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AND

PARAPHRASES

OF

SEVERAL PASSAGES

OF

SACRED

SCRIPTURE.

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ADVERTISEMENT.

IT has been often and earnestly desired, by pious and devoute persons, to have our Psalmody enlarged, by joining with the PSALMS of DAVID some other Scriptural Songs, out of the New Testament as well as the Old. The Church of Scotland had this design in view not long after the Revolution; and it has been at several times under their deliberation, as appears by several acts and recommendations of General Assemblies. By act of Assembly 1742, a committee was appointed to collect and prepare translations and paraphrases of sacred writin verse: this committee having made no report, the Assembly 1744 renewed their appointment on them for this purpose, and added some others to their number. In consequence of these appointments of the Allembly, letters were writ, in name of this committee, to the several presbyteries, desiring them to send any materials they could furnish for this pious design. These poems, which are now printed, and transmitted to presbyteries, by act of Affembly, are partly collected from the pious and ingenious Dr. Watts, and some other writers, with such alterations as appeared to fit them more for the present purpose; and partly furnished by ministers of this church. The use for which they were intented required simplicity and plainness of composition and style. The committee who prepared them chiefly aimed at having the

sense of Scripture expressed in easy verse, such as might be sixed to raise devotion, might be intelligible to all, and might rise above contained from persons of better take

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The General Assembly 1749 did, by their act, transmit these translations and paraphrases to the committee, with instructions to consider the amendments which have been offered by presbyteries, to admit such as they judge proper and material, and to cause print a new impression of the collection so amended, in order to its being again transmitted to presbyteries: accordingly the proposed amendments have been carefully considered and examined by the committee, and many of them admitsed into this new impression.

Translations and Paraphrases

FROM

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SCRIPTURE.

I. LUKE II. 8.—15.

If I humble shepherds watch'd their in Bethleh'ms fields by night, (flocks An angel sent from heaven appear'd, and fill'd the fields with light.

- 2 Fear not, said he, (sor sudder dread had seiz'd their troubled mind),
- Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you, and all mankind.
- 3 To you, in David's town, this day is born, of David's line,
- The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
- 4 The heav'nly babe you there shall find to human view display'd,
- All meanly wrapt in swadling-bands, and in a manger laid.
- 5 Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appear'd a shining throng
- Of angels praising God, and thus address'd their joyful song:

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All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; Good will is shown by heav'n to men, and never more shall cease.

II. The fong of Mary.

Luke I. 46.-56.

Y soul and spirit, fill'd with joy, my God and Saviour praise; Whose goodness did from poor estate his humble handmaid raise.

Me bles'd of God, the God of pow'r, all ages shall confess;

Whose name is holy, and whose love his saints shall ever bless.

3 Strength with his arm th' Almighty shew'd; the proud he did confound:

He cast the mighty from their seat; the meek and humble crown'd.

4 The hungry with good things are fill'd;
The rich with hunger pin'd:

He sent his servant Israel help; and call'd his love to mind:

5 Which to our fathers antient race his oath did once ensure;
To Abrah'm and his chosen seed, for ever to endure.

III. The fong of Simeon.

LUKE II. 29.-33.

from this vain world dismist:

I've seen thy great salvation, Lord;
and hasten to my rest.

2 Thy long expected grace, disclos'd before the people's view, Hath prov'd thy love was constant still, and promises were true.

3 This is the sun, whose cheering ray through Gentile darkness spreads:
Pours glory round thy chosen race, and blessings on their heads.

IV. Luke IV. 18. 19.

Ark, the glad found, the Saviour comes!

the Saviour promis'd long!

Let every heart a throne prepare,
and every voice a fong!

On him the Spirit largely shed, exerts its facred fire:

Wisdom and might, and zeal and love, his holy breast inspire.

He comes, the pris ners to relieve in Satan's bondage held:
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron setters yield.

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He comes, from the chest clouds of vice to clear the darken'd mind;

And from on high, a saving light to pour upon the blind.

5 He comes, the broken hearts to bind, the bleeding souls to cure;

And, with the treasures of his grace, t'enrich the humble poor.

6 His silver trumpers publish loud, the jub'lee of the Lord:

Our debts are all forgiv'n us now, our heritage restor'd.

7 Our glad hosannah's, Prince of Peace! thy welcome shall proclaim; And heav'n's exalted arches ring with thy beloved name!

V. I-SA-IAH XLII. 1.-13.

Ehold my servant! see him rise, exalted in my might!
Him have I chosen, and in him
I place supreme delight.

In rich effusion, on his soul, my Spirit's pow'rs shall flow: He'll to the Gentiles, and the isles, my truth and judgments show.

Reaceful and calm shall be the words which from his mouth proceed:
The smoking flax he shall not quench, nor break the bruised reed.

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4 The feeble spark to flames he'll raise; the weak he'll not despise;

Judgment he shall bring forth to truth, and make the fallen rife.

His heart shall not despond nor fail, nor ought shall him difmay;
Till judgment in the earth he set.

Till judgment in the earth he set, and islands own his sway.

6 He who spread forth the arch of heav'n; and hung its orbs on high:

Who form'd the earth, and bade his pow'r its tribes with breath supply;

7 Thus speaks the Lord: Thee have I rais a; my Prophet thee instal;

In right I've call'd thee, and in strength I'll succour whom I call.

8 I with the lands establish will a covenant in thee,

To light the Gentiles, and the blind; and set the pris ners free.

9 I am the Lord; and by the name of great Jehovah known;

Idols shall not my glory share, nor mount into my throne

10 Lo! former scenes predicted once, conspicuous rise to view;

And future events, thus foretold, shall be accomplish'd too.

Is Sing to the Lord a new-made song: let earth his praise resound:

Ye who upon the ocean dwell, and fill the isles around!

or peopled cities throng;
With humble Kedar's scatter'd tribes,
the joyful notes prolong!

