

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

I. Introduction

- A. Consider some principles taught in Scripture that are alluded to in the hymn *Hallelujah! What a Savior!*
Hymns for Worship, Song 161

II. “Man of Sorrows,’ What a Name...”

- A. The opening words of the song express what a remarkable thing it is that God the Son descended to earth...not to live a life full of earthly blessings...but to live a life of suffering and grief.
Song 161, verse 1a; Isaiah 53:3a; John 1:1-3;
Song 161, verse 1b; Matthew 16:21
- B. The motivation for Deity descending to earth to suffer and walk amongst the creation is alluded to in the second half of the first verse. He paid the ransom price to release us from bondage and reclaim us for God. **Song 161, verse 1c; Matthew 20:28**

III. “Bearing Shame and Scoffing Rude...”

- A. The suffering He faced is carried further in the second verse of the hymn. Though Jesus did nothing to be ashamed of, He faced the most shameful, humiliating type of death imaginable. Despite His perfection, Jesus was characterized as a criminal and grossly mistreated. **Song 161, verse 2a; Isaiah 53:3b, 4b; Matthew 26:65-68**
- B. Though it was thought to be His own wrongdoing that led to His crucifixion, the truth is the opposite of this. He was pierced for *our* transgressions and crushed for *our* iniquities.
Song 161, verse 2b; Isaiah 53:5
- C. His following through with this is what offers us the chance to be pardoned, as the hymn goes on to point out.
Song 161, verse 2c; Matthew 26:28

IV. “Guilty, Vile and Helpless We...”

- A. The third verse further develops the contrast between our desperate need for what Jesus did, and His pure state that allowed Him to *provide* what we needed. Without Jesus, we would all remain in a “guilty, vile and helpless” condition with no chance for escape. **Song 161, verse 3a; Romans 5:6-8**
- B. Because of Jesus’ perfection, though, He was qualified to be offered as the sacrifice that atones for sin.
Song 161, verse 3b; 1 Peter 1:19
- C. In giving Himself as the atoning sacrifice, Jesus allows for the wrath of our perfectly just God to be averted away from us so that we can stand before Him un-condemned. **Song 161, verse 3c; 1 John 2:2**

V. “Lifted Up Was He to Die...”

- A. The fourth verse alludes to the type of death He suffered as He was “lifted up.” **Song 161, verse 4a; John 12:32-34**
- B. Upon completing the work that was needed to make our salvation possible, it was fitting for Jesus to declare, “it is finished.” **Song 161, verse 4b; John 19:30**
- C. After Jesus allowed Himself to be lifted up on the cross to die, God “lifted” Jesus from the grave by raising Him. His resurrection culminated with Him being raised all the way up into heaven, where He reigns at the Father’s right hand.
Song 161, verse 4c; Ephesians 1:20-21

VI. “When He Comes, Our Glorious King...”

- A. Jesus’ kingdom has been built, and He now rules as King of kings. When He comes again, it will be to bring home those who are faithful citizens in His kingdom.
Song 161, verse 5a; Revelation 17:14;
Song 161, verse 5b; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17