



# CHRIST, THE OBEDIENT SON

## Scripture for Meditation: *Philippians 2:8*

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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## Hymn of Humility: *From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable*

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,  
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;  
To the anguish and the shame of scandal  
Came the Saviour of the human race!  
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n,  
Shepherds listen as the angels tell  
Of the Gift of God, come down to man  
At the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,  
Humble servant in the Father's hands,  
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
Filled with mercy for the broken man.  
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,  
Joys and sorrows that I know so well;  
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again—  
I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,  
He was lifted on a cruel cross;  
He was punished for a world's transgressions,  
He was suffering to save the lost.  
He fights for breath, He fights for me,  
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;  
And with a shout our souls are free—  
Death defeated by Immanuel!

Now He's standing in the place of honour,  
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
Interceding for His own beloved  
Till His Father calls to bring them home!  
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds  
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;  
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,  
Giving glory to Immanuel!

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## Hymn of Wonder: *And Can it Be*

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
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And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

## Prayer of Blessing

Scripture for Responsive Reading: *I Kings 2:1-4, 10-12*

When David's time to die drew near, he commanded Solomon his son, saying, "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn, that the LORD may establish his word that he spoke concerning me, saying,

**'If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.' . . .**

Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. And the time that David reigned over Israel was forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

**So Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.**

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## Prayer of Corporate Confession

## Silence for Personal Confession

## Scriptural Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 5:19*

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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## Offertory Hymn of Pardon: *My Song Is Love Unknown*

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take, frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none the longed for Christ would know:  
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend.





Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
 He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight,  
 Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst Him  
 rise.

They rise and needs will have, My dear Lord made away;  
 A murderer they saved, The Prince of life they slay,  
 Yet cheerful He to suffering goes, That He His foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine;  
 Never was love, dear King! Never was grief like Thine.  
 This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman, 1623-1683

**Hymn of Righteousness: *I Will Glory in My Redeemer***

I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
 Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung Him on that judgment  
 tree.  
 I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the pow'r of sin and death,  
 My only Savior before the holy Judge: the Lamb Who is my righteousness,  
 The Lamb Who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer, my life He bought, my love He owns.  
 I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
 I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place.  
 Though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by His grace,  
 My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle's wings.  
 He crowns my life with lovingkindness; His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
 I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold,  
 And when He calls me it will be paradise His face forever to behold,  
 His face forever to behold.

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Hymn of Righteousness: *A Debtor to Mercy Alone***

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;  
 I come with your righteousness on, my humble off'ring to bring.  
 The judgments of Your holy law with me can have nothing to do;  
 My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which Your goodness began, the arm of Your strength will complete;  
 Your promise is yes and amen, and never was forfeited yet.

The future or things that are now, no power below or above,  
 Can make You Your purpose forgo, or sever my soul from Your love.

My name from the palms of Your hands eternity will not erase;  
 Impressed on Your heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace.  
 Yes, I to the end will endure, until I bow down at Your throne;  
 Forever and always secure, a debtor to mercy alone.

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The greatest sorrow and burden you can lay on the Father, the  
 greatest unkindness you can do to him is not to believe that he  
 loves you.

John Owen