Is Let all combin'd with one accord,
Jehovah's glories raise;
Till, in earth's utmost bounds remote,
the islands sound his praise!

VI. ISAIAH LIII.

OW few receive with lively faith, the truths which we impart? How few have felt the pow'r divine reveal'd within their heart?

The Saviour comes! — no outward pomp bespeaks the Saviour nigh:
No earthly beauty shines in him,
to draw the carnal eye.

3 As, in dry soil, a tender plant weak and neglected grows; So, in this cold and barren world, that sacred root arose.

A Rejected and despis'd of men; behold, a man of wo! Grief was his close companion still, through all his life below.

5 Yet these were ours, these griefs he selt; ours were the woes he bore:

- Pangs not his own his spotless soul, with bitter anguish, tore.
- 6 We held him as accurs'd by heav'n, an outcast from his God;
- Whilst for our sins he groan'd, he bled, beneath his Father's rod.
- 7 That sacred blood hath wash'd our souls from sin's polluted stain;

His stripes have heal'd us, and his death reviv'd our souls again.

8 The blind apostate race of men like sheep had gone astray:

And the transgressions of us all the Lord on him did lay.

9 Wrong'd and oppress'd, how meekly he in patient silence, stood;

Mute, as the peaceful harmless lamb, when brought to shed its blood!

10 Who can his generation tell? from prison see him led;

With impious shew of law condemn'd, and number'd with the dead.

11 Laid low in dust with sinners he; the rich a grave supply'd:

Pure was his life, unstain'd by sin; and as he liv'd, he dy'd.

12 Yet God again his head shall raise, though thus he brought him low: This sacred off'ring, once complete, shall finish all his wo.

shall prosper in his hand:
His shall a num rous issue be,
and still his honour stand.

14 His soul, rejoicing, shall behold the purchase of his pain:
And thousand guilty souls redeem'd

shall bles Messiah's reign.

15 He with the great shall share the spoil, and bafflle all his foes:

Though rank'd with sinners here he fell, a conqueror he rose.

that sin might be forgivin,

He lives to bless them, and defend

and plead their cause in heavin.

VII. PHILLIP. II. 6.—12.

OU who the name of Jesus bear, his holy footsteps trace:
On his bright pattern form your mind, and be what Jesus was.

Who though the form of God he bore, his nature though the same, Nor deem'd it robb'ry in himself to equal God supreme;

3 That greatness he for us abas'd; for us that glory veil'd:

In human likeness God did dwell, his majesty conceal'd.

- Mot only man the God appears, but stoops a servant low;
- Submits to death, nay to the cross, in all it's shame and wo.
- HenceGod with high rewards hath crown'd this gen'rous love to men;
- Supreme hath set him o'er his works, and highly rais'd his name;
- That at his name, with sacred awe, each humble knee should bow,
- Of hosts immortal in the skies, and nations spread below.
- 7 That pow'rs of hell before his feet might fall, and own his sway,
- And, to his Father's praise, each tongue, his boundless rule display.

VIII. Heb. IV. 14. 15. 16.

- Esus the son of God, who once for us his life resign'd,
- Hath enter'd heav'n our great high priest, and never-dying friend.
- 2 Thro' life, thro' death, let us to him with constancy adhere:
- Faith shall supply new strength, and hope shall banish every fear.
- 3 For not to human weakness harsh is our high priest above;
- With tenderness his heart o'erflows, his bowels melt with love.

4 Touch'd with a sympathy within, he knows our feeble frame; He knows what sore temptations are, for he has felt the same.

5 But spotless, innocent, and pure the great Redeemer stood; While Satan's siery darts he bore, and did resist to blood.

6 He, in the days of feeble flesh, pour'd out his cries and tears; And, though exalted, feels afresh what ev'ry member bears,

7 Then let us to the throne of grace, with holy boldness come;
There to pour forth our hearts, and there make all our forrows known;

8 That we may find propitious aids of mercy and of grace, To guard us in the evil hour, and help us in distress.

IX. Rev. V. 6.—14.

Behold the glories of the Lamb, amidst his Father's throne; Prepare new honours for his name, and songs before unknown.

2 Let elders worship at his feet;
the church adore around:
With vials full of odours sweet,
and harps of sweeter sound.

- 3. Those are the prayers of the saints; and these the hymns they raise:

 Jesus is kind to our complaints; he loves to hear our praise.
- 4 Eternal Father! who shall look into thy secret will?
 Who, but the Son, shall take that book, and open every seal?
- 5 Now to the Lamb, that once was flain, be endless blessings paid:
 Salvation, glory, joy, remain
- for ever on thy head!
 6 From every kindred, every tongue,
- And distant lands and isles have felt the riches of thy grace.
- 7 Thou hast redeem'd us with thy blood, has set the pris'ners free;
- Hast made us kings and priests to God; and we shall reign with thee.
 - 8 Hark! how th' adoring hosts above with songs surround the throne:

 Ten thousand thousand are their tongues.

Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their hearts are one.

- 9 Worthy the Lamb that dy'd, they cry, to be exalted thus!
- Worthy the Lamb! let us reply, for he was slain for us.
 - to Jesus is worthy to receive honour and power divine:

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And blessings more than we can give, of O Lord! be ever thine.

let all that dwell above the sky, let air, and earth, and seas, Conspire to lift thy glories high, and speak thine endless praise!

12 The whole creation join in one, to bless the sacred name Of him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb!

X. The LORD's PRAYER.

Matth. VI. 9.-15.

Ather of all! we bow to thee, who dwell'st in heav'n ador'd; But present still through all thy works, the universal Lord.

2 All hallow'd be thy sacred name, o'er all the nations known:

Advance the kingdom of thy grace; and let thy glory come.

3 A grateful homage may we yield, with hearts resign'd to thee:

And as in heav'n thy will is done, on earth so let it be

4 From day to day we humbly own the hand that feeds us still,

Give us our bread and may we rest

5 Our sins and trespasses we own;

O may they be forgiv'n!

