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God's Word for My Life



# **Devotional Thoughts on Favorite Hymns**

By James H. Robinson **060686, 060686E** 

#### What Is It?

• First published in 1991, this is a new entry into the NPH Classics series and a collection of 52 devotions for meditating on 52 well-known hymns. Each devotion quotes stanzas of a hymn and related verses from the Bible to provide Scripture exposition and application. Devotions also include a closing prayer and background information about the hymn and the hymn writer.

# DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS ON FAVORITE HYMNS

## **About the Author**

 James H. Robinson (1930-2016) served as principal and teacher of Lutheran schools in Missouri and Nebraska. He served 22 years as Director of Education and Music of Peace Lutheran Church in Arvada, Colorado. He enjoyed sharing the heritage of the Lutheran church by playing hymns as the organist for worship services. He and his wife R. Darline coauthored several books for church schools.

# Features/Benefits

- Contains 52 devotions to help readers see the powerful theological meanings in the lyrics of familiar hymns and to find comfort, encouragement, and inspiration in those truths
- A few popular hymns covered in the devotional include:
  - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
  - o "Holy, Holy, Holy"
  - o "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
  - o "Now Thank We All Our God"
  - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
- Devotions are structured to encourage readers to sing or speak the hymn first, then read the devotion text, and close with the
  prayer
- Appropriate for personal devotion as well as for study groups, families, Bible classes, church clubs, and school organizations
- · Background information on each hymn guides readers to deeper understanding of the lyrics' theological meanings

#### **Specifications**

- 165 pages. Softcover, 6 x 9
- · eBook also available

#### **Related NPH Products**

- Sing to the Lord: A Study of Lutheran Hymnody (221158) by Geoffrey A. Kieta
- For Such a Time as This: Comfort From Meditations (060740)
- Prayers for People Under Pressure (060692) by Donald L. Deffner

Target Release Date: 3/30/18



# **More Precious than Gold**

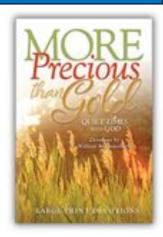
Quiet Times with God

By William A. Lauterbach

060702, 060702E

#### What Is It?

A personal devotional focused on illustrating the immeasurable value of God's Word and the
faith that is built and strengthened upon hearing the message. Each of the 37 devotions consists
of a title, a Bible passage, a devotional message, and a closing prayer. This new version uses an
easy-to-read, large print type. More Precious Than Gold was first published in 1993.



#### **About the Author**

• William A. Lauterbach (1903-1988) served as a Lutheran pastor for nearly 60 years in congregations in Wisconsin and Michigan. He wrote more than fifteen books. Three of his books were published by Northwestern Publishing House, including *Abide with Us, Es Will Abend Werden*, and the still-in-print *The Crucial Hours* (150358).

# Features/Benefits

- Contains 37 devotions that ask readers to consider the tremendous worth of their relationship with Jesus
- Examples of devotions include:
  - 1. "We are Not Our Own," which reminds readers they were purchased and won from sin by God and that they live to his
    glory as a result
  - 5. "Follow Jesus," which describes what it means to take up the cross—to loyally and faithfully follow Jesus—and the
    difficulties that may follow
  - o 37. "The Final Victory," which explains the ultimate joy we have because of our Lord and Savior's perfect victory over sin, death, and the devil
- Scripture is used throughout many devotions—not just to begin the devotion—providing the reader many opportunities to engage with God's Word
- Devotions are brief and memorable, making them suitable for daily meditation
- · Printed in an easy-to-read, large print type which is especially helpful for senior readers

# **Specifications**

- 133 pages. Softcover, 6 x 9
- eBook also available

#### **Related NPH Products**

- On Being a Christian: A Personal Confession (121763) by Henry Hamann
- The Crucial Hours (150358) by William A. Lauterbach

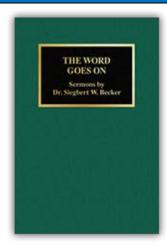


## The Word Goes On

Sermons by Dr. Siegbert W. Becker
Compiled by James Becker
150550, 150550E

#### What Is It?

• First written in the 1940s through the 1980s, these 72 sermons by Dr. Siegbert W. Becker were collected by his son, James. The collection was originally published in 1992. The sermons were written for the Sundays of the church year as well as many festivals. James was prompted to compile the sermons following his father's death in 1984 when he inherited many notes, doctrine papers, and sermon manuscripts. James also spoke with many friends and students of Dr. Becker who shared additional materials with him.



#### **About the Author**

• Dr. Siegbert W. Becker (1914-1984) was a Lutheran pastor and professor of theology. He studied at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; the University of Chicago; the University of Minnesota; and Northern Seminary, Chicago, from which he graduated as a doctor of theology. Dr. Becker then served as a pastor and professor in the Missouri Synod until 1963, when he accepted a call into the ministry of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. From 1969 to 1984, he served as a professor of Systematic Theology and New Testament at Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin. He authored many articles and books, including Wizards That Peep: A Journey into the Occult, The Foolishness of God: The Place of Reason in the Theology of Martin Luther, and Revelation: The Distant Triumph Song.

