

# Sing to Him a New Song!

## *Part 6*

# Review Hymn:

Glory be to Jesus  
(Alfonso M. de' Liguori)

# Glory Be to Jesus

Glory be to Jesus,  
Who, in bitter pains,  
Poured for me the lifeblood  
From His sacred veins!

# Glory Be to Jesus

Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find  
Blest be His compassion,  
Infinitely kind.

# Glory Be to Jesus

Blest through endless ages

Be the precious stream

Which from endless torments

Doth the world redeem.

# Glory Be to Jesus

Abel's blood for vengeance

Pleaded to the skies

But the blood of Jesus

For our pardon cries.

# Glory Be to Jesus

Oft as it is sprinkled  
On our guilty hearts,  
Satan in confusion  
Terror struck departs.

# Glory Be to Jesus

Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts, rejoicing,  
Make their glad reply.



# Glory Be to Jesus

Lift we then our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the Lamb of God!

# This Week's Hymn:

How Shall I Sing That Majesty  
(John Mason, ca. 1646 – 1694)

# John Mason

Born Northamptonshire

Family of clergymen

Graduated B.A. 1664, M.A. 1668

Briefly acting curate in Isham

Vicar in Stantonbury (Bucks.)

Water Stratford 1674



JOHN MASON.

Author of "Glory to God the Father be,"

# John Mason

Prone to depression/melancholy

Constant pains in the head

Slightest noise could be problematic

Liable to vivid, terrifying dreams and  
visual hallucinations

# John Mason

Calvinist but somewhat antinomian  
Became obsessed with millennium  
Started to interpret apocalyptic  
passages in light of current events

# John Mason

Ceased to administer the Lord's  
Supper

Preached only on Christ's personal  
reign on earth (about to begin in  
Water Stratford)

# John Mason

Encampment of followers south of  
village – lived on communistic  
principles

Noisy meetings, constant service of  
singing and dancing in the parsonage

# John Mason

Described a vision of Christ Easter  
Monday, 16 April 1694

Announced his work accomplished – reign  
on earth begun

Died of peritonsillar abscess a month later



# John Mason

Followers refused to believe he was dead

Successor had body exhumed and  
exhibited

Many remained unconvinced

Meetings continued for 16 years

# John Mason

He was one of the earliest writers of hymns for congregational worship (as opposed to metrical psalms)

Lines were known to Alexander Pope,  
Charles Wesley

Isaac Watts borrowed freely from them

# Setting the Scene...

**Daniel 10:15–18** — When he had spoken to me according to these words, **I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.** **16** And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing before me, “O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength. **17** “For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me.” **18** Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me.

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Which angels do admire?

Let dust in dust and silence lie

Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.

Thousands of thousands stand around

Thy throne, O God most high;

Ten thousand times ten thousand sound

Thy praise; but who am I?

The Problem

How shall I sing that majesty

Thy brightness unto them appears,

Whilst I Thy footsteps trace;

A sound of God comes to my ears,

But they behold Thy face.

They sing because Thou art their sun;

Lord, send a beam on me;

For where heaven is but once begun,

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**John 3:8** — “The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

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The Solution  
– what is he  
asking for?

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Inflame it with love's fire;

Then shall I sing and bear a part  
With that celestial choir.

I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
With all my fire and light;  
Yet when Thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up **my mite.**

What the  
“beam” does!

Problem  
Solved!



## How shall I sing that majesty

How great a being, Lord, is Thine,  
Which doth all beings keep!

Thy knowledge is the only line  
To sound so vast a deep.

Thou art a sea without a shore,  
A sun without a sphere;

Thy time is now and evermore,

Thy place is everywhere.

Here is  
his mite



Let's Hear the Tune and Sing!

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