That mercy we to others show, we pray the like from heav'n.

6 Our life let still thy grace direct;

from evil guard our way; And in temptation's fatal path permit us not to stray.

7 For thing the pow'r, the kingdom thine; all glory's due to thee?

Thine from evernity they were; and thine shall ever be!

XI. I COR XIII.

Hough all men's eloquence adorn'd my sweet persuading tongue; Though I could speak in higher strains than ever angel fung;

2. Though prophecy my soul inspir'd, and made all mysteries plain;

Yet were I void of Christian love, these gifts were all in vain.

3 Nay, tho' my faith, with boundless pow'r, ev'n mountains could remove;
Istill am nothing, if I'm void

of charity and love.

4 Though with my goods the poor I fed my body to the flame,

In quest of Martyrdom, I gave; ev'n this were all in vain

5 Love suffers long, love envies not; but love is ever kind:

She never boasteth of herself, nor proudly lists the mind.

Love no unseemly carriage shows;

But lays her own advantage by, her neighbour's to pursue.

7 Love harbours no suspicious thought; is patient to the bad:

Griev'd when she hears of fins and crimes; and in the truth is glad.

8. Love beareth much, much she believes: she hop's still for the best;

Love still with meekness doth endure, though much with hardship prest.

Love still shall hold an endless reign on earth, and heav'n above,

When tongues shall cease, and prophets fail; and every gift but love.

10 Here all our gifts impersect are; but better days draw nigh,

When full perfection's reign shall come, and all these shadows fly.

Like children here we speak and think, whom childish toys amuse:

Our souls, when they to manhood come, will slight their prefent views.

Here dark and dim, as through a veil, is God and truth beheld:

Then

Then shall we see as face to face, and God shall be unveil'd.

13 Faith, hope, and love, now dwell out and earth by them is blest; (earth,

But faith and hope must yield to love, of every grace the best.

14 Hope shall to full fruition rise, and saith be sight, above:

These are the means, but this the end; for saints for ever love.

XII. HEB. XII. 1.—13.

Ehold, what witnesses unseen encompass us around; Men, once like us, with suffring try'd, but now with glory crown'd.

2 Like them, inspir'd with patient heart, juy

Be each incumb'rance laid aside, and ev'ry fav'rite sin.

3 A pattern; nobler far than theirs, demands our first regard;

Jesus, who leads us in our faith, and crowns it with reward.

4 To him your glorious chief look up, whom future joy could move.

To bear the cross, despise the shame; and now he reigns above.

5 If he the scorn of sinners vile. with patience could sustain.

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Becomes it us, with hearts oppress, to murmur or complain?

6 Have you, like him; to blood, to death, with all temptations strove?

And is the word divine forgot, which speaks a father's love?

My son, saith he, with patient mind endure the chast ning rod;

Believe, when by affliction try'd, that thou art lov'd of God.

8 His children thus, most dear to him, their heavenly Father trains,

Through all the hard experience led of forrows and of pains.

g Tis thus we know he owns us his, when we correction share:

Nor wander as a bastard race, without our father's care.

and A father's voice; with reverence, we on earth have often heard:

The Father of our spirits, then, how much should we regard?

Our fathers here, with erring hand, may sometimes deal the rod:

But heav'h's wise chastisements are sent, to raise our souls to God.

In Tho harsh and grievous now they feem, and spread a field of wo:

Yet, planted there, the peaceful fruits, of righteoniness shall grow.

13. Then

our hands be weak no more despond our hands be weak no more:
Still trust your heavenly Father's love;
and still his ways adore.

XIII. Job I. 21.

Aked as from the earth we came, and enter'd life at first,
We to the earth return again,
and mingle with our dust.

2 The dear delights we here enjoy; and fondly call our own,
Are but short favours lent us now; to be repaid anon.

3 Tis God that lifts our comforts high, or finks them in the grave;

He gives, and takes, (bless'd be his name!).

he takes but what he gave.

4 Peace, all our angry passions, then; let each rebellious sigh
Be silent, at his sov'reign will,

and every murmur die.

If smiling mercy crown our lives, its praises shall be spread:

And we'll adore the justice too that strikes our comforts dead.

XIV. John XIV. 1.-5.

- ET not your hearts with anxious be troubled or dismay'd; (thoughts). But trust to providence divine, and trust my gracious aid.
- 2 I to my Father's house return:
 there num'rous mansions stand;
 And glory manifold abounds
 through all the happy land.
- 3 If no such happy land there were, the truth 1'd have declar'd; And not with vain delusive hopes your easy minds enshar'd.
- 4 Now, in your name, I go before, to take possession there:
 And, in the land of promis'd rest, your mansion to prepare.
- But thence I shall return again, and take you home with me:
 Then shall we meet, to part no more, and still together be!
 - 6 Thus, whither I am bound you know; and I have shewn the road:
 For I'm the true and living way, that leads the foul to God.

XV. JOHN XV. 25.-29.

MOU now must hear my voice no more; my Father calls me home:
But soon from heav'n, the Holy Ghost, your Comforter shall come.

will send, your guide to be;
Reviving ev'ry sacred truth
that ye have heard from me.

3 Peace to your souls I, parting, give; my peace to you bequeath:

I brought the precious gift from heav'n, and seal it with my death.

4 I give not like this word, whose hopes with vain pretence impose:

Seek ye my peace, and trust my words, and ye shall find repose.

5 I know you're griev'd, because I said, that you and I must part;

But when you hear I'm to return, how should it cheer your heart?

of If, with a pure and grateful love, to me your bosoms glow, You'll share my joy, since I have said, I to my Father go.

XVI. ISAIAH XL. 27.-31.

THY pour'st thou forth thine anxious despairing of relief? (plaint, As if the Lord o'erlook'd thy cause,

and did not heed thy grief;

2 Hast thou forgot th' almighty name that form'd the earth and sea?

And can an all-creating arm grow weary or decay?

