

Looking to Thee

I. Introduction

- A. The song *Looking to Thee* expresses the duty and blessing of looking to Jesus as our guide and focus in life. Consider some principles taught in Scripture that are alluded to in this hymn.
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II. “...From Day to Day...”

- A. The opening words of the song express the need we have to look to Jesus *each day*. As we look to Him, we can trust His grace to be sufficient for us. **Song 530, v. 1a; Hebrews 12:2; 2 Corinthians 12:9**
- B. Our trust in Jesus is strengthened by the knowledge that He safely keeps all those who choose to abide in His fold.
Song 530, v. 1b; John 10:27-29
- C. We can also have confidence in Jesus because of His “soul redeeming love” that allows the righteous to look forward to “a crown of life above.” **Song 530, v. 1c; John 3:16-17**
- D. Given His love that allows for our redemption, we have reason to sing His praises, as the end of the first verse alludes to.
Song 530, v. 1d; Colossians 3:16

III. “...For All I Need ...”

- A. The second verse opens with a reference to the Lord’s provision of all we ultimately need, and the perfect friendship Jesus has shown us. **Song 530, v. 2a; John 15:13-14**
- B. Because of Jesus, we can meekly endure the burdens we face. He provides the motivation and the example we need to do so.
Song 530, v. 2b; Luke 9:23
- C. When we look to Jesus, we have no reason to fear the spiritual storms and foes we face. **Song 530, v. 2c; Matthew 14:30-31**
- D. The Lord’s help He provides allows us to cast our cares on Him, as the end of the verse alludes to. **Song 530, v. 2d; 1 Peter 5:7**

IV. “After a While...”

- A. The third verse looks forward to what will be received by those who look to Jesus and follow Him while on earth. The verse begins by noting the perfection of heaven for those who will spend eternity there.
Song 530, v. 3a; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:23
- B. The verse also looks forward to the opportunity those in heaven will have to be in the Lord’s direct presence.
Song 530, v. 3b; 1 Thessalonians 4:17
- C. Those in heaven will also be united with one another to be together throughout eternity. **Song 530, v. 3c; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Song 530, v. 3d; Revelation 4:9-11**

V. Conclusion

- A. During our stay on earth, we must always look to Jesus by following His example and instruction, and remembering His will day by day. May we do so, and thus be able to look forward to spending eternity in heaven with Him. **Hymns for Worship, Song 530**