



Open Heavens HYMN 18: PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

Description

This is **hymn 18 of the Open Heavens** daily devotion written by Pastor E. A. Adeboye, General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG).

Hymn 18: PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation:
Join the great throng psaltery, organ and song sounding in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, over all things he gloriously reigneth:
Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints, He sustaineth
Has thou not seen, How all thou needest hath been Granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew, What the almighty can do Who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has breath join with Abraham's Seed to adore him!
Let the Amen, sum all our praises again; Now as we worship before him.



PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY HYMN COMMENTARY

Beloved in Christ, as we reflect on this magnificent hymn, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,” we are engaging in the very purpose for which we were created. This is more than a song; it is a profound

theology of worship set to music, a powerful directive that commands our souls to look beyond our circumstances and fix our gaze upon the majesty, power, and faithfulness of our God.

Why Sing This Hymn

We sing this hymn to recalibrate our hearts, to shift our focus from our problems to God's providence, and to participate in the eternal chorus of heaven. It is an act of spiritual warfare against anxiety, ingratitude, and doubt.

1. It is a Hymn of Personal Command and Corporate Joy (Verse 1)

The hymn begins with a personal command: "O my soul, praise Him." True praise begins not as an external ritual, but as an internal decision of the will. We are called to command our own souls—with all its fears, distractions, and burdens—to bless the Lord. The reason is foundational: "He is thy health and salvation." He is the source of our wholeness and our eternal rescue. This personal worship then naturally joins a "great throng" of all creation, using every instrument and voice in "glad adoration." Our private devotion fuels our public worship.

2. It is a Hymn of Sovereign Rule and Tender Care (Verse 2)

Here, we praise God for His glorious reign "over all things." This is the doctrine of God's sovereignty made personal. The one who rules the cosmos is the same one who bears us up on "eagle-wings," a beautiful promise of His strengthening and sustaining power (Isaiah 40:31). The hymn then poses a piercing, reflective question: "Hast thou not seen, How all thou needest hath been Granted in what he ordaineth?" This is a call to remember God's faithful provision in the past, trusting that even His ordinations—the paths He allows—are filled with His gracious supply.

3. It is a Hymn of Confident Trust in Covenant Love (Verse 3)

We praise Him not only for what He has done, but for who He is. His character is our confidence. He prospers our way (not necessarily our wealth) and defends us from our foes. We can be sure that "his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee," a direct echo of Psalm 23:6. The command to "ponder anew what the Almighty can do" invites us to stop and marvel at the infinite power of God, which is not wielded in anger but is channeled through His boundless love for us, His friends.

4. It is a Hymn of Total Abandonment and Eternal Acclamation (Verse 4)

The final verse is a crescendo of total surrender. "O let all that is in me adore him!" This is worship with our entire being—spirit, soul, and body. This call to worship is universal, extending to "all that has breath" (Psalm 150:6). We join the great lineage of faith, "Abraham's Seed," affirming that we are part of God's eternal family through Christ. The "Amen" is not just an end, but a affirmation—a solemn "so be it" that seals and confirms all the praise we have offered.

A Word for Your Spirit Today

Child of God, is your soul weighed down today? Are the cares of this world clouding your view of your King? Let this hymn be your spiritual reset. Command your soul to praise Him, not because you feel like it, but because He is worthy.

Look back and trace His hand. Have you not seen His provision? Has He not sustained you? Ponder anew His power and His loving friendship. Then, let every part of you—your thoughts, your desires,

your hopes, and your fearsâ??adore Him. Join the song of the saints and the angels, for you, too, are a bearer of the breath of God, created to praise the Lord, the Almighty.

Let your life today be a living â??Amenâ?• to His goodness.

In the name of our praiseworthy King, Jesus, Amen.