***Faith's review and expectation***

1 Chronicles 17:16,17

Amazing grace! (how sweet the sound)

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear,

The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,

His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be,

As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail

And mortal life shall cease;

I shall possess, within the veil,

A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,

The sun forbear to shine;

But God, who called me here below,

Will be forever mine.

John Newton

*Olney Hymns*, 1779, Book 1, Hymn 41

**Amazing Grace: 1 Chronicles 17 and the hymn**

*John Newton preached on 1 Chronicles 17:16,17 on 1 January 1773*

Newton’s hymn, clearly seen here to be an exposition and application of this passage,

was designed to ‘lead us to a consideration of **past mercies and future hopes**

and intimate the frame of mind which becomes us when we contemplate what the Lord has done for us.’

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|  | *Scripture verse* | Hymn verse |
| v7 | *‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep...'* | Amazing grace… that saved a wretch like me. |
| v8 | *'and I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you'* | Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come. |
| v9 | *'And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more...'* | Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease; I shall possess, within the veil, A life of joy and peace. |
| v10 | *'And I will subdue all your enemies.'* | He will my shield and portion be |
| v16 | *'Who am I, O Lord God...?'* | That saved a wretch like me! |
| v16 | *'...that you have brought me thus far?'* | 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far |
| v17 | *'You have also spoken ... for a great while to come'* | As long as life endures |
| v23 | *And now, O Lord, let the word that you have spoken concerning your servant ... be established forever, and do as you have spoken* | His word my hope secures |
| v26 | *...you have promised this good thing to your servant* | The Lord has promised good to me |
| v12 v14 v22 v23 v24 v27 | *(the words occurs* ***eight*** *times!)*    ***"... for ever"*** | **Will be forever mine.** |

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**Amazing Grace: the sermon and the hymn**

Further correlation below between Newton’s sermon (see over for Scripture texts) and his hymn,

an exposition and application of this passage.

As Newton said in his sermon:

‘The Lord bestows many blessings upon his people, but unless he likewise gives them a thankful heart,

they lose much of the comfort they might have in them.’

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| *Sermon* | Hymn verse |
| I would accommodate them to our own use as a proper subject for our meditations on the entrance of a new year. They lead us **to a consideration of past mercies and future hopes** and intimate the frame of mind which becomes us when we contemplate what the Lord has done for us. | ‘Faith's review and expectation’ |
| Who am I?... What was I when the Lord began to manifest his purposes of love? | a wretch like me! |
| Blinded by the god of this world.  [1 Ch 16:26 *the gods of the people*] | I once was lost, but now am found,  Was blind, but now I see. |
| His providential care preserving us from a thousand seen, millions of unseen dangers, when we knew him not. | Through many dangers, toils and snares,  I have already come; |
| and the never to be forgotten hour when he enabled us to hope in his mercy | How precious did that grace appear,  The hour I first believed! |
| He has spoken for a great while to come, even to eternity. | As long as life endures. |
| Present mercies are but earnests of his love, present comforts but foretastes of the joy to which we are hastening. | A life of joy and peace |
| We are travelling home to God. We shall soon see Jesus, and never complain of sin, sorrow, temptation or desertion any more. | But God, who called me here below,  Will be forever mine. |

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