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Victory in Jesus

E.M. Bartlett

I heard an old, old story,
How a Saviour came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory

Refrain: Oh, victory in Jesus,
My Saviour forever
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing power revealing
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit"
And somehow Jesus came and brought
To me the victory [Refrain]

And I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea,
About the angels singing
And the old redemption story
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory! [Refrain]

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]



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, 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.'

Daniel 1:8 (NRSV)

8 But Daniel resolved (*way-yā·śem*) (in his heart - *lab*) that he would not defile himself with the royal rations of food and wine; so he asked the palace master to allow him not to defile himself.

With All Your Strength (Daniel 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)
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- Deuteronomy 8:4-5
 - The *Shema*: (shu-MAH) – The central prayer of Judaism, proclaiming God is one
 - *Me'od*: strength; much or very (muchness)
 - Genesis 1:30 – God refers to his creation as good six times and then says it's *me'od* good
 - Genesis 4:15 – Cain is *me'od* angry at his brother
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- Changing some things didn't compromise Daniel's faith
 - Clothing
 - Language
 - Education
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- Daniel resolved not to defile himself by:
 - Eating food that had been sacrificed to idols
 - Making a public declaration of his dependence on the king rather than on God
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- The story of Daniel reminds us that kings and courts and earthly authorities do not have the final word

- God gives us the strength we need because God is right there with us – He will never leave us
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Let's resolve to love the Lord with all our strength.

His eye is on the sparrow

Civilla D. Martin

Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for heav'n and home;
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is He;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Refrain: I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free;
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise;
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
From care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He cares for me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me. [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