

He Hideth My Soul

I. Introduction

A. The song *He Hideth My Soul* praises the Lord for how wonderful He is and for the blessings He provides His followers. Consider some principles taught in Scripture that are alluded to in this hymn. **Hymns for Worship, Song 363**

II. “A Wonderful Savior...”

- A. The opening words bring out the most wonderful thing about Jesus: His decision to descend to earth and be the world’s Savior. **Song 363, v. 1a; Luke 19:10**
- B. Each of us can personalize this principle, appreciating the fact that Jesus died for *us*. **Song 363, v. 1b; Matthew 1:21**
- C. The second half of the first verse draws upon the image of God hiding Moses in the cleft of the rock to express how God figuratively “hides” our souls in Jesus. **Song 363, v. 1c; John 10:28-29** (cf. **Exod. 33:21-22**)
- D. When we allow God to hide our souls “in the cleft of the Rock,” not only will we be protected from the darkness of sin, but we’ll be able to experience “rivers of pleasure” (i.e., great spiritual blessings). **Song 363, v. 1d; Matthew 5:3ff**

III. “He Taketh My Burden Away...”

- A. The opening of the second verse again reference how wonderful of a Savior Jesus is, and again describes Him as “my Lord.” **Song 363, v. 1a; Revelation 17:14**
- B. The spiritual protection our Rock provides involves Him taking the burden of sin away. **Song 363, v. 2b; Matthew 11:28-29**
- C. Because of the strength of Jesus, we need not be moved. No one can move us away from Jesus against our will. **Song 363, v. 2c; Romans 8:35-39**
- D. The second verse ends with a reference to the strength the Lord supplies in abundance. **Song 363, v. 2d; Ephesians 6:10**

IV. “With Numberless Blessings...”

- A. The third verse of the song praises the Lord for the “numberless blessings” He showers on His followers. **Song 363, v. 3a; Ephesians 1:3ff**
- B. Because of what He provides, we can be “filled with all the fulness of God.” **Song 363, v. 3b; Ephesians 3:19**
- C. Being filled with these blessings, Christ’s followers have reason to sing with joy and gladness to God, praising Him for His glory. **Song 363, v. 3c; Philippians 4:4**
- D. Such praise is only fitting when we consider “such a Redeemer as” Jesus. **Song 363, v. 3d; Ephesians 1:7**

V. “When Clothed in His Brightness...”

- A. The final verse looks forward to the time we’ll be fully “clothed in His brightness,” on the Day the hope He’s given His saints becomes a reality. **Song 363, v. 4a; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53**
- B. The glory of this Day is seen in that the ransomed will get to “meet Him in clouds of the sky.” **Song 363, v. 4b; 1 Thessalonians 4:17**
- C. The song closes by looking forward to the opportunity the righteous will have to worship God in His direct presence for all that our Rock has done for us in His love. **Song 363, v. 4c; Revelation 5:8-13**