pray to Him in a time when He may be found. And so, we see Him and we see His hand by those blessed evidences of the Spirit of the Lord coming upon your soul and mine and He guides you into all truth and He applies your truth and you'll know it and you'll have an evidence, you'll have a testimony of what He has done for your soul and mine and we'll hold fast to those truths especially as the Spirit is our remembrance because we are very forgetful sinners, aren't we, of those spots and places when the Lord so blessed you with a touch.

we go on our way rejoicing. No often we fear sometimes we forsake Him because we seem to be more interested in the things of the world which are perishing and the using but He brings you back.

[38 : 09] This is what we need to do for your soul and mine to favour us to have our ear bored to the doorpost that we might hear what Jesus Christ will reveal to you and me and to show you those tokens of His love.

Blessed must you then that He is God the Father displaying to you and me the Beloved Son and so we want to know that He has a love that He has loved us with an everlasting love and there with loving kindness has drawn you.

Something draws you to God's house on the Lord's day I hope. Something gives you a prayerful desire to hear something for profit in your soul. You see it isn't always seeking after providential things.

We know the Lord sometimes commences the work in that way. You have providential concerns in your life in your environment in your daily lives and you're brought to the front of the base and realise that He says that men ought always to pray and not to pray.

I can't go along with what some of their politicians talk about praying for this and that I don't think their walk is consistent dear friends with the fear of God.

[39 : 44] What a mercy we have to realise that they are all in God's almighty hand and He is able to use them for the good I believe of the Lord's people and for the good of the country that once was so privileged and favoured to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

Very few that did not attend to His commandments to remember the Sabbath day. A lot of that seems to be gone but do remember the eye the Lord is upon and the nations of the earth and He will cause them yet to honour Him.

That remnant who called the election in grace that will come and testify of all that He's done for their soul because their ear has been opened their hearts have been opened to receive the truth as it is in Jesus.

He says unto them this is the way walking in it when you turn to the right or to the left. because He tells you what is a man advantage to be going the whole world and lose himself or be cast away.

Oh it isn't we know He's got a problem but it isn't only a providential blessing. We won't take them for granted because you see here make you to consider your ways and consider solemnly your latter end.

[41 : 26] How solemn to die in our sins. How solemn to be suddenly ushered by the storm of death into eternity without warning.

We get so many evidences of in the day and age. we're not the just judge dear friends but all these deaths on the high road I believe are an indication of the solemnity of those careless and prayerless and just their head takes hold of their actions and their heart is not taught the fear of God or it would appear so.

But it mostly is the Lord knoweth and that it is that him that nameth Christ. There must be a naming of Christ I believe that we die.

It must be the object of our soldiers Lord save me for thy mercy sake say unto my soul I am thyself patient. See he's rejected of the elders and the chief priests and scribes and be slain.

but it's all the scribes away with him not having to reign over us. And we see these dreadful events in time don't we of the abuse of the young people by these that should know different.

[43 : 01] And it's not only dear friends the Catholics sadly other denominations too. Oh solemn it is dear friends to know the lust of the flesh or may it be stamped out in their hearts dear friends to look to Jesus kind and strong mercy and honour and power and so he must suffer many things and it's all recorded in the word.

He goes to the end of the law. He magnifies it and only he can. He magnifies it and gives it glory that he has laid down his life for his friends and you are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you.

And so he said to them all if any man will come after me let him deny himself. We need to deny ourselves we need to realise how feeble we are not worthy of his notice.

Deny ourselves deny ourselves as any good thing in our heart to want the Lord to meditate upon. We need to know his power in essence we need to know he's gone at the end of all magnified made honourable.

That we go in the strength of the Lord and make mention of his righteousness imputed to us by the blessed spirit this righteousness that Jesus Christ has performed on Calvary's tree.

[44 : 40] My beloved son says the father hear him or has he given you a hearing ear. This is vital to hear his voice to deny ourselves and take up his cross daily and follow me.

We son I must accept the daily cross we don't like afflictions we want to feel our strength we want to feel our comfort and our hope there we are the body of sin and death and we make us to feel it and we make us to realise that without him we can do nothing but bless it be the Lord not to deny him but to deny himself and to take up his cross daily and to follow him which is whosoever will save his life shall lose it whosoever loses life the same shall save him doesn't mean to say dear friends that you are just to be as it were a hermit and not do anything no you say this is the way walking in it when you turn to the right and to the left

I am the Lord I change not therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed you feel sometimes in the life that you live you'll be consumed where is the blessedness I knew when first I knew the Lord where is that so revolving view of Jesus Christ my Lord he hides his face you're in trouble you grope for the Lord like the blind do remember he tells us I will leave the blind by the way that they do not I will leave them paths that they are not known see path of tribulation but I will not forsake them I will not leave them or may you be given grace to honour him in your private lives you know your own thoughts on these matters but we cannot get away from what the instruction of the word of

