

He Leadeth Me

I. Introduction

A. Consider some principles taught in Scripture that are alluded to in the hymn *He Leadeth Me*. **Hymns for Worship, Song 407**

II. “O Blessed Tho’t!”

A. The opening words of the song express the beauty of being able to be led by our Almighty Creator. As spiritual sheep, we are in desperate need of guidance from a trustworthy Shepherd in order to avoid spiritual dangers (cf. **Prov. 14:12**). It’s a great blessing to have an understanding, caring, and powerful Shepherd to lead us. **Song 407, verse 1a; Psalm 23:1-3**

B. The hymn goes on to say, “O words with heav’nly comfort fraught!” Those who faithfully follow the Lord have comfort that the world cannot fathom. **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

C. The second half of the first verse brings to mind both the responsibility and the blessing of being God’s faithful child “what-e’er [we] do, where-e’er [we] be.” The Lord perfectly equips us with *everything* we need to know to behave as we should. **Song 407, verse 1b; John 10:2-4**

III. “Sometimes Mid Scenes...”

A. The second verse of the song alludes to the beauty of God’s provision and guidance He offers no matter our circumstances in life. On the one hand, this is true when we are “mid scenes of deepest gloom,” or “o’er troubled sea.” It’s a great comfort to know that God faithfully guides, protects, and aids His children through the toughest times in life. **Song 407, verse 2a; Psalm 23:4; Revelation 1:17-18**

B. It’s also key to bear in mind our need for God’s leadership when we are “where Eden’s bowers bloom” and “by waters still” (i.e., things are going well). **Song 407, verse 2b; Philippians 4:12-13**

IV. “And When My Task...”

A. The final verse emphasizes the victory those who follow the Lord’s lead are able to have by His grace. Like an earthly shepherd who faithfully delivers his sheep from death, Jesus provides His followers victory over sin and spiritual death. **Song 407, verse 3a;**

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

B. Because of this victory, those who allow Him to lead us need not fear even physical death. What follows our stay here on earth for those who receive the Lord’s guidance is comfort and rest. Those who choose to follow Him while on earth will ultimately be led by Him to comfort that is likened to the Promised Land the Israelites reached upon God leading them “thru Jordan.” **Song 407, verse 3b; Hebrews 2:14-15**

V. Conclusion

A. It takes humility to acknowledge our need for God’s leadership. It takes meekness to submit to His guidance. For the one who has this humility and meekness, there is great comfort in knowing that God faithfully provides all of the spiritual help we need. What a blessed thought each of us can have to know, “He Leadeth Me!”