

Largs Church of the Nazarene
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Immortal, invisible
Walter Chalmers Smith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
Of all Thy rich graces, this grace Lord impart
Take the veil from our faces, the vile from our heart.

All laud we would render, O help us to see
Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee
And so let Thy glory almighty impart
Through Christ in His story, thy Christ to the heart.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Helen Howarth Lemmel

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Saviour,
And life more abundant and free!

Refrain: Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Thro' death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conquerors we are! [Refrain]

His Word shall not fail you--He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell! [Refrain]



Mark 12 (NRSV)

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' 29 Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O

Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, **and with all your mind (*dianoia*)**, and with all your strength." 31 The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Matthew 1:18-20 (NRSV)

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned (*boulomai*) to dismiss her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved (*enthumeomai*) to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream (*onar*) and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.'

With All Your Mind (Matthew 1)

- **Resolved**
 - **Mark 12:28-31 (The greatest commandment)**
 - **Resolve to:**
 - **Love the Lord with all your mind (mental)**
 - **Love the Lord with all your strength (physical)**
 - **Love the Lord with all your heart and soul (spiritual)**
 - **Love your neighbour as yourself (relational)**

- **Matthew 1:18-20**
 - **“Resolved” and “planned”**
 - *enthumeomai*: to ponder passionately; to think long and hard about something
 - *boulomai*: to will, intend; to plan with full resolve, carefully and methodically

- **Three instructions**
 - **Think.**
 - *dianoia*: critical thinking; full-breadth reasoning
 - **What Joseph doesn’t do**
 - **Discernment (Romans 12)**

- **Think, but remember you don’t know everything.**
 - **Get good information**
 - **Philippians 4: Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure. . . if there is ANY excellence, anything worthy of praise, think about THESE things**
 - **God is not the author of confusion, but of peace**

- **Allow God to have the last word.**
 - *onar*: a dream while sleeping

Let’s resolve to love the Lord with all our minds.

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