

Praise Him! Praise Him!

I. Introduction

A. The song *Praise Him! Praise Him!* expresses several reasons we have for praising Jesus. Consider some things taught about Christ in Scripture that are alluded to in this hymn.

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II. “Sing, O Earth...”

A. Each verse opens with a reference to the praise that is due Jesus. Scripture makes clear that worship is not to be directed toward created beings (cf. **Acts 10:25-26; Rev. 22:8-9**), but only Deity. Jesus’ acceptance of worship is in keeping with His Deity. God the Son is worthy to receive our worship. **Song 54, v. 1a; Matthew 14:33; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Ephesians 5:2**

B. Jesus’ praiseworthiness is further seen in His superiority to angels. As the hymn alludes to, even angels have reason to sing His praises. **Song 54, v. 1b; Hebrews 1:6; Revelation 5:12-13**

C. A further reason to praise Jesus is seen in the latter part of the song’s first verse: His role as the perfect Shepherd. **Song 54, v. 1c; John 10:14-15**

III. “For Our Sins...”

A. Verse 2 expresses Jesus’ praiseworthiness in connection to His willful death for our sins. **Song 54, v. 2a; Isaiah 53:5**

B. Jesus is both our Rock who gives us spiritual strength and stability, and our hope, who gives us reason to confidently expect that Heaven will one day be a reality for the righteous. **Song 54, v. 2b; Matthew 7:24-25; 1 Timothy 1:1**

C. Jesus’ worthiness of our praise is seen in that He “bore our sorrows” out of wonderful love. **Song 54, v. 2c; Isaiah 53:3-4**

IV. “Heav’nly Portals...”

A. The third verse begins by saying, “heav’nly portals loud with hosannas ring.” **Song 54, v. 3a; Revelation 5:12-13**

B. The verse continues with a reference to Jesus’ role as our Savior, and His reign, which will continue throughout eternity. It also makes reference to Jesus’ role as the Prophet like unto Moses, the great High Priest, and the King of all kings. **Song 54, v. 3b; Matthew 1:21; Revelation 11:15; Acts 3:22-23; Hebrews 4:14; Revelation 17:14**

C. The verse ends by referencing Jesus’ victory He has gained over sin and death, and His return that will come on the Day He welcomes His followers home to heaven for eternity. **Song 508, v. 3c; 1 Thessalonians 4:16**

V. Conclusion

A. The chorus goes on to reference “His excellent greatness.” Jesus has given us reasons upon reasons to give Him praise, glory, and honor. **Hymns for Worship, Song 54**