

Open Heavens HYMN 16: Praise Him, Praise Him Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer

Description

This is **hymn 16 of the Open Heavens** daily devotion written by Pastor E. A. Adeboye, General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG).

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1. Praise Him! praise Him!
Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O Earth! His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest angels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy Name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His Children,
In His arms He carries them all day long;
O ye saints that dwell on the mountain of His zion,
Praise Him! praise Him!
Ever in joyful song!

2. Praise Him! praise Him!
Jesus, our blessed Redeemer,
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He, our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! hail Him! Jesus, the Crucified;
Loving Savior, meekly enduring sorrow,
Crowned with thorns that cruelly pierced His brow;
Once for us rejected, despised, and forsaken,
Prince of Glory, ever triumphant now.

3. Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer, Heavâ??nly portals, loud with hosannas ring!

Jesus, Savior, reigneth for ever and ever; Crown Him! crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King! Death is vanquished! Tell it with joy, ye faithful, Where is now thy victory, boasting grave? Jesus lives! No longer thy portals are cheerless; Jesus lives, the mighty and strong to save.



Praise Him, Praise Him Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer Hymn Commentary

Beloved in Christ, this hymn, â??Praise Him, Praise Him,â?• is a full-throated, exultant call to worship. It is not a quiet meditation but a triumphant proclamation meant to be sung with joy and conviction. It compels every creatureâ??from the angels in glory to the saints on earthâ??to unite in a symphony of praise for Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. It presents a sweeping view of His work, from His sacrificial suffering to His present reign and ultimate victory.

Why Sing This Hymn

We sing this hymn to actively obey the command to praise, to remind ourselves of the multifaceted glory of Christ, and to participate in the eternal celebration of His victory. It is a hymn that turns our focus from our circumstances to His supreme worthiness, filling our mouths with praise and our hearts with triumphant joy.

1. It is a Hymn of Universal Proclamation and Tender Care (Verse 1)

The hymn begins with a double command: â??Praise Him! praise Him!â?• This praise is directed to â??Jesus, our blessed Redeemer,â?• establishing the reason: He has bought us back. The call to worship extends to all creation (â??Sing, O Earth!â?•) and even to the angelic host. We are to ascribe to Him â??Strength and honor.â?• Then, the imagery shifts from cosmic to intimate: this mighty Redeemer is also the gentle â??shepherdâ?• who personally guards, carries, and tends His children. For those who dwell in His presence (â??the mountain of His zionâ?•), the only fitting response is unending, â??joyful song.â?•

2. It is a Hymn of Sacrificial Love and Glorious Reversal (Verse 2)

This verse grounds our praise in the historical horror and beauty of the cross. We praise Him because â??For our sins He suffered and bled and died.â?• He is our foundation (â??our Rockâ?•) and our future (â??our Hope of eternal salvationâ?•). The hymn forces us to gaze upon the depth of His humiliation: â??meekly enduring sorrow, Crowned with thorns.â?• He was â??rejected, despised, and forsaken.â?• But the line pivots in glorious triumph: that same suffering Savior is now the â??Prince of Glory, ever triumphant now.â?• Our praise celebrates the great reversalâ??the Crucified is the Conqueror.

3. It is a Hymn of Victorious Reign and Conquered Death (Verse 3)

The final verse erupts with the sound of heavenâ??s praise (â??Heavâ??nly portals, loud with hosannas ring!â?•). It declares His eternal kingship: â??Jesus, Savior, reigneth for ever and ever.â?• We are called to crown Him in our worship as the fulfillment of every office: â??Prophet and Priest and King!â?• The pinnacle of our praise is the victory over our last enemy: â??Death is vanquished!â?• The hymn taunts the grave with the words of Scripture: â??Where is now thy victory, boasting grave?â?• (1 Corinthians 15:55). Because â??Jesus lives!â?• death is defanged, the grave is no longer cheerless, and He is proven â??the mighty and strong to save.â?• Our praise is the echo of the empty tomb.

A Word for Your Spirit Today

Is your heart heavy? Does worry silence your song? This hymn commands your soul to engage in a higher reality. Look away from the problem and look at your Redeemer.

Praise Him for the specific truths in this hymn: Praise Him as your Shepherd carrying you today. Praise Him as your Rock, solid and secure. Praise Him as the Crucified who bore your sin. Praise Him as the Triumphant Prince who reigns. Praise Him as the Living King who has robbed death of its sting.

Do not wait for a feeling; begin with an act of will. Open your mouth and declare His praise. Join the song of the angels and the saints. For you have every reasonâ??from the cradle to the cross to the crown to the empty tombâ??to make your life a perpetual chorus: **Praise Him! Praise Him!**

Crown Him in your heart and with your voice today.

In the name of Jesus, our Blessed Redeemer and Eternal King, Amen.