

The path of repentance (Quality: Good, quiet)

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[0 : 00] Hymn number 76, Genesis Eden, 327.

There is a period known to God, when all his sheep became white-line, to leave the hateful waitress, to turn the front, an emphasis, to keep their peace with heaven, with God of war, in sin's dark ways they wander far, and all their lusts are still going as far from God as she could rest in number 76.

There is a period of time, when all his sheep were born, for all his sheep believed in my glory.

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of our lips. In reading again this verse we see it as steps that the Lord hath appointed for coming sinners as they are wrought upon cause to see their folly their sinnership buried steps he hath appointed that they shall take to receive the blessing to come with prayer with supplication turning to the Lord pleading for forgiveness and acceptance in and through the Lord

Jesus Christ a path well-drawn down throughout the ages God's God's appointed way many appear to abut come with praise our spirit trembles as we hear those loud affirmations of trust in Christ questioning trust rightly so where as to where is this teaching of the spirit for none none can truly praise father son and holy ghost except they be conscious of that from which they have been saved in eternal punishment

[12 : 07] Israel as we have said at the morning hour had departed wandered gone astride all we like sheep have gone astride and who can deny there have been those seasons even after having received blessing at the hand of God where we have not departed may be preserved outwardly and this no small mercy but of a truth have been those hard departures those wanderings from the Lord prone to wander

Lord I feel it prone to leave the God I trust I love here then is set before us the way God has appointed for thy relief for thy blessing returning again repentance to be wrought this all we must stress it is God's gift unto his people we have read a portion which includes that well known parable concerning the prodigal son and thought went to it in as we closed this morning and he came did he not with words take with you words with you he was returning he had been brought in want in need and all that this may be known and felt amongst us as a denomination many brought in want to today when for the most part provision is made for providential needs there is not now that those pressing cases in the path of providence which many of our forefathers knew this we feel there is on account of this a decline in gracious exercise they lived near unto their heavenly father day by day seeking that provision at his hand lived close unto him and where now oh where now is that close walk with

God and yet the Lord will exercise his people that apparent throughout the word of God that way in which he indeed doth cause his people to approach unto him blessed is that man whom thou chooseth and causeth to approach unto God blessed is that man within within their hearts they cannot trace on these seasons of blessedness they cannot see this as tokens of his love they cannot trace his mercy in his chastening which often feels to be so sore about of a truth this is wrought in love that such may cleave closer unto their

God their eyes are holding they cannot behold him as those two upon the Emmaus road Christ communed with them yet they knew him not until he was pleased to anoint their eyes and speak the word peace be unto you so it was in the case and condition of those Hebrew children amidst the burning fiery furnace they had been enabled to stand fast they would not bow the knee to that idol raised by the wicked monarch they had professed their belief in their

God that he should save them in that trying hour and if he should oh see that see there that willingness to be nothing to seek the will of God in all things if it should not be his will we will not bow down the knee to that idol cast into that burning fiery furnace heated seven times harder in the wicked monarch had to say he saw one with them one with them and the form of the fourth was like unto the son of God this is that which these are brought to feel in the midst of these powers of affliction no this is that which will turn their captivity this is that which will enable them to render the calves of their lips the distress may still abound but oh to feel that

[19 : 31] Christ is with thee the form of the fourth like unto the son of God to realize his presence his upholding and strengthening and supporting thee in the midst of these paths will cheer thy soul take with you words take with you words what did the prodigal come with and what did thou come with oh if it is of the spirit it will not be with the Pharisee language think in thyself better even of that publican who tremblingly approached unto God but will be in essence with the prodigal here God had wrought there he made him to see and this the sinner is brought to realize that there's provision there in their father's house though themselves sinners of the farthest kind yet brought in want they're brought to repentance they see by faith that provision which God hath in Christ for these needy souls and their avenger

I have sinned I will arise and go to my father take with you words and will say unto him father I have sinned against heaven and before thee oh if this were more known within our hearts amongst us as churches would there not be more prosperity in our midst we read and the word keeps hovering over one spirit a little leaven leaveness to hold on we see it in our trade see that little measure of yeast mixed with a little warm water put into that great quantity of flour soon as a rising oh a little leaven leaveness the whole oh would to

God that the spirit of grace and repentance godly sorrow over sin were granted unto us each that there may be that speaking one to another that confessing of our faults one to another in that spirit of humility and of love I will go go unto my father and say unto him father I have sinned against heaven and before thee see the humility which adorned his spirit I'm no more worthy to be called thy son no more worthy he felt himself to have forfeited all right to any relationship yet the desire of his heart was this oh make me as one of thine higher servant he could not bear the piercing thought to be left out make me as one of thine hired servants take with you words oh how pleasing it how cheering it is for those barriers to be broken and who can do it none but