3. Supreme in wisdom, as in pow'r, that rock of ages stands:

Tho' him thou canst not see, nor trace the working of his hands.

He gives the conquest to the weak, supports the fainting heart;

And courage in an evil hour his strength'ning aids impart.

5. Mere mortal pow'r shall fade and die and yourhful vigour cease:

But they that wait upon the Lord, shall feel their strength increase.

They, with unweary'd feet, shall tread the path of life divine?

They still, with growing ardour, move; with growing brightness shine.

7 On eagles wings they mount, they soar; their wings are faith and love:

Till past the cloudy regions here, they rise to heav'n above.

XVII.

XVII. ISAIAH XLIX. 13.-17.

- E heavins, send forth your praising song! earth, raise thy voice below! Let hills and mountains join the hymn; and joy through nature flow!
- 2 Behold; how gracious is our God! with what comforting strains He chears the forrows of our heart, and bannishes our pains!
 - 3 Cease ye; when days of darkness fall, with troubled hearts to mourn; As if the Lord could leave a saint forsaken or forlorn.
 - 4 Can a fond mother e'er forget the infant of her womb? And mongst a thousand tender thoughts,

her fuckling have no room?

- 5 Yet, saith the Lord, should nature change, and mothers monsters prove; Sion still dwells upon the heart of everlasting love.
- б Deep on the palms of both my hands I have engrav'd her name:

My hands shall raise her ruine'd walls, and build her broken frame.

XVIII. Job IX. 2.—10.

DOW should the sons of Adam's race be pure before their God!

If he contend in righteousness,

we fall beneath his rod.

2 If he should scan my words and thoughts, with strict enquiring eyes;

Could I, for one of thousand saults, the least excuse devise?

3 Strong is his arm, his heart is wife; what vain presumers dare

Against their Maker's hand to rise, or 'tempt th' unequal war?

A He makes the mountains feel his wrath, and their old feats for sake;

The trembling earth desert her place, and all her pillars shake.

5. He bids the sun forbear to rise, th' obedient sun forbears;

His hand with sackcloth spreads the skies. and seals up all the stars.

6 He walks upon the raging sea, flies on the stormy wind:

There's none can trace his wondrous way, or his dark footsteps find.

MIX. Titus III: 3. 9: ...

how great our guilt has been?

Foolish and vain were all our thoughts,
and all our lives were fin.

2 But, O'my soul! sor ever praise, for ever love his name;

Who turns thy feet from dang'rous ways of folly, fin, and shame.

3 'Tis not by works of righteousness, which we ourselves have done:

But we are sav'd by sov'reign grace, abounding through his Son.

4 Tis from the mercy of our God, that all our hopes begin:

His Mercy sav'd our souls from death; and wash'd our souls from sin.

5 His Spirit, through the Saviour shed, its facred fire imparts;

Refines our dross; and love divine does kindle in our hearts.

6 Thence, rais'd from death, we live anew; and justify'd by grace,

We shall appear in glory too; and see our Father's sace.

7 Let all who hold this faith and hope, in holy deeds abound;

Thus only faith is genuine provid; by active virtue crown'd.

XX. JOHN III. 14.—19.

A S, when the Hebrew prophet rais'd the brazen serpent high,
The wounded look'd, and straight were the people ceas'd to die: (cur'd;

2 Look upward in the dying hour, and live, the prophet cries:

So Christ performs a nobler cure, when faith lists up her eyes.

3 High on the cross the Saviour hung; high in the heav'ns he reigns: Here sinners, by th'old serpent stung,

look and forget their pains.

4 Such was the pity of our God: mankind he lov'd so well, He sent his Son to bear our sins,

and fave our souls from hell.

Not to condemn the fons of mentioned the Son of God appear'd;

But that salvation's joyful sound might from his lips be heard.

6 Let sinners hearken to his voice, believe on him and live;

He'll guide them in the paths of bliss, and peace and pardon give.

7 But vengeance just for ever lies on all the rebel race,

Who God's eterna Son despise, and scorn his offer'd grace.

XXI. Rom. III. 19.—22

Ain are the hopes the sons of men on their own works have built; Their hearts by nature all unclean, and all their actions, guilt.

2 Let Jew and Gentile stop their mouths, without a murm'ring word,

And the whole race of Adam stand guilty before the Lord.

3 No hope can on the law be built of justifying grace:

The law, that shows the sinner's guilt, candemns him to his face.

4 Jesus, how glorious is thy grace! when in thy name we trust,
Our faith receives a righteousness

Our faith receives a righteouther that makes the sinner just.

XXII. Rom VI. 1. 2. 6.

ND shall we then go on to sin because thy grace abounds? Or crucify the Lord again, and open all his wounds?

2 Great God! forbid the impious thought; nor let it e'er be said,

That we, whose sins are crucify'd, should raise them from the dead.

3 Nay, now we will be flaves no more, fince Christ hath made us free;

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Has nail'd, our tyrants to his cross, and bought our liberty.

XXIII. Rom. II. 4. 5.

of God's long-suff ring grace?
And whence this madness, that insults th' Almighty to his face?

2 Is it because his patience waits, and pitying bowels move, You multiply transgressions more, and spurn his richest love?

3 Dost thou not know, self blinded man! his goodness is design'd,
To move repentance in thy soul;
and melt thy harden'd mind?

Je Is all the treasur'd wrath so small, you treasure up still more? Though not eternal rolling years can e'er exhaust the store.

Swift doth the day of vengeance come, that must your sentence seal,
And righteous judgments, now unknown, in awful pomp reveal.

6 Alarm'd and melted at the thought, our conquer'd hearts should bow; And, to escape th' avenger then, embrace the Saviour now.

