

Heavenly Sunlight

I. Introduction

- A. The song *Heavenly Sunlight* expresses the beauty of escaping spiritual darkness and abiding in the One who gives us light. Consider some principles taught in Scripture that are alluded to in this hymn. **Hymns for Worship, Song 19**

II. “Walking in Sunlight...”

- A. The song opens by noting the lifestyle that should be true of each of us. **Song 19, v. 1a; 1 John 1:5-7**
- B. Walking in sunlight *all* of one’s journey includes going over mountains and through deep valleys. Through both the ups and downs of life, we must walk in the light, as Christ exemplified. **Song 19, v. 1b; Matthew 13:20-21; 1 Peter 2:21-23**
- C. As the song further expresses, we have assurance that Jesus will always be with us so long as we choose to walk with Him. **Song 19, v. 1c; Hebrews 13:5 (cf. Matt. 28:20)**
- D. The promises God’s given concerning His support can be trusted because of His faithfulness. As the hymn alludes to, divine promises “never can fail.” **Song 19, v. 1d; Titus 1:2**

III. “Shadows Around Me...”

- A. The second verse begins by noting the spiritual “shadows” around and above us. We must walk in the light even though darkness surrounds us. **Song 19, v. 2a; Philippians 2:15**
- B. No matter how dark the world around us is, this can’t stop the light of Christ from shining. His guidance is available for all who seek the path of light. **Song 19, v. 2b; John 10:4**
- C. The verse further references Jesus’ role as the light of the world, and One in whom no darkness whatsoever can be found. **Song 19, v. 2c; John 8:12; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:12-13**
- D. We must walk close to Jesus’ side to be rescued from the domain of darkness. **Song 19, v. 2d; John 8:12; 1 Thess. 5:4-5**

IV. “In the Bright Sunlight...”

- A. The third verse begins by noting what a joy it is to walk in the sunlight. The joy Christ offers can’t be taken from us against our will, no matter how dark the world around us is. **Song 19, v. 3a; John 16:22; Philippians 4:4**
- B. Those who walk in the light are going down the path that leads to “mansions above.” Walking in the light allows us to let go of past darkness and focus onward and upward. **Song 19, v. 3b; Philippians 3:13-14**
- C. Walking in the sunlight is a “glad” walk. As Paul exemplified, it’s a joy to please God as we serve in His kingdom. **Song 19, v. 3c; Philippians 2:17-18**
- D. Walking in sunlight is a lifestyle of joy in large part because it’s a life that is based on love, as the end of the third verse brings to mind. **Song 19, v. 3d; Ephesians 5:1-2**

V. Conclusion

- A. Jesus’ entrance into the world “turned the light on” by unveiling God’s plan of salvation and allowing us the chance to escape the domain of darkness and enter the light. This lifestyle of walking in the light is one that is both a duty and a wonderful privilege offered us by the One in whom there is no darkness at all. **Hymns for Worship, Song 19**