# Features/Benefits

- Contains a total of 72 sermons, one for every Sunday of the church year and some for church festivals
  - Sermons are suitable for personal devotional reading, encouraging a closer relationship with Christ
  - May also be used as a sermon resource, especially when a pastor or guest preacher is unavailable
- Includes messages and applications that remain relevant to Christians today, emphasizing God's grace, mercy, and love above all
- Sermons discuss many crucial biblical concepts including:
  - Justification
  - Law and gospel
  - o Election

# **Specifications**

- 302 pages. Softcover, 6 x 9
- · eBook also available

#### **Related NPH Products**

- His Word Our Delight (060708) by Various Authors
- Motivation for Ministry: Perspectives for Every Pastor (150546) by Nathan R. Pope

Product Title & Stock Number: He's Risen, He's Risen (2806140E)

Product Author: Phillip Magness

Interesting Facts about Author: Magness is cantor for an LCMS church in Broken Arrow, OK. He is a contributor to the LCMS composer consortium "Liturgy Solutions" and is the composer of the CPH product "Sing the Faith" (340741 - which sets Luther's Small Catechism to music). He has been commissioned to write music for WELS worship conferences and NPH has published both his choral and contemporary ensemble compositions and arrangements.

Product Editor: JSB

Summary of Product: Setting of CW143 for SATB choir, congregation, organ, trumpet, and flute. The writing for choir is quite accessible (stanza three choir only; stanza five soprano descant); the instrumental parts are for intermediate players. Congregation is involved on all but stanza 3.

Key Benefits/Features of Product: This offers and intermediate concertato for congregations that do not have a full brass complement, percussion, and/or an advanced choir. It's a festive setting without being reserved for the most musically gifted/blessed congregations only.

Different Uses for Product, including Anticipated Market: Easter Sunday for intermediate to advanced music programs.

Current NPH Products Related to Product: Christ is Arisen, Alleluia (286100E); Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (286083); This Joyful Eastertide (2806129E);

Product Title & Stock Number: O Give Thanks (2809057E)

Product Author: Kenneth T. Kosche

Interesting Facts about Author: LCMS composer, arranger for NPH's Creative Hymnodist series. Published heavily with CPH and NPH. Retired professor of music at Concordia University-Mequon. Commissioned for several WELS worship conferences.

Product Editor: JSB

Summary of Product: for two-part voices (equal or mixed) and keyboard. The text is comprised of selected verses from Psalms 118 and 145. The presentation is straight-forward: voice 2 presents its portion of the refrain, then voice 1 presents its portion, then the two are layered on top of each other. A few verses in unison follow. The piece concludes with one final presentation of the layered parts.

Key Benefits/Features of Product: versatility as it can be used for two-part children or two-part mixed adult choir; accessibility (repetition and good vocal range).

Different Uses for Product, including Anticipated Market: children's choirs, grade school choirs, Sunday schools, small adult choirs, women's choirs, men's choirs

Current NPH Products Related to Product: Hope in the Lord (2806132E), Glory be to Jesus (289016E), Christ Is Our Cornerstone (289013E)

Product Title & Stock Number: My Passover Lamb (2809058E)

Product Author: Jayne Nitz

Interesting Facts about Author: Jayne published a communion choral anthem with NPH in 2010. In 2017 NPH released her "Little Offertories for Little Churches." This is her first selection in our children's series. She has also collaborated with WELS recording artist Chris Driesbach, and lives in MI.

Product Editor: JSB

Summary of Product: Simple yet profound text about the connection between the Old Testament sacrificial system and Jesus' perfect once-for-all sacrifice. For unison voices and keyboard.

Key Benefits/Features of Product: Solid Lenten text w/refrain, lyric tune, accessible keyboard accompaniment

Different Uses for Product, including Anticipated Market: children's choirs, school choirs, Sunday school choirs, perhaps small adult choirs; appropriate for Lent, Good Friday, Old Testament lectionary about Passover or the temple sacrificial system, or Hebrews

Current NPH Products Related to Product: It is Done! (289030E); Run, Shepherds, Run! (289042E); I Believe (289019E)

Product Title &	: Stock Number:	Father, Forgive	Us (2809059E)
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Product Author: Matthew Manthe

Interesting Facts about Author: WELS teacher and musician since 1980. He currently teaches at Bethany Lutheran School in Manitowoc, WI. He has contributed a variety of items to the NPH catalogue, including organ preludes in four of NPH's organ collections (14 Hymn Preludes, 19 Hymn Preludes, 22 Hymn Preludes, and Lent and Easter), the children's anthem "It Is Done!," and most recently authored the 2017 Christmas Kit "A Sola Christmas."

Product Editor: JSB

Summary of Product: Excellent confession/absolution, the strong arm of the Law and the sweet peace of the Gospel. The text points to Jesus and the cross as the answer to our sin and guilt.

Key Benefits/Features of Product: Solid text for Lent, confession/absolution, Good Friday

Different Uses for Product, including Anticipated Market: children's choir, school choir, Sunday school choir, easy adult choir

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