Christ who can break down that great mountain betwixt our souls and an eternal God but he he who has wrought salvation by his own death and glorious resurrection for his people take with you words or raised raised before this downcast people is this way which God has appointed for their salvation it is the way that each shall come in their measure take with you words and turn to the Lord and say unto him say unto him there's a speaking there's an opening of the mouth there's that wrought within which causes thee to supplicate there's prayer

I hear and prayer oh prayer is the soul's sincere desire uttered or unexpressed the secret motion of a fire burns within the breast this is prayer say prayer is that communion with God it is that speaking with God say unto him maybe like a Moses of old thou just tremble oft to take his holy name upon thy sinful lips it is indeed a solemn thing a sacred exercise prayer but God hath appointed it and he doth encourage his own yea he doth enable them to come come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give thee rest say unto him this will be in all due humility this will be with reverence upon the high spirit this will be stooping beside the cross say unto him take away all iniquity what does this reveal oh does it not show there's been that work of the spirit of preparing the ground the seed in the seedlings will not prosper except the ground be prepared they will never grow those tender seedlings except there be that cultivation of the earth so it is spiritually except there be that preparation of the heart there can there come forth those fruits of the spirit

[27 : 02] God here by his rich mercy hath prepared this soul he shown them in the measure the holiness of God he made them to feel themselves as sinners and thus as a bringing together through Christ unto the mercy seat sigh unto him sigh unto him oh it may be thou didst feel unable to open thy mouth such such is the weight and guilt of sin upon thy conscience such the burden there but oh is there not a ground is there not a sigh oh is there not those occasions when there have been an upward lifting of the eye when none but God is not presumption after we have to cry and plead with the

Lord to keep us from presumptuous sins especially I suppose as we've been brought up under the sound of truth and know it in measure and the letter of it oh we trust and desire that we should know more than this that will not take us to heaven that will not bring us to that holy happy place it is to have that vital experience of the truth and as oft we had to say true religion is a revealed religion is that which is shown by the spirit is those paths which are which the soul is caused to walk out in something one says must be known and felt take with you words and turn unto the Lord and say unto him say unto him take away all iniquity oh is not this the humble plea of the contrite sinner that one that seeth it is sin which separates jacob saw of old in that dream that open way to heaven that which bridged the gulf betwixt a holy god and a sinner in his sin and by faith by faith that these souls brought upon by the spirit see that way and realise all iniquity must be purged from this they must be cleansed nothing oh nothing unholy can enter into heaven sin is obnoxious in the sight of God a stench in his nostrils oh is the cry the daily cry of thy soul before God take away the love of sin alpha and omega take away all iniquity this we know that we should never be relieved of sin the power of it here below not in this time state but this soul looks to Calvary to that place where

Christ wrought for his children for his flock that place where he suffered the just for the unjust that place where he bore the curse the curse of sin he the holy holy one of God take away all iniquity faith indeed is never mixed with repentance where godly sorrow is wrought by the spirit within there's a measure of faith given which looks to Christ take away all iniquity the eye the eye is centered upon Christ the object of faith true and living faith is

Christ and this will not be duty faith oh this will not be a nominal faith this will be that faith which lives and labours under load that which strives after Christ striving to enter in a coveting a right coveting of those best gifts this soul seeks seeks for forgiveness for Jesus sake take away all iniquity was it not that those characters came unto the Lord in their distress those days when he ministered upon this earth we read of one and another who came unto Jesus sinners they were Mary Magdalene he cast out of her those seven devils she a great sinner forgiven much she loved much take away all iniquity one

I believe we mentioned her case this morning came up behind oh just they come up behind cannot claim great things like dear Ruth for you're so often not like unto one of thine handmaidens marks of grace I cannot see all polluted is my breast but there's a turning unto the Lord Jesus reclined upon the couch he sat at meet in the Pharisee's house she turned in turned in she must come she must see Jesus for we know in those occasions in the house of God we be caused to turn in caused to come to speak such a constraint oh we will remember the season when we sat in the vestry of a certain course of truth many a week evening now knowing we were there such was a constraint upon our spirit to hear what the

[34 : 30] Lord God of Israel should speak turn in turn unto the Lord gracious exercise there Lord what wilt thou have me to do take away all iniquity and receive us graciously receive us graciously what do these words indicate to thee another step of furthering of the path that leads to gospel liberty and receive us graciously so he said the soul has been shown that God is holy that he cannot look upon sin with any degree of allowance how then oh then how can he receive such a one graciously

I suppose we each know it in the letter of it the truth is recorded in the word of God and we've heard it preached many many times but oh as thou felt it as thou realised it in thine own soul receive us graciously as Christ has stood between in garments dyed in blood oh as thou has been received as seen in Christ this prodigal whom we have read received that garment that garment was placed upon him to cover those filthy ranks so it is that robe of righteousness which