God is deny us nothing nothing in my hand I drink that dear man top lady simply to thy cross I cling naked look to deeper dress helpless flee to deeper grace thou not many people acknowledge their thou do they thou lie to the fountain fly wash me saviour or I die it's that importunity upon your spirit that draws you irresistible grace draws you to this man of sorrows this man of grief that we are taught to listen to his voice through the word of God and that we might truly know what it is to be united to Christ the true and the living God look unto me all the ends of the earth you see your feelings at times what do

I know where am I and strange and mysterious is my bath yes it is and I wonder where the sins go to end or when we're clothed in our right minds we want to be clothed with that robe of Christ righteousness to cover all our sins with the mantle of his forgiving love or do help me Lord you say to deny to deny self and follow Christ he must be exhorted John said he must be exhorted I must be low glade as it were and so it is and I to know this love your bosom and mine to know the love of Christ which is rich and free fixed on his own he told it's without money we say don't we without price he draws you by the cords of a man by the bands of his love and says hear my voice hear me

[49 : 32] God the father described it here this is my beloved son out of the cloud we don't see God at any time no man has seen God at any time don't you see you know what that the cross there was one look unto me all the ends of the earth and so you cannot see him but you humbly believe in him but he knows the way you take and when he has tried you you'll come for his goal and so we cannot save our life but the Lord will instruct you and teach you the way that he has you to go because you see you'll lose your life your life becomes secondary to the life of God in the soul you're looking to observe these things to see

God's hand in your providential path to see the Lord making a way for you when there seemed to be no way to see what God has set an open door before you that no man can shut you see you might get in early days embarrassed to think of the name of Christ to talk of Christ well we don't want to talk with blimply but we want to be unable to speak don't we what he's done to us a cross a daily cross an affliction to make us realise that we are sinners in his sight but he said I would never leave him or forsake him and can boldly say the Lord is my helper I not fear what man should do unto me he grants his presence his blessing upon your soul and though as we spoke about that in the week you know

Moses wasn't confident in the flesh but he had to go and ask the Lord and say if thy presence go not with us carryeth not up hands he said I have said my presence shall go with thee we need the Lord don't we to confirm our promises which are yea and many cries we need him to bosom their soul with love you've been able to say I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplication he's brought me to his banqueting house and he's going to owe me his love and you bless the Lord because you trust the Lord he's going to leave you and bring you and me to lose our life in Jesus Christ you commit yourself and to his key and keeping and to realise what a refuge is found in the merits of

Jesus you look to him in the glorious truths of the gospel it's a good news for our poor blind sinners despise him refuse him and turn their backs upon him and it's all to their peril who believe within him not perish but have everlasting life blessed Jesus there is his spirit dear friends is upon you and me to lead you and blind you into all truth and so he says fear not believe only and thou shall be saved and so we ask the lord to give us faith the substance of things hope for the evidence of those things that are not seen that are not ashamed of me and my words because if we are of him shall the son of man be ashamed and when he shall come in his own glory and in his father's and the holy angels and he said I tell you the truth there be some standing here who shall not taste the death till they see the kingdom of God a prospect there for your birth we know we're born in darkness and we travel much by night but this is my beloved son says the father and this and he says hear him and how shall we hear him without the blessed spirit the blessed trinity and unity as he takes the things of Jesus reveals them and applies them to your power he causes you to come with weeping and suffocation heaven God desire for your sin pour it on myself too long lest it sink below look to Jesus kind and strong mercy younger power he says

I know the thoughts that I have to ward you thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you unexpected end my soul wait upon God for him cometh my salvation this is my beloved son hear him may the Lord bless our few remarks and forgive all of this that Christ might be revealed to us yet come for their troubled hearts and favour us as he said ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free free dear friends from the condemnation of this broken law Jesus my friend that hung on the tree that opened the channel of mercy for such as you and me oh may he bless you and remarks forgive all of this for Christ's sake amen let us conclude with him 731 the tunes of Agnes 2 and 8 he last

[56 : 00] Emmanuel here we are waiting to feel thy touch deep wounded souls to the repair and saviour we ask our faith is feeble we confess we firmly trust thy word but wilt thou pity us the less be that far from thee Lord sont fort so me 731 In our spirit of here we are waiting to hear the light of the perfect soul to thee repent and take away as such now exist we are great our grace we may be as as as as as as as as as as as as as as as as as as

Lord, I believe in Jesus' name, Christ, the wealth I am within.

Jesus, you touched me in the breast, and feeling glad you saw.

What I said to all the glory of the Lord, I believe in Jesus' name, I believe in Jesus' name, I believe in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name, Jesus' name, interning, I believe in Him in His way.

and in the way. The Lord would tarry to return thanks for the safe conduct of joy in heaven safely back with us.

[60 : 37] Bless us, Lord, with thy mercies and then by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Rest and abide with us. Amen.