XXIV. JOB VIII. 11.-22.

AY, grows the rush without the mire? the flag without the stream!

Green and uncut, it quickly fades, the wicked's fate's the same.

2 Slight is his hope; cut off, and broke; or if entire it rise,

Yet, as the spider's web, when try'd, it yieldeth, breaks, and slies.

3 Fix'd on his house he leans, his house and all its props decay;

He holds it fast, but saster still the tott'ring frame gives way.

4 Though in his garden to the sun his boughs with verdure smile;
Tho', deeply fix'd, his spreading roots unshaken stand a while;

Yet, when from heav'n his sentence flies, he's hurry'd from his place;

It then denies him for its lord, nor owns it knew his face.

6 Lo, this the joy of wicked men, who heav'ns just laws despise;
They quickly fall, and in their room.

as quickly others rise.

7-But God his pow'r will for the jast, with tender care, employ:

He'll fill their mouths with forgs of praise, and fill their hearts with joy.

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XXV. LUKE XV. 13.—15.

Ehold the wretech, whose lust and wine had wasted his estate;
He begs a share among the swine,
to taste the husks they eat.

2 Whilst I with hunger die, he cries, and starve in foreign land,

The meanest in my father's house is fed with bounteous hand.

3 I'll go, and, with a mournful tongue, fall down before his face:

Father, I've sinn'd 'gainst heav'n and thee nor can deserve thy grace.

He said, and hasten'd to his home, to seek his father's love;

The father saw him from afar, and all his bowel's move.

He ran, and fell upon his neck, embrac'd and kiss'd his son:

The grieving prodigal bewail'd the follies he had done.

6 Bring forth te fairest robe sor him, the joysul father said;

To him each mark of grace be shown, and every honour paid.

7 A day of feasting I ordain; let mirth and joy abound:

My son was dead, and lives again; was lost, and now is sound.

XXVI.

XXVI. MATTH. XI. 25. so the end.

Ith solemn thanksgiving, our Lord his Father thus address'd:
For ever may the Sov'reign Lord

of heav'n and earth be blest;

2 Who from the wife and prudent hast thy heav'nly truths conceal'd,
Which yet to weak and simple babes

Which yet to weak and simple babes thou plainly hast reveal'd.

3 Ev'n so thou, Father! hast ordain'd thy wise decree to stand;

Nor men, nor angels may presume the reason to demand.

4 All pow'r my Father me hath giv'n for me he knows and loves:

Him none can know, but they to whom the Son a Saviour proves.

5 Come then, all weary lab'ring souls, with guilt and sears opprest;

By faith your burdens on me cast, and I will give you rest.

б Your willing necks bend to my yoke, and own my rightful sway:

My pattern learn to imitate, and all my laws obey.

7 Learn from your meek and humble Lords, a meek and humble mind:

And thus your weary troubled hearts shall rest and quiet find.

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My yoke the sinner frees:
And the light burden I impose,
a heavier load doth ease.

XXVII. ISAIAH LV.

Of ever flowing blis;

Free to the poor life's waters flow, and bought without a price.

2 Why bargain ye for earthly goods, where fruitless is the cost? In vanity ye waste your days, and all your labour's lost?

3 To me incline your willing ear, fo shall your souls be blest; And fed with truth and real good,

attain their native rest.

Hear ye, and live for evermore;
my mercy shall renew
The hope that gladden'd David's heart,
in covenant with you.

5 Him for my witness have I rais'd, your leader and your chief:
The nations he shall call, and they be bless'd in his belief.

6. Behold, great Prophet! lands unknown, and lands that knew not thee, Shall hasten to thy call, and God in thee exalted be.

- 7 Seek.

7 Seek ye the Lord, whilst yet his ear is open to your call,

Whilst offer'd mercy yet is near, before his footstool fall.

8 Now let the sons of vice repent; from sin the sinner cease:

To God returning, they shall meet their God's returning grace.

9 He pardons with o'erflowing love; for hear the voice divine:

My nature, as 'tis not like yours, fo nor my ways as thine.

10 But sar as heav'ns resplendent orbs beyond earth's spot extend;

So far my nature, thoughts, and ways, your ways and thoughts transcend.

Tr For as the rains from heav'n distil, nor thicher tend again:

But swell the earth with fruitful juice, and all its tribes sustain:

12 So not a word that flows from me shall ineffectual fall;

But universal nature prove obsequious to my call.

13 With joy and peace then shall be led the glad converted lands:

The mountains then shall seem to sing, the trees to clap their hands.

14. For briers then and thorny wilds, shall firs and mirtles spring:

Thus

My yoke the sinner frees:

And the light burden I impose,
a heavier load doth ease.

XXVII. ISAIAH LV.

I O! ye that thirst, approach the spring of ever flowing blis;
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Thus shall it ever last; and all to God shall praises sing.

XXVIII. ISAIAH II. 2.—6.

N latter days, the mount of God, his sacred house, shall rise Above the mountains and the hills, and strike the wond'ring eyes.

2 To this the joyful nations round, all tribes and tongues shall flow; Up to the house of God, they'll say, to Jacob's God we'll go.

3 To us he'll point the ways of truth; the sacred path we'll tread: From Salem and from Zion hill, his law shall then proceed.

4 Among the nations and the isles, as judge supreme he'll sit: And, vested with unbounded pow'r, will punish or acquit.

5 No strife shall rage, nor angry feuds disturb these peaceful years;

To ploughshares then they'll beat their to pruning-hooks their spears. (swords,

6 Then nation shan 't 'gainst nation rise, and slaughter'd hosts deplore: They'll lay the useless trumpet by,

and study war no more.

7 O come ye, then, of Jacob's house, our hearts now let us join; And,

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And, walking in the light of God, with holy beauties shine.

