

When I See the Blood

I. Introduction

- A. The hymn *When I See the Blood* expresses key principals about what Christ has done for us and how we must respond. Consider some teachings of Scripture alluded to in this hymn. *Hymns for Worship, Song 289*

II. The Backdrop

- A. This hymn's setting is first connected to the tenth plague against Egypt. Because of Pharaoh's refusal to let Israel go, God determined to kill the firstborn of the Egyptians. When God exercised His wrath against the Egyptians, He told Israel that He would "pass over" them upon seeing the blood of the Passover lamb on their door posts and lintels. **Exodus 12:5-7, 11-13**
- B. In the New Testament, we find that this foreshadows our Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus' blood, God will "pass over" those who are in Him when exercising His wrath against sin on the Day of Judgment. **1 Corinthians 5:7b**

III. "Christ, Our Redeemer..."

- A. The first verse of the hymn references Christ's role as our Redeemer. Jesus paid the ransom price to release His followers from the bondage of sin. *Song 289, verse 1; John 8:34; Matthew 20:28*
- B. The first verse also points out that "All who receive Him need never fear..." Because of Christ's blood, His followers can *look forward* to the Day of Judgment without fear. **2 Peter 3:11-12**

IV. "Chiefest of Sinners..."

- A. The second verse alludes to the fact that Jesus offers redemption to *all* who will come to Him on His terms. No matter how sinful we have been in the past, we can choose to come to God and receive the blessings Jesus died for. *Song 289, verse 2; 1 Timothy 1:15; 2:4*
- B. The verse further says "As He has promised, so will He do," noting God's perfect trustworthiness to follow through with what He has said will happen on the Day of Judgment. **2 Timothy 1:12**

V. "Judgment is Coming..."

- A. The third verse reiterates that the Day of Judgment is coming, and notes that "all will be there." *Each one* of us must stand before the Great Judge on that Day. *Song 289, verse 3; 2 Peter 3:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10*
- B. This includes those who have rejected Christ, who will face God's just wrath. **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9**

VI. "O What Compassion..."

- A. The final verse returns to the fact that those who obey Christ will be "passed over" when God exercises His wrath against sin on that Day. The atonement offered by our Passover Lamb is a perfect demonstration of love. *Song 289, verse 4; 1 John 4:10*
- B. Those who obey Christ are not only "safe from the storm," but will receive the polar opposite of eternal punishment... eternal life in heaven with God. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

VII. Conclusion

- A. May we each do what God requires to receive salvation from His wrath through the blood of His Son.