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**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**  
*Words: Robert Robinson, 1758/Newton*

1 Come, Thou  
2 Here, I  
3 O to

Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, Tune my  
raise mine Eh-e-me-zer, Hith-er  
grace how great a debt-or Dai-ly

heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mer-cy, nev-er  
by Thy help I'm com-er; And I hope, by Thy good-ness,  
I'm con-strained to let Thy good-ness, ble-s-

sea-ing, Call for songs of loud-est praise; Teach me  
plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home; Je-su-  
fet-ter, Bine my wan-d'ring heart to Thee; Praise to—

sume me in di-verse; Sing by—flam-ing tongues a-  
sought me when a stran-ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of  
wan-der, Lord, I feel it, Praise to—leave the God I

bove; Praise the mount, I'm fixed up-  
God; His, to re-see me from  
love; His, to re-see me from  
love; His, to re-see me from

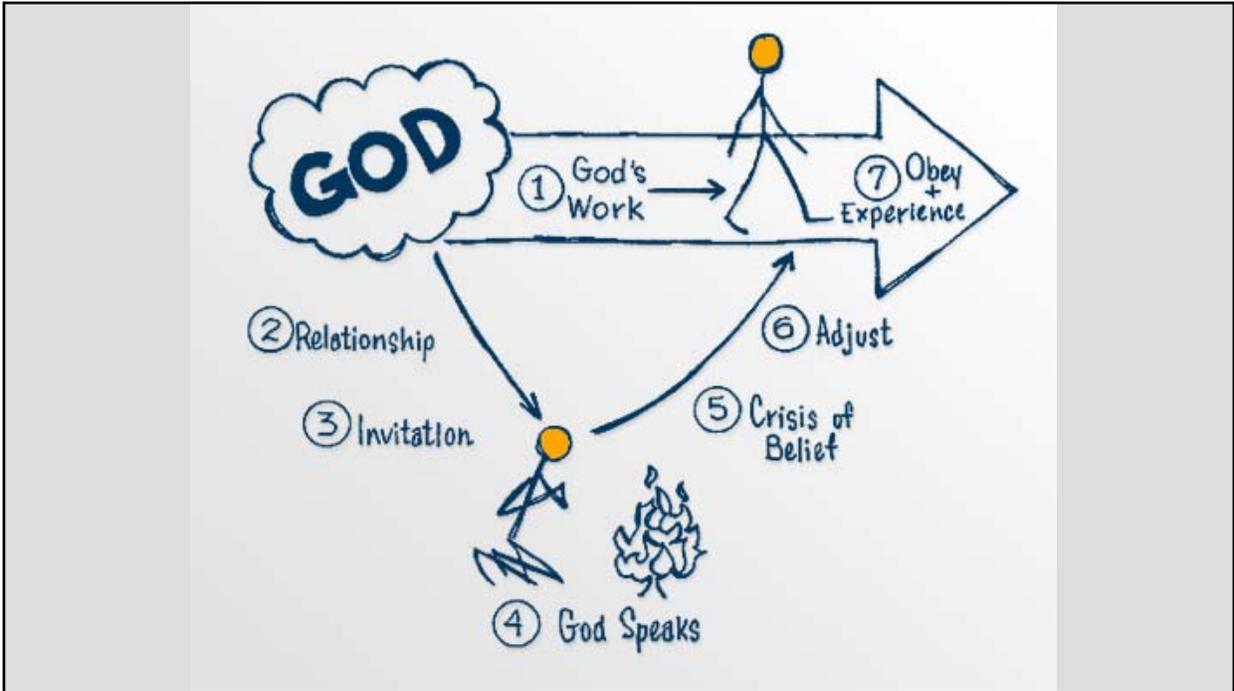
on it, Mount of thy re-deem-ing love,  
dun-ger, In-ter-posed His pre-cious blood,  
soul it, Seal it for Thy sweet a-bove.

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“Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave  
the God I love. Take my heart, O take and seal it  
Seal it for thy courts above.”

“Madam, I am the poor unhappy man who wrote  
that hymn many years ago, and I would give a  
thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the  
feelings I had then.”





Jer 3:20-22 Surely, as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so have you dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel,” says the Lord.<sup>21</sup> A voice was heard on the desolate heights, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel. For they have perverted their way; they have forgotten the Lord their God.<sup>22</sup> “Return, you backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.”

5:3-4, 8:5 O Lord, are not Your eyes on the truth? You have stricken them, but they have not grieved; You have consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction. They have made their faces harder than rock; they have refused to return. <sup>4</sup> Therefore I said, “Surely these are poor. They are foolish; for they do not know the way of the Lord, the judgment of their God. ... Why has this people slidden back, Jerusalem, in a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast to deceit, they refuse to return.