XXIX. ISAIAH XXVI. 1.-6.

- Where we, adoring, stand; Zion, the glory of the earth, and beauty of the land!
- 2 Balwarks of mighty grace defend the city where we dwell; The walls of strong salvation made, defy th' assaults of hell.
- 3 Lift up the everlasting gates! the doors wide open sling! Enter, ye nations, that obey the statutes of our King.
- 4 Here shall you taste unmingled joys, and live in perfect peace;
 You that have known Jehovah's name, and trusted in his grace.
- 5 Trust in the Lord, for ever trust, and banish all your fears:
 Strength in the Lord Jehovah dwells, eternal as his years.
- 6 What tho' the rebels dwell on high, his arm shall bring them low:
 Low as the caverns of the grave, their lofty heads shall bow.
- On Babylon our feet shall tread, in that rejoicing hour;

The

The ruins of her walls shall spread a pavement for the poor.

XXX. I JOHN III. 1.-4.

Ehold th' amazing height of love the Father hath bestow'd On us, the sinful sons of men, to call us sons of God!

2 Conceal'd as yet this honour lies, by this dark world unknown;

So the world knew not, when he came, God's everlasting Son.

3 High is the character we bear; but higher we shall rife:

Tho' what we'll be in future worlds, is hid from mortal eyes.

A But this we know, when he whom now heav'n veils from mortal eyes.

Shall in his Father's glory comes and call the dead to rife;

At that bless'd day we shall transform'd into his likeness be;

Because our reptur'd souls shall then unveil'd their Saviour see.

6 A hope so great, and so divine in a may trials well endure;

Refine the soul from sense and sin, as Christ himself is pure.

XXXI. II AB. III. 17. 18.

The labours of the olive fail, and fields no meat supply?

2 Tho' from the fold, with ad surprise, my flocks cut off I see;
Tho' famine pines in enters Galle

Tho' famine pines in empty stalls, where cattle us'd to be:

3 Yet in the Lord will I be glad, and glory in his love: In him I'll joy who will the Gods of my salvation prove.

4 God is the treasure of my soul; a source of sacred joy; Which no afflictions can control, nor death itself destroy.

XXXII. 2 TIM. I. 12.

M not asham'd to own my Lord, or to defend his cause;
Maintain the glory of his cross, and honour of his laws.

2 Jesus, my God! I know his name, in his name is all my trust:

Nor will he put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

3 Firm, as his throne, his promise stands; and he can well secure

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What I've committed to his hands, till the decisive hour.

A Then will he own my worthless name before his Father's sace;

And in the new Ierusalem

And in the new Jerusalem appoint my foul a place:

XXXIII. 2 Tim. IV. 6. 7. 8. & 18.

Y race is run: my warfare's o'er; the folemn hour is nigh,
When, offer'd up to God, my soul
shall wing its flight on high.

2 With heav'nly weapons I have fought the battles of the Lord;

Finish'd my course, and kept the faith, and wait the sure reward.

3 God has laid up in heaven for me a crown which cannot fade:

The righteous Judge, at the great day, shall place it on my head.

4 Nor hath the King of grace decreed this prize for me alone;

But all that love, and long to see, th' appearance of his Son.

5 Jesus, the Lord, shall guard my steps. from ev'ry ill design;

And to his heav'nly kingdom safe preserve this soul of mine.

6 God is my everlasting aid; and hell shall rage in vain.

To him be highest glory paid, and endless praise. Amen.

XXXIV. HEB. XIII. 20. 21.

Ather of peace, and God of love! we own thy power to live;
By which our mighty Shepherd rose victorious o'er the grave.

- 2 Him from the dead thou brought'st again, when, by his sacred blood, Consirm'd and seal'd for evermore th' eternal cov'nant stood.
- and mould them to thy will;
 That our weak hearts no more may stray,
 but keep thy precepts still.
- Work in us all thy holy will to man by Jesus known;
 Till we, through him improving still, at last approach thy throne.

XXXV. Rom. VIII. 31. to the end.

OW let our souls ascend above the fears of guilt and wo. God is for us our friend declar'd; who then can be our foe?

He who his Son, most dear and lov'd, for us gave up to die, Will he with-hold a lesser gift,

Will he with-hold a letter gift or ought that's good deny?

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- Behold, all blessings seal'd in this; the highest pledge of love;
- All grace and peace on earth below, and endless live above!
- 4 Who now shall dare to charge with guilt whom God hath justify'd?
- Or who is he that shall condemn; fince Christ the Saviour dy'd?
- 5. He dy'd; but he is ris'n again, triumphant from the grave;
- And pleads for us at God's right hand;, omnipotent to save.
- 6 Then who can e'er divide us more: from Christ and love divine?
- Or what dissolve the sacred band that joins our souls to him?
- 7 Let troubles rise, and dangers roar, and days of darkness fall;
- Through him all terrors we'll defy, and more than conquer all.
- Nor death, nor life, nor heaven, nor hell, nor time's destroying sway,
- Can e'er efface us from his heart; or make his love decay.
- 9 Each future period this will bless, as it has bless'd the past:
- He lov'd us from the first of time, and loves us to the last.

XXXVI. PROV. VIII. 1. 22.—363.

- Hall heav'nly Wisdom cry aloud, and not her speech be heard? The voice of God's eternal Word, deserves it no regard?
- 2. I was th' Almighty's chief delight, his everlasting Son:

Before the first of all his works, creation, was begun.

3 Before the skies and flying clouds, before the folid land;

Before the fields, before the flood,...
I dwelt at his right hand.

4. When he adorn'd the arch of heav'n, and built it, I was there:

To order when the sun should rise, and marshal ev'ry star.

5 When ocean's bed he measur'd out, and spread the flowing deep;

L'gave the flood a sirm decree, in its own bounds to keep.

6 When, hung amidst the empty space, the earth was balanc'd well,

With joy I saw the mansion, where the sons of men should dwell.

7-My thoughts, from everlasting days, on their salvation ran;

Ere sin was known, or Adam's dust was fashion'd into man.

