

Talk With Jesus Acts 7:54-60

A Song Idea

"Just A Little Talk With Jesus" is a song we don't have in our books and have never sung very much.

Want to consider it as we begin our lesson today

Two issues with this song

The first issue is a valid difficulty and found in the first verse.

Verse 1 - "I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in, And then a little light from heaven filled my soul; It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above, And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole."

I have some doctrinal concerns with this verse. It easily be seen as teaching faith only salvation and referencing 'praying for salvation'.

This is, I think, the main reason we do not sing it anymore.

Those with a solid understanding of Scripture may not necessarily see that idea, but the weak and unknowing could easily misunderstand. It is not clear teaching.

The second complaint, I have received comes from a misunderstanding of the role of Jesus in our life. This is our lesson focus. It will also have bearing on some other songs we sing.

Verse 2 - "Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer, And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day; The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies, But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way."

Verse 3 - "I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears, But Jesus is a Friend Who watches day and night; I go to Him in prayer, He knows my every care, And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right."

Chorus - "Now let us Have a little talk with Jesus, let us tell Him all about our troubles, He will Hear our faintest cry and He will answer by and by; So when you Feel a little prayerful yearning, as your heart unto heaven is turning, You will Find a little talk with Jesus makes it right."

Several through the years have expressed concern about "talk with Jesus." They say we must only pray to God, (the Father).

Some have gone so far as to call praying to Jesus as a sin.

This attitude comes from a lack of understanding regarding the role of Jesus.

A Sound Idea

Jesus Has All Authority - Established in several recent lessons, He is our:

King - **Revelation 1:5; Daniel 7:13-14; 1Timothy 6:14-16**

Lord and Christ - **Acts 2:36**

High Priest - **Hebrews 10:19-23; 1Peter 2:1-9**

Jesus Is The Owner And Master

The Kingdom - **John 18:36; Luke 22:29-30; Ephesians 1:22-23**

The Church - **Matthew 16:13-18; Ephesians 5:23**

The First Day - **Revelation 1:10; Luke 24:1-3**

Me and all Christians - **1Corinthians 6:19-20; 1Peter 1:18-19**

Jesus Is Our Path To The Father

God gave us to Him - **Colossians 1:13-14; John 6:37; 14:6**

Men of the New Testament "talked with Him"

Regarding replacement for Judas - **Acts 1:16-26**

Stephen died with a prayer to Jesus on his lips. - **Acts 7:59-60**

Paul asked Him to remove the "thorn" - **2Corinthians 12:7-10**

I do not want to even imagine facing life without Him

Paul recognized Him as his strength in all things - **Philippians 4:13**

Several more of our songs deal with our dependence upon Jesus

Passing our cares along to Him is the comforting message of "Tell It To Jesus" (SoTC-309)(SS-240)

Verse 1-"Are you weary, are you heavy hearted? Tell it to Jesus, Tell it to Jesus, Are you grieving over joys departed? Tell it to Jesus alone."

Chorus-"Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus, He is a friend that s well known; You have no other such a friend or brother, Tell it to Jesus alone."

"Jesus, Lover Of My Soul" is a prayer for help and protection to our Lord (HFW-81)

*Verse 1-"Jesus lover of my soul Let me to Thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high!
Hide me of my Savior, Hide, Till the storm of life is past; Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!"*

I Must Tell Jesus "all of my trials" (HFW-77)

In The Hour Of Trial "Jesus, plead for me." (HFW-83).

Tarry With Me "O my Savior" (HFW-84).

Take The Name Of Jesus With You (HFW-430)

Verse 2-"Take the name of Jesus ever As a shield from every snare; If temptations round you gather, Breathe that holy name in prayer."

A Scripture Idea

Our Relationships With Jesus

Life & Light - **John 1:4**

Savior - **Matthew 1:18-23**

Head - **Colossians 1:15-20**

Shepherd - **1Peter 2:25**

Vine - **John 15:1-8**

Friend - **John 15:13-15**

Counselor - **Isaiah 9:6**

Mediator - **1Timothy 2:5**

Advocate - **1John 2:1-2**

Come Boldly To Christ

Approach His throne with confidence - **Hebrews 4:14-16**

Find rest in Christ - **Matthew 11:25-30**

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