## 1. How does someone become backslidden?

Distractions – “Lost sheep” Lk 15:3-7

Carelessness – “Lost coin” Lk 15:8-10

Willful sin – “Prodigal son” Lk 15:11-32

## 2. What are the signs that someone is backslidden?

- We no longer hear from God
- We lose our joy
- Our life does not produce spiritual fruit
- We no longer experience spiritual victory
- We are under the discipline of God

### 3. The road back to God

Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place

### Remember

“Remember therefore from where you have fallen;”

## Repent

1 Sam 7:3-4 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you return to the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreth from among you, and prepare your hearts for the Lord, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines." <sup>4</sup>So the children of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and served the Lord only.

Is 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Zech 1:3-4 Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Return to Me," says the Lord of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts. <sup>4</sup>"Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds.'" But they did not hear nor heed Me," says the Lord.

Repeat

“and do the first works”

2 Chron 7:14 If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

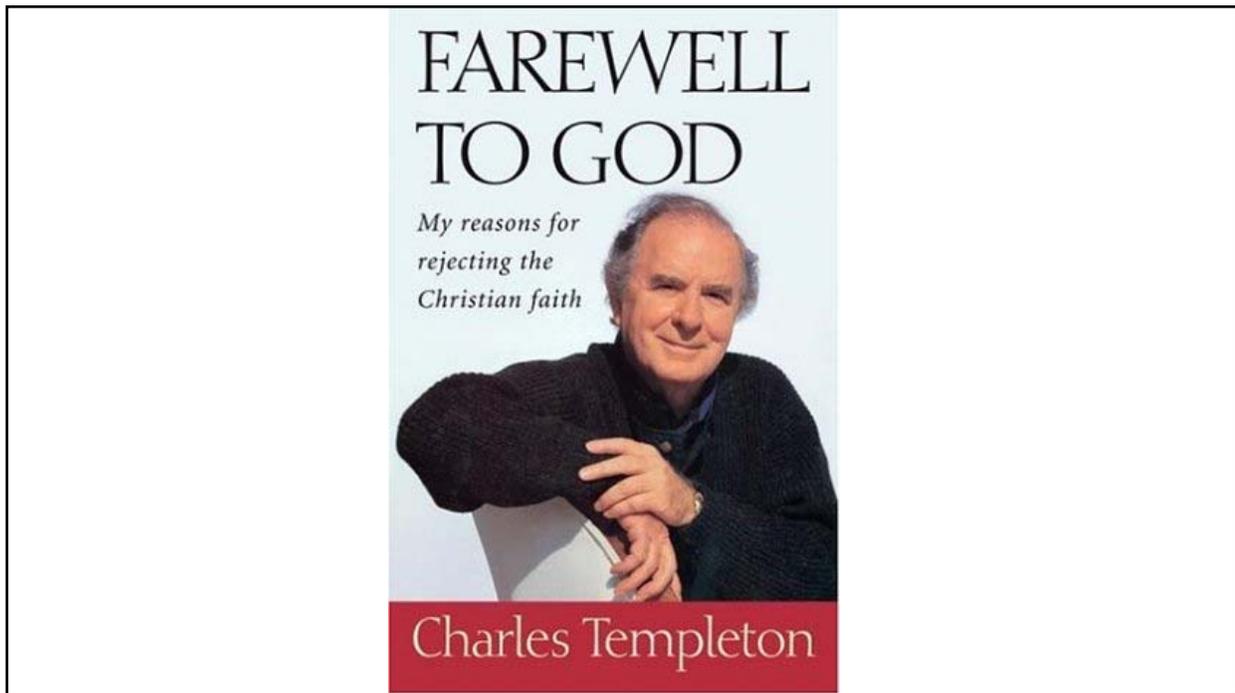
## God will not honor insincere repentance.

Mt 3:8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

Acts 26:20 that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.

### Sometimes repentance will not prevent judgment.





“He was the greatest human being who has ever lived. He was a moral genius. His ethical sense was unique. He was the intrinsically wisest person that I’ve ever encountered in my life or in my reading. His commitment was total and led to his own death, much to the detriment of the world.”

Strobel quietly commented: “You sound like you really care about him.”

“Well, yes,” Templeton acknowledged, “he’s the most important thing in my life.” He stammered: “I . . . I . . . I adore him . . . Everything good I know, everything decent I know, everything pure I know, I learned from Jesus.”

Strobel was stunned. He listened in shock. He says that Templeton's voice began to crack. He then said, "I . . . miss . . . him!" With that the old man burst into tears; with shaking frame, he wept bitterly.

Finally, Templeton gained control of his emotions and wiped away the tears. "Enough of that," he said, as he waved his hand, as if to suggest that there would be no more questions along that line.

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