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8 Now.

- 8 Now, therefore, hearken to my words, ye children, and be wife;
- Happy the man that keeps my ways; the man that shuns them dies.
- Tis Ithat point the path of life, and give the best reward:
- Life shall be his that follows me, and favour from the Lord.
- Fo Surely they to themselves are foes, who 'gainst my word rebel:

And they who my instructions hate, do court the road to hell.

XXXVII. GENESIS I.

OW, let the spacious world arise, said the Creator Lord:

At once the obedient earth and skies rose at his sovereign word.

- 2 Dark was the deep, the waters lay confus'd, and drown'd the land:
- He call'd, the light; the new-born day attends on his command.
- 3 He bids the clouds ascend on high; the clouds ascend, and bear
- A wat'ry treasure to the sky, and float on softer air.
- The liquid element below was gather'd by is hand;

The rolling seas together flow, and leave the solid land.

5 With herbs and plants (a flow'ry birth); the naked globe he crown'd,

Ere there was rain to bless the earth, or sun to warm the ground.

6 Then he adorn'd the upper skies, behold, the sun appears:

The moon and stars in order rise, to mark out months and years.

7 Out of the deep th' almighty King did vital beings frame;

And painted fowls of ev'ry wing, and fish of ev'ry name.

8 He gave the lion and the worm at once their wond'rous birth:

And grazing beasts, of various form, rose from the teeming earth.

9 Then, chief o'er all his works below, at last was Adam made:

His Maker's image bless'd his soul, and glory crown'd his head.

10 Thus glorious in the Maker's eye the young creation stood:

He saw the building from on high; his word pronounc'd it good.

XXXVIII. Rev. XXI. 1.-9.

O, what a glorious fight appears to our believing eyes!
The earth and seas are pass'd away, and the old rolling skies.

2 From heav'n the new Jerus'lem comes, all worthy of its Lord:

See, all things now at last renew'd, and paradife restor'd,

3 Attending angels shout for joy, and the bright armies sing:

Mortals! behold the sacred seat of your descending King.

A The God of glory down to men removes his bless'd abode:

He dwells with men; his people they, and he his people's God.

His gracious hands shall wipe the tears from ev'ry weeping eye:

And pains, and groans, and griefs, and and death itself, shall die. (fears,

6 Behold, I change all human things! thus speaks th' eternal One;

The world shall vanish from its place, and time shall cease to run.

7 I am the first, and I the last, through endless years the same;

I AM, is my memorial still, and my eternal name.

8 Such favours as a God can give, my royal grace bestows:

Ho! ye that thirst, come taste the stream where life and pleasure flows.

The

The saint that triumphs o'er his sins, I'll own him for a son;

The whole creation shall reward, the conquests he has won.

no But bloody hands, and hearts unclean, and all the lying race:

The faithless and the scoffing crew, that spurn at offer'd grace;

II They shall be taken from my sight, bound sast in iron chains;

And headlong plung'd into the lake where fire and darkness reigns.

when earth and seas are fled!

And hear the Judge pronounce my name, with blessings on my head!

13 How long, dear Saviour, O how long' shall this bright hour delay?

Fly swifter round, ye wheels of time, and bring the promis'd day.

XXXIX. JOB III. 17.—20.

TOW still and peaceful is the grave! I hat silent bed how blest! The wicked there from troubling cease, and there the weary rest.

2 There the freed pris ner groans no more beneath life's galling load;

Mute is th' oppressor's cruel voice, and broke the tyrant's rod.

3 There slaves and masters equal lie, and share the same repose,

The

The small and great are there: and friends now mingle with their foes.

XL. I PET. I. 3.-5.

Desired be the everlasting God, the Father of our Lord:
Be his abounding mercy prais'd, his Majesty ador'd.

When from the dead he rais'd his Son, and call'd him to the sky,

He gave our souls a lively hope that they should never die.

3 What though our inbred sins require our flash to see the dust;

Yet as the Lord our Saviour rose, so all his foll wers must.

There's an inheritance divine reserv'd against the day;
Tis uncorrupted, undefit'd, and cannot waste away.

5 Saints, by the pow'r of God, are kept till the salvation come:

We walk by faith, as strangers here, till Christ shall call us home.

XLI. 1 Con. XV. 52. to the end.

The op'ning graves shall yield their charge, and dust to life awake.

2 These bodies, then, so corrupt now, shall incorrupted rise:

Mortals they fell, but rise to life immortal in the skies.

3. Behold, what heav'nly prophets fung, is now at last fulfill'd;

That Death should yield its antient reign, and quit the vanquish'd field.

4 Let Faith exalt her joyful voice, and thus begin to fing:

O Grave! where be thy triumphs now? and where, O Death! thy sting;

5 Thy sting was sin, and conscious guilt; 'twas this that arm'd' thy dart:

The law gave that its strength and force to pierce the sinner's heart.

б But God, whose name be ever bles'd; disarms that foe we dread;

And makes us conqu'rors when we die, through Christ our living head.

7 Then fix'd and constant be your hearts, and in his grace abound:

Thro' him, your labour's not in vain, with such an issue crown'd.

XLII. 2 Cor. V. 1.—11.

Con shall this earthly frame, dissolv'd. in death and ruins lie: But better mansions wait our soul prepar'd above the sky.

2 An house eternal, built by God, shall clothe a purer mind,

When once these prison-walls shall sall, in which 'tis now consin'd.

3 Hence, burden'd with this load of clay, our weary'd spirits groan:

Till death's kind hand shall set them free, and God shall bring them home.

4 Not that we wish the foul, uncloth'd, might from this body fly;

But animate a purer frame, with life that cannot die.

5 Such are the hopes that wait the just; these hopes their God hath giv'n:

His Spirit is the earnest now, and seals their souls for heav'n.

6 We walk by faith of joys to come; faith lives upon his word:

But, while this body is our home, we mourn an absent Lord.

