

# *Hymn Review*

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Purpose of Worship*

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- Following His Desires (Lev. 10:1-3)
- Not Calling Attention to Us (I Pe. 4:11; Rm. 12:3-8)

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*“My precious Savior suffered  
pain and agony,  
He broke the bonds of sin  
And set the captive free.*

*They placed a crown of thorns  
Upon My Savior’s head,  
By cruel man with spear  
His side was pierced and bled.”*

*“Up Calvary’s hill in shame  
The blessed Savior trod,  
Between two thieves they  
Crucified the Son of God.*

*He bore it all that I might  
See His shining face,  
He Bore it all  
that I might live.”*

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# Top Tier Hymns

Psalm 19

Hear O Israel

*“The law of the Lord is perfect,  
Converting the soul;  
The testimony of the Lord is sure  
Making wise the simple.*

*The statutes of the Lord are  
right  
Rejoicing the heart;  
The commandment of the Lord is pure  
Enlightening the eyes.”*

*“The fear of the Lord is clean  
Enduring forever;  
The judgments of the Lord are  
true  
And righteous altogether.*

*More to be desired  
Are they than gold  
Yea, than much fine gold;  
Sweeter also  
Than honey and the  
honeycomb.”*

Worshipping with the

# Psalms

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A scenic landscape photograph of rolling green hills, a winding road, and a small building surrounded by tall cypress trees. The image is positioned below the title and above the author's name.



*“Hear, O Israel.*

*The Lord thy God is one God;*

*And thou shalt love the Lord,  
Thy God with all of thy heart.*

*And thou shalt love the Lord,  
Thy God with all of thy soul.*

*And thou shalt love the Lord,  
Thy God with all of thy strength.*

*And thou shalt love the Lord,  
Thy God with all of thy mind.”*

*“Hear, O Israel.*

*Thou shalt love thy neighbor  
As thyself.”*

*Repeat Chorus.*

## Good Hymns with Difficult Lyrics

Night with Ebon Pinion

O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Verse 1:*

*“Night, with ebon pinion,  
Brooded o’er the vale;  
All around was silent,  
Save the nightwind’s wail,*

*When Christ, the Man of Sorrows  
In tears and sweat as blood,  
Prostrate in the garden,  
Raised His voice to God”*

*Verse 3:*

*“Abba, Father, Father,  
If indeed it may,  
Let this cup of anguish  
Pass from Me, I pray;*

*Yet, if it must be suffered,  
By Me, Thine only Son,  
Abba, Father, Father,  
Let Thy will be done.”*

*Verse 2:*

*“Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I’ve come;  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home.*

*Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood”*

*Verse 3:*

*“O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I’m constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.*

*Never let me wander from Thee  
Never leave the God I love;  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.”*

# Mostly Good Hymns with Potentially Misleading Lyrics

The Solid Rock

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

*Verse 1:*

*“My hope is built  
on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood  
and righteousness  
I dare not trust  
the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean  
on Jesus’ name.”*

*Verse 4:*

*“When He shall come  
With trumpet sound,  
O may I then  
In Him be found,  
Dressed in His  
Righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand  
Before the throne.”*

*“How deep the Father’s love for us!  
How vast beyond all measure!  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure!  
How great the pain of searing loss!  
The Father turns His face away;  
As wounds which marred the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.”*

# Questionable Hymns... and Possible Solutions

Thomas' Song

Precious Memories



*“Jesus, you were all to me,  
Why did you die on Calvary?  
O Lamb of God, I fail to see  
How could this be part of the plan?”*

*They say that you’re alive again  
But I saw death and every sin  
Reach out to claim their darkest win  
How could this be part of the plan?”*

*“If I could only touch Your hand,  
And touch the scars where nails were driven,  
I would need to feel Your side,  
Where holy flesh by spear was riven.*

*Then I'd believe, only then I'd believe  
Your cruel death was part of a heavenly plan.”*

*“We gazed not in the open tomb  
Where once Thy mangled body lay;  
Nor saw Thee in the upper room,  
Nor met Thee on the open way;*

*But we believe that angels said,  
‘Why seek the living with the dead?’”*

*“Precious Father, loving Savior  
I will love Them through the years  
In the vineyard, I will labor  
Till my blessed Lord appears*

*Precious memories, how they linger  
How they ever flood my soul  
In the stillness of the midnight  
Precious sacred scenes unfold”*

*“In the stillness of the midnight,  
Echoes from the past I hear;  
Saints are singing, brethren bringing  
Lessons from the Book so dear.”*

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