

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I. Introduction

- A. The hymn *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* expresses a number of key principles related to Jesus' resurrection. Consider some teachings of Scripture that are alluded to in this hymn.
Hymns for Worship, Song 479

II. "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

- A. The hymn begins with the words that are the title to the song. The phrase alludes to the fact that though Jesus *died*, He *lives*.
Song 479, verse 1a; Acts 25:18-19
- B. The word "knows" is also a key part of the opening phrase. Though we have not physically seen Jesus, we can (and must) be fully persuaded that He lives. **John 20:29-31**

III. "And Ever Prays for Me"

- A. The song continues by referencing Christ's intercessory work. Our Redeemer lives at God's right hand, and there He intercedes for His followers. *Song 479, verse 1b; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25*

IV. "I Know Eternal Life He Gives"

- A. The next words in the hymn reference something else that is tied to Christ's resurrection. Because we know that *He* has been raised (ultimately up into heaven), we know that the righteous of all ages will one Day be raised up into heaven for eternity.
Song 479, verse 1c; Revelation 1:5; 1 Corinthians 15:20

V. "From Sin and Sorrow Free"

- A. The first verse ends with an allusion to Christ's role as *Redeemer*. Jesus paid the ransom price to *free* His followers from sin. *Song 479, verse 1d; John 8:34; Matthew 20:28*

VI. "He Wills That I Should Holy Be..."

- A. The second verse begins with an exhortation to holiness. The ransom price Christ paid to *free* His followers from *sin* also *purchased* His followers for *God*. Those who belong to God must be holy, as He is, remembering who we belong to. *Song 479, verse 2a; Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 6:20*

VII. "Then I His Holy Face May See..."

- A. The song continues by noting the joy those who choose the path of holiness will experience upon being in His direct presence for eternity. *Song 479, verse 2b; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*

VIII. "I Know That Unto Sinful Men..."

- A. The third verse of the hymn alludes to the opportunity that *each* of us has to choose the blessings expressed throughout the song. Christ is the Redeemer *all* of us need and can (and must) receive. *Song 479, verse 3a; 1 Timothy 1:15; Titus 2:11*

IX. "I Know That He Will Come Again..."

- A. The verse continues by noting what those who are choosing to receive Christ can look forward to. It is certain that the Day of Judgment *will come* (**2 Pet. 3:10**), and that Day will be a homecoming for the redeemed.
Song 479, verse 3b; John 14:3

X. "I Know That Over Yonder Stands..."

- A. The final verse expresses further the hope of heaven the righteous are able to live with. This hope is grounded on the certainty that our Great Redeemer lives.
Song 479, verse 4; 2 Corinthians 5:1; 1 Peter 1:3