7 What saith rejoices to believe, we long and pant to see:

We would be absent from the flesh: and present, Lord, with thee.

8 But still, or here, or going hence, to this our labours tend,

That, in his service spent, our life may in his favour end.

9 For, lo! before the Son, as Judge, th' assembled world shall stand,

To

To take the punishment, or prize, from his impartial hand.

10 Impartial retributions then our different-lives await:

Our present actions, good or bad, shall fix our suture sate.

XLIII. Rev. VII. 13.—17.

How came they to the happy seats of everlasting day?

Lo! these are they, to endless joy, from suff'rings great, who came; And wash'd their raiment white in blood,

the blood of Christ the Lamb.

g Now they approach a holy God, and how before his throne;

With hearts enlarg'd to serve him still, and make his glory known.

4-His presence fills each heart with joy; tunes ev'ry mouth to sing;

By day, by night, the bles'd abodes with glad Hosannas ring

5. Hunger and thirst are felt no more, nor suns with scorching ray:

God is their sun, whose chearing beams diffuse eternal day.

6 The Lamb shall lead his heav'nly flock where living fountains rife:

And love divine shall wipe away the forrows off their eyes.

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XLIV. GEN. XXVIII. 20.-22.

God of Bethel, by whose hand thine Isr'el-still is fed!
Who, through this weary pilgrimage, bast all our fathers led.

To thee our humble vows we raise; to thee address our pray'r; And in thy kind and faithful breast deposit all our care.

3 If thou, through each perplexing path, wilt be our conflant guide;
If thou wilt daily bread supply, and raiment wilt provide;

If thou wilt spread thy wings around, till these our wand'rings cease;
And, at our Father's lov'd abode, our souls arrive in peace:

5 To thee, as to our covinant God, we'll our whole selves resign; And count that not our tenth alone, but all we have is thine.

XLV. Rev. I. 5.—9.

and wash'd us in his blood;
To royal honours rais'd our head,
and made us priests to God:

2 To him let every tongue be praise, and ev'ry heart be love!

- All grateful honours paid on earth, and nobler songs above!
- 3 Behold, on flying clouds he comes! his saints shall bless the day;
- Whilst they that pierc'd him sadly mourn, in anguish and difmay.
- 4 I am the first, and I the last; time centers all in me, Th' almighty God, who was, and is, and evermore shall be!
- XLVI. A Song of praise to the ever blessed Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Spirit.
- To whose celestial source we owe Rivers of endless joy above, And rills of comfort here below.
- Glory to thee, great Son of God, From whose dear wounded body rolls A precious stream of vital blood, Pardon and life for dying souls.
- 3 We give thee facred Spirit praise, Who in our hearts while here below, Makes living springs of grace arise, And into boundless glory flow.
- A Thus God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit we adore, That sea of life and love unknown, Without a bottom or a shore.

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XLVII.

XLVII. Christ Jesus the Lamb of God with shipped by all the creation, Rev. V. 11.—13

With angels found the throne:
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,

But all their joys are one.

2- Worthy the Lamb that dy'd; they cry; To be exalted thus:

Worthy the Lamb, our lips reply, For he was flain for us.

3 Jesus is worthy to receive.
Honour and pow'r divine;

And blessings more than we can give Be, Lord, for ever thine.

And air, and earth, and seas,
Conspire to list thy glories high,
And speak thine endless praise.

The whole creation join in one, To bless the Sacred name

Of him that sits upon the throne, And to adore the Lamb.

XLVIII. A prospect of heaven makes death easy.

HERE is a land of pure delight Where saints immortal reign; Infinite day excludes the night, And pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides.

And never with ring flow'rs:

Death, like a narrow sea, divides. This heavily land from ours.

[3 Sweet sields beyond the swelling slood: Stand dress'd in living green:

So to the Jews old Cannaan stood, While Jordon roll'd between.

4 But tim'rous mortals start and shrink, To cross this narrow sea,

And linger, shiv ring on the brink, And fear to launch away.]

5 Oh! could we make our doubts remove, Those gloomy doubts that rise,

And see the Cannaan that we love, With unbeclouded eyes!

G Could we but climb where Moses stood, And view the landskipe o'er,

Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood, Should fright us from the shore.

XLIX. A Song of praise to the blessed. Trinity, as the CXLVIII. Psalm.

To God the Father's love,
For all my comforts here,
And better hopes above:
He sent his own Eternal Son,
To die sor sins that man had done.

Immortal glory too;
Who bought us with his blood
From everlasting woe:
And now he lives, and now he reigns,
And sees the fruit of all his pains.

Immortal worship give
Whose new creating power
Makes the dead sinner live:
His work compleats the great design,
And sills the soul with joy divine.

A Almighty God, to thee
Be endless honour done
The undivided Three,
And the mysterious One:
Where reason fails with all her pow'rs
Their faith prevails, and love adores.

L. PSALM CXLIX.

Praise ye the Lord, prepare your glad voice, his praise in the great assembly to sing: In our great Creator let Isr'el rejoice: and children of Sion be glad in their King.

Let them his great name extol in the dance:
with timbrel and harp his praises express:
Who always takes pleasure his Saints to advance,
and with his salvation the humble to bless.

With glory adorn'd his people shall fing to God, who their beds with safety doth shield:
Their mouths fill'd with praises of him their great King:
whilst a two edged sword their right hand shall.

Just vengeance to take for injuries past:
to punish those lands for ruin design'd:
With chains, as their captives to tie their kings fast.
with fatters of iron their nobles to bind.

Thus shall they make good, when them they destroy,
the dreadful decree which God doth proclaim:
Such honour and triumph his Saints shall enjoy.
O therefore for ever exalt his great name.

6 By Angels in Heav'n of ev'ry degree, And Saints upon Earth, all praise be addrest. To God in three persons one God ever blest; As it hath been, now is, and always shall be.

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