

AMAZING GRACE: 1 CHRONICLES 17 AND THE HYMN

John Newton's sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16,17, preached 1 January 1773

"The Lord ... sent him a message ... that he himself would build David's house and establish his kingdom. This filled his heart with praise.

My text is part of his acknowledgement."

"Omitting David's personal concerns, I would accommodate them to our own use..."

when we contemplate what the Lord has done for us.

They lead us to a consideration of past mercies and future hopes

and intimate the frame of mind which becomes us..."

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	Scripture	hymn
v7	<i>'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep...'</i>	Amazing grace... that saved a wretch like me.
v8	<i>'and I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you'</i>	Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come.
v9	<i>'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...'</i>	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	<i>'And I will subdue all your enemies.'</i>	He will my shield and portion be
v16	<i>'Who am I, O Lord God...?'</i>	That saved a wretch like me!
v16	<i>'...that you have brought me thus far?'</i>	'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
v17	<i>'You have also spoken ... for a great while to come'</i>	As long as life endures
v23	<i>And now, O Lord, let the word that you have spoken concerning your servant ... be established forever, and do as you have spoken</i>	His word my hope secures
v26	<i>...you have promised this good thing to your servant</i>	The Lord has promised good to me
v12 v14 v22 v23 v24 v27	<i>(the words occurs eight times!)</i> "... for ever"	Will be forever mine.

Faith's review and expectations

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