

Largs Church of the Nazarene
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Standing on the promises

Russell Kelso Carter

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Saviour;
Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me;
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

What can wash away my sin?

Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

Glory! Glory! This I sing,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
All my praise for this I bring,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]



Luke 6 (NRSV)

17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

19 And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

On the Level: The Silent Sermon (Luke 6:17-19)

• Introduction

- The sermon on the plain (not the sermon on the *plane*)
 - Pharisees vs Jesus
 - Up the mountain
 - The Silent Sermon: 3 verses, 3 sentences, 3 points
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• Jesus came down. . .

- *pedinos*: level, flat
 - Level: a good thing? Not for the OT prophets, but they will be transformed by the Messiah
 - Who's there and why?
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• Before He speaks a word, Jesus meets their needs

- Jesus' first action after calling the apostles is to go down to the level place with those in need and to meet their needs
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• Jesus' power comes out

- We can have the same power, the same Spirit
 - The Church IS the Body of Christ and is filled with the SAME Spirit, the same power—and the church is called not to hang on to that power, but to empty it out in the level places
 - “It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.” (St Francis)
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I am resolved

Palmer Hartsough

I am resolved no longer to linger
Charmed by the world's delight
Things that are higher, things that are nobler
These have allured my sight

Refrain:

I will hasten to Him
Hasten so glad and free
Jesus, greatest, highest
I will come to Thee

I am resolved to go to the Saviour
Leaving my sin and strife
He is the true one
He is the just one
He hath the words of life [Refrain]

I am resolved to count all as losses
So that I may gain Christ
Share in His suffering
Share in His raising
Granted a brand new life [Refrain]

Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost