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"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Philippians 2:9-11, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; (11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Colossians 1:15-19, "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: (16) For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: (17) And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. (18) And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. (19) For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;..."

The hymn "**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**" is called the "**National Anthem of Christendom.**" This is one of the truly great worship hymns of the church published in 1779 and has been translated into almost every language where Christianity is known. The strong exuberant lines lead us to heartfelt worship of God each time we sing them.

We can be thankful that God moved an 18th century pastor to write this stirring hymn text that reminds us so forcibly that the angels in heaven and ransomed souls from "**every kindred, every tribe**" on earth are worshiping with us even now. And we will one day all join together in singing "**the everlasting song**"— **when Christ is crowned "Lord of all."**

Edward Perronet came from a family of distinguished French Huguenots who had fled to Switzerland and then England to escape religious persecution. He was ordained to the ministry of the Anglican church but was always more sympathetic to the evangelical movement led by John and Charles Wesley. Soon Edward left the state church to join the Wesley's in their evangelistic endeavors. Although he wrote a number of other hymns, this is the only one for which he will be remembered.

In time, however, Edward broke with the Wesley's over various Methodist policies, and John Wesley excluded his hymns from Methodist hymnals. Edward went off to pastor a small independent church in Canterbury, where he died on January 22, 1792. His last words were: "**Glory to God in the height of His divinity! Glory to God in the depth of**

His humanity! Glory to God in His all-sufficiency! Into His hands I commend my spirit.”

Edward Perronet’s hymn, “All Hail the Power,” not only earned him an indelible place in the history of church music, it also has a place in missionary history, being greatly used in evangelistic endeavors. Rev. E. P. Scott, for example, missionary to India, wrote of trying to reach a savage tribe in the Indian subcontinent. Ignoring the pleadings of his friends, he set off into the dangerous territory. Several days later, he met a large party of warriors who surrounded him, their spears pointed at his heart.

Expecting to die at any moment, Scott took out his violin, breathed a prayer, closed his eyes, and began singing, “**All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!**” When he reached the words, “**Let every kindred, every tribe,**” he opened his eyes. There stood the warriors, some in tears, every spear lowered. Scott spent the next two years evangelizing the tribe.

What does it mean to worship? Someone wrote, “**It is a quickening of the conscience by the holiness of God; a feeding of the mind with the truth of God; an opening of the heart to the love of God; and a devoting of the will to the purpose of God.**”

Reflect with joyous anticipation upon that time in heaven when our "everlasting song" will be shared throughout eternity with those from "every kindred and every tribe." Prepare even now by singing all six stanzas’ of this hymn.

**All hail the power of Jesus' name! - Let angels prostrate fall,
let angels prostrate fall; - bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him, - crown him, crown him, - and crown him Lord of all.**

**Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, - ye ransomed from the fall,
ye ransomed from the fall, - hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him, crown him, - crown him, crown him, - and crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget - the wormwood and the gall,
the wormwood and the gall, - go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him, crown him, - crown him, crown him, - and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every kindred, every tribe - on this terrestrial ball,
on this terrestrial ball, - to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, - who from his altar call,
who from his altar call; - extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him, crown him, - crown him, crown him, - and crown him Lord of all.**

**O that with yonder sacred throng - we at his feet may fall,
we at his feet may fall! - We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him, crown him, - crown him, crown him, - and crown him Lord of all.**

In His Amazing Grace
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Successful Christians Read Their Bible

Bible Study Objective: To challenge you to DAILY READ your Bible.

Bible Study Introduction:

Over six billion copies of the Bible have been printed, sold, and distributed in over 2200 languages. It is the best-selling book of all time. It was the first book to ever be printed on a printing press in 1445 by Johanne Gutenberg, the inventor of the printing press in Germany. A Gutenberg Bible today would be worth thirty-five million dollars. The Bible was written by forty authors in three different languages over a period of 1500 years and is comprised of 66 books.

After 25,000 archaeological discoveries/excavations none have discredited the historical facts of the Bible. One fourth of the Bible is prophetic in nature. Over 100 predictions regarding the birth of Christ, His death, burial, and resurrection were written from 400 to 1500 years before His birth and yet every one of them was fulfilled exactly as predicted.

Mathematician Steven Stoner said if you took silver dollars and scattered them evenly across the state of Texas, and then take one dollar, marked X on the dollar and throw it at random into the pile of coins, then asked a blindfolded man to find the marked dollar on his first try, then the possibility of him doing that is the same possibility that just eight of the prophecies concerning the birth of Christ could be fulfilled by just chance or accident. The Bible will still completely transform the lives of those who read it, believe it, and heed it.

1. Our most important relationship in this life is our relationship with Jesus: (I John 5:11-13, Luke 10:20, Philippians 3:8)
2. Honest – open - transparent communications is based on how easy we are to approach: (Hebrews 4:14-16, II Chronicles 7:14)
3. We get divine assistance from God through prayer and this activity is to be done without ceasing: (I Thessalonians 5:17)
4. God primarily talks to us by means of the Bible, the Spirit, the church, and circumstances: (Psalms 119:89, 105, 130, 165)
5. An ongoing serious reading of the Bible always leads us to a crisis of belief: (Exodus 5:2, Judges 7:2-7, Matthew 5:44, 6:15)
6. Just reading the Bible is of little value until we are ready to make major adjustments: (Matthew 16:24, Hebrews 12:1-14)

Bible Reading Benefits:

1. The Bible tells me what will keep me from stumbling: (I John 2:10)
2. The Bible tells me how to be saved: (Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-13)
3. The Bible tells me that reading without heeding is useless: (James 1:22-25)
4. The Bible tells me how to avoid sinning against almighty God: (Psalms 119:9-16)
5. The Bible tells me of God's great/precious promises: (II Peter 1:4, John 14:1-6)
6. The Bible tells me how to avoid falling into a backslidden condition: (Hebrews 2:1-3)
7. The Bible tells me what will bring me comfort and joy: (Psalms 119:50-52, I John 1:4)

8. The Bible tells me what is right/wrong, how to get right and stay right: (II Timothy 3:16)
9. The Bible tells me to submit to God, resist the Devil and he will flee from me: (James 4:7)
10. The Bible tells me what will happen to me when I meditate on God's Word: (Psalms 119:97-104)
11. The Bible tells me that God provides freedom to those who continue in the Word: (John 8:31-32)
12. The Bible tells me what God will do for me if I am strong and courageous: (Joshua 1:5-9, Ephesians 6:10)
13. The Bible tells me that if I humble myself then God will lift me up and exalt me: (James 4:10, I Peter 5:6)
14. The Bible tells me that I should never murmur/complain/gripe about anything: (Philippians 2:14, I Corinthians 10:31)

Bible Study Summary:

Prayer is how we can talk to God, reading our Bibles is how God primarily talks to us: (Psalms 119:18, John 16:13)

Read the Bible to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's constitution.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully.

It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, a river of pleasure.
 It is given to you in life, will be opened at the judgment and be remembered forever.
 It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

The young should study the Bible to learn how to live life to its fullest and not make the mistakes others have made. The old should study the Bible to learn how Christians are to finish well and die victoriously. The ignorant should study the Bible to acquire wisdom. The proud should study to learn about the benefits of humility. The rich for compassion, the poor for comfort, the weak for strength, the troubled for peace, the sinner for salvation, the doubter for assurance, and all Christians for supernatural intervention and daily guidance necessary to finish well.

**The Above lesson was written by Tommy Dowling
 a Sunday School Teacher for over 40 years.**

If God has spoken to your heart after reading the sermon "**Successful Christians Read Their Bible**" right now talk to God about what He has spoken to you.

Do you have the assurance that one day you will go to heaven? If you have no assurance that you know Jesus Christ, then I trust you will decide to accept Him as your personal Savior. The Bible tells us in

Acts 16:31, "...**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...**"
 Romans 10:13, "**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**"

This prayer is here for those who need to ask Jesus to be their personal Savior: "**I do want to go to Heaven.**"

I know I am a sinner, and I do believe Jesus Christ died for me. I realize I cannot buy this great salvation, nor can I earn it. Knowing Jesus died on the cross and arose from the grave to pay my sin debt and to purchase my salvation, I do now trust Him as my Savior, and from this moment on I am completely depending on Him for my salvation.”

If you made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, please let me know. Please send an e-mail to pastormiklas@aol.com and I will send you some literature that will help you in your Christian life.

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