Christ hath wrought out by his perfect obedience unto the law that robe that robe once is cast lest the shadow of a spot should on my soul be found he took the robe the saviour wrought and cast it all around receive us graciously tis as such as seen in Christ those works come to one as spoken in the song of Solomon rise up my love my fair one and come away come away my love my fair one receive us graciously or seen in Christ they are such or can face aspire to such heights to the looking without and looking within will sink thee love to the looking up without unto

Christ to the hearing of those precious words uttered by him in that hour of his deep sufferings as he was found upon the cross yea those expiring words which he spake with a loud voice it is finished it is a hearkening unto these words which rejoices the soul as they see themselves such sinners but see salvation in Christ alone the finished work of the Lamb of God there's nothing to be added there's nothing not performed it is all in Christ receive us graciously receive us in Christ how do we venture to the throne of grace oh as the spirit of prayer the grace of supplication is poured upon us from on high is it not a pleading a pleading for

Jesus sake is it not without looking by faith unto Calvary's cross receive us graciously none other way out of Christ out of Christ we are of all men most miserable we must perish oh we must be faithful we must perish out of Christ we have all fallen we are all sinners we all deserve everlasting punishment oh let none water down these things the truth stands in the word of God no small mercy to be made conscious of it here below our life indeed is but as a vapor we are here but for a little season and then we fly away no more but this we feel this our time here below is a preparation it is either for that place of bliss or for that place of woe a little season we abide here to receive blessing of

[40 : 23] God earnest of heaven or to be left to perish in our sins those more mercy to come unto this teaching of the spirit though indeed it might shake thee to the very root though indeed it might cause thee to feel the most sinful creature upon the face of the earth the chiefest amongst sinners yet oh think of it have regard as one expresses it unto the recompense of the reward wouldst thou not rather be a doorkeeper in the house of thy God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin before a season there is that set before these these that are so taught of the spirit this teaching oh we would desire to know more and more of that

Christ might become more and more precious unto our souls receive us graciously receive us in Christ receive us through Christ so will we render the calves of our lips this will not be hollow price this will be that which comes from the heart there will be a taking down of the harps from off the will house long thou hast been in captivity long thou hast felt to be in a strange land but when such is wrought when the

Lord appears again and makes those rough places plain those crooked places straight when all is resolved when thou just see how God can be just and yet love thee he hates thy sins he loves the persons of his children he loves them in Christ as these things are revealed by the spirit so there will be a rendering of the calves of the lips oh with what joy and rejoicing doth the sinner then send the songs of Zion and this is praise oh this is praise which ascends into heaven we have read again there's joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance there's joy in heaven and there's joy within the soul as they're brought to a knowledge of their interest in

Christ as he is found going with them drawn nigh unto them warmed their hearts with his felt presence spoken words of peace unto their troubled spirit laid their adversaries low quelled sin for a little season and caused that soul to rejoice in Christ as their hope of salvation so in this way oh these are the true songs of Zion oh this is that which is rendered unto heaven we read of that woman who came beseeching help of her God she worshipped him there that's worship often been comforted by that simple narrative to read of what true worship is for cannot we say many of us that we have come many many a time seeking help of

God Lord help me and she worshipped him she worshipped him to receive to receive these tokens oh to receive some blessing within thy soul to receive that peace after having known conflict the surging of the mind the mighty harassment of the adversary that one who was shot at thee and wounded thee sore and laid thee low oh is there not is there not as Christ has appeared like unto that good Samaritan bound up thy sores healed thy wounds set thee upon that beast and led thee to that inn and provided all for thee so so wilt thou render the calves of our limbs this is no no hollow praise as we have said this is nothing this is of the flesh this is wrought by the spirit of

[46 : 24] God on such love one says my soul still ponder love so rich so full so free say was lost in holy wonder why oh why such love to be to humble thee to humble thee and there oh these humble desires to praise almighty God through Christ will be received into heaven to be the less things oh it may feel to thee thou canst not utter praise as thou would but oh the wonders the wonders of redeeming love little tasted here below these tokens of Christ love to thy soul the melting of thine heart before him at the footstool of mercy when he hath appeared for thee in thy distress hath wrought for thee in thy trouble yea hath brought thee out sinner that thou art and put within thee that grewed hope in his mercy so will we render the calms of our lips a little here below a little listening of praise to his honour and glory oh will it not issue will it not issue in an eternity of praise as we would seek to crown him crown him lord of all yea the veil removed there to see him as he is oh will not that be heaven heaven of all these souls that have been convicted of sin here below wrought upon by the spirit to walk a little in these paths to seek

Jesus to find him they that seek him shall find him find him to the satisfaction of their souls say unto my soul I am thy salvation take with your words and turn to the Lord say unto him take away all iniquity and receive us graciously so will we render the calves of our lips may the Lord forgive all unbelief we can create our series by singing number 916 to his Corinth 669 time come yeah yeah yeah yeah

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