O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- I. Introduction
 - A. The song *O Thou Fount of Every Blessing* expresses the beauty of God's grace, mercy, and love, and the desire we should have to pursue Him and praise Him for His wonderful blessings.
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- II. <u>"O Thou Fount of Every Blessing..."</u>
 - A. The song opens by noting the One from whom all blessings flow. **Song 420, v. 1a**; **James 1:17**
 - B. The persistent extension of God's mercies gives us great reason for praising Him. **Song 420, v. 1b**; **Hebrews 13:15**
 - C. The song continues by expressing the desire we should have to adore Him who is praiseworthy. It also notes the effort we should exert to "prove" His goodness. Song 420, v. 1c;
 Romans 12:2
 - D. The verse concludes by referencing the joy and love His grace allows us to be filled with. **Song 420, v. 1d**; **Philippians 4:4**

III. "Here I Raise My Ebenezer..."

- A. Verse 2 alludes to the account of Samuel raising up a stone called Ebenezer to signify the Lord's help He'd given the Israelites. In like manner, we "raise [our] Ebenezer" by acknowledging and pursuing the One who is our great Helper. Song 420, v. 2a; 1 Samuel 7:12
- B. The verse also expresses the desire we should have to safely "arrive at home" by God's grace. **Song 420, v. 2b**; **1 Peter 2:11**
- C. The second verse demonstrates the depth of Jesus' love, as shown by His work which allows us to come home to God.
 Song 420, v. 2c; Luke 15:4
- D. We are able to be rescued from the danger of life apart from God because of the precious blood Jesus shed.
 Song 420, v. 2d; Acts 20:28

- IV. "O to Grace How Great a Debtor..."
 - A. The third verse begins by noting how we ought to respond to God's grace. When we consider how wonderful He's been to us, it's only appropriate to give ourselves wholeheartedly to Him each day.
 Song 420, v. 3a; 1 Corinthians 15:9-10
 - B. The grace of God should motivate us to be slaves of righteousness, allowing His goodness to bind our hearts "like a fetter" to Him. Song 420, v. 3b;
 Romans 6:19
 - C. As we sing the third verse, we express to God our desire for His help in clinging to Him and avoiding evil. **Song 420, v. 3c**; **Matthew 6:13**
 - D. The song concludes by expressing the desire we should have for our hearts to be "seal[ed]" in a way that is suitable for the Lord's "courts above."
 Song 420, v. 3d; Colossians 3:1-2

V. Conclusion

A. As we reflect on the words of this hymn, we see how great the Lord's grace and mercy are, and how zealous we should be to pursue the One who is the "Fount of every blessing." **Hymns for Worship, Song 420**