

Wonderful Jesus

I. Introduction

- A. The song *Wonderful Jesus* brings out the beauty of the great Savior we follow. Consider some principles taught in Scripture that are alluded to in this hymn. **Hymns for Worship, Song 25**

II. “Glorious Friend...”

- A. The song opens by expressing what a great friend Jesus is. **Song 25, v. 1a; John 15:13-14**
- B. Jesus’ promise to be with His followers provides great encouragement to the faithful. **Song 25, v. 1b; Matthew 28:20**
- C. The verse notes the gladness, support, and strength Christ provides His disciples. **Song 25, v. 1c; Philippians 4:13**
- D. He is loyal to His disciples, and shields us from wrong so long as we choose the pathway He shows. **Song 25, v. 1d; Hebrews 13:5-6**

III. “Showing the Way...”

- A. The pathway Jesus shows is alluded to at the beginning of the song’s second verse. Jesus *is* the way to the Father. **Song 25, v. 2a; John 14:6**
- B. The path Jesus gives ultimately leads to eternal life. **Song 25, v. 2b; John 6:68**
- C. The greatness of Jesus is further seen in the perfect guidance He provides. **Song 25, v. 2c; John 10:3-4**
- D. Those who yield to the Lord’s guidance allow Him to make us happy and whole. **Song 25, v. 2d; Revelation 22:14**

IV. “All through the Night...”

- A. Jesus’ stand by the faithful’s side is particularly precious to consider when going through trials of life, which are sometimes referred to figuratively as going “thru the night.” **Song 25, v. 3a; John 14:27**
- B. When going through trials of life, it’s especially wonderful to think of the Lord “enfolding” us and giving light to our lives. **Song 25, v. 3b; Ephesians 5:14**
- C. The ultimate “morning” we can look to through both good times and bad is the point at which our hope will become a reality. This “morning” is a possibility because of how wonderful Jesus is. **Song 25, v. 3c; 2 Peter 3:13**
- D. Nothing is greater about this Day than the fact that the righteous will from that Day on be in the direct presence of the Savior. **Song 25, v. 3d; 1 Thessalonians 4:17**

V. “Marvelous King...”

- A. The chorus expresses how great of a King Jesus is. Christ reigns over a spiritual kingdom and we must respect His rule. Those who do so can have confidence in the strength of our Ruler, who is King of all kings. **Song 25, Chorus (a); John 18:36-37**
- B. Given the spiritual healing our King provides His citizens, we always have reason to praise Him. **Song 25, Chorus (b); Luke 17:16**
- C. Because of the spiritual healing He’s given, those in Jesus’ kingdom can look forward to the Day we will see Him face to face in the Kingdom’s headquarters. **Song 25, Chorus (c); 1 John 3:2**