

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

- (1) Children of the heavenly Father,
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- (2) God His own doth tend and nourish:
In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them,
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- (3) Neither life nor death shall ever,
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- (4) Praise the Lord in joyful numbers:
Your protector never slumbers.
At the will of your defender,
Every foe-man must surrender.
- (5) Thought He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh,
His the loving purpose soley,
To preserve them pure and holy.

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

- (1) Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.
- (chorus) So, here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.
- (2) King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

(chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin
upon that cross (repeat)

COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN

Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before
the Lord, our God, our Maker. (repeat)

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,
And the sheep of His hand, just the sheep of His hand.

RESPONSIVE READING: JESUS & THE CHILDREN

LEADER: At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

PEOPLE: He called a little child to Himself and had him stand among them.

LEADER: And He said, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

PEOPLE: Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

LEADER: And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name, welcomes Me.

PEOPLE: But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

LEADER: People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.

PEOPLE: When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

LEADER: I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

PEOPLE: And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them.

MORE THAN WONDERFUL

He promised us that He would be a counselor, A mighty God, and a Prince of Peace. He promised us that He would be a Father, and would love us with a love that would not cease. Well, I tried Him and I found His promises are true, He's everything He said that He would be. The finest words I know cannot begin to tell just how much Jesus really means to me.

(chorus) For He's more wonderful than my mind can conceive;
He's more wonderful than my heart can believe, He goes beyond my highest hopes, and fondest dreams. He's everything that my soul ever longed for; everything He's promised, and so much more. More than amazing, more than marvelous, more than miraculous could ever be, He's more than wonderful; That's what Jesus is to me.

I stand amazed to think the King of Glory, would come to live within the heart of man. I marvel just to know He really loves me, when I think of who He is, and who I am.

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

- (1) I have decided to follow Jesus (3)
No turning back, no turning back.
- (2) Tho no one join me, still I will follow (3)
No turning back, no turning back.
- (3) The world behind me, the cross before me (3)
No turning back, no turning back.
- (4) Oh take the whole world, but give me Jesus (3)
No turning back, no turning back.

SERMON OUTLINE – Joshua 24:1-28
“Choose This Day”

Intro:

I. A Time of Contemplation - vs. 1-13

A. God’s Power

B. God’s Presence

C. God’s Provision

II. A Time of Confrontation - vs. 14-15

A. A Command – vs. 14 - 3-fold

1. Fear the Lord

2. Serve the Lord

3. Commit to the Lord

B. A Choice – vs. 15a

C. A Challenge – vs. 15b

III. A Time of Consecration – vs. 16-28

A. The Resolve of the People – vs. 16-18

B. A Reminder to the People – vs. 19-23

C. The Reaction of the People – vs. 24-28

Conclusion: