



*teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs*

Colossians 3:16

If you will allow me to do so, I would like to spend one more week on music and hymns. I would like to tell about one hymn that is not in our hymnal. It isn't in any that I have. It is a hymn, the chorus of which, was sung to me about 55 years ago at Junior Camp at Mount Herman in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The words and music of the chorus are printed below. In the original hymn, the second line begins "I am saved ..." At camp, however, when someone would receive the Lord as their Savior, this chorus would be sung around the campfire that evening and the name of the saved person would be inserted where the XXX's are shown. Some evenings this chorus was sung many times. It was about 55 years ago that my counselor, Bert Saunders, led me to Christ. I sure wish I knew where Bert was today to thank him!

Phillip Bliss wrote over sixty hymns, some of which we sing frequently: *A Long Time I Wandered; At the Feet of Jesus; Almost Persuaded, By and By; Dare To Be a Daniel; Hallelujah, 'Tis Done!; Hallelujah! What a Savior; Jesus Loves Even Me; Let the Lower Lights Be Burning; The Light of the World Is Jesus; My Redeemer; Wonderful Words of Life*

He was born on July 9, 1838 in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. He died December 29, 1876, in Ashtabula, Ohio. Bliss and his wife died in a tragic train wreck caused by a bridge collapse. He survived the initial impact, but went back into the flames in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue his wife. We would have, no doubt, many more hymns from Phillip Bliss had he not met with death at the age of 38 years.

The full words of this hymn are:

*'Tis the promise of God, full salvation to give  
Unto him who on Jesus, His Son, will believe.*

Refrain (see music below)

*Though the pathway be lonely, and dangerous, too,  
Surely Jesus is able to carry me through.*

Refrain

*Many loved ones have I in yon heavenly throng,  
They are safe now in glory, and this is their song:*

Refrain

*There are prophets and kings in that throng I behold,  
And they sing as they march through the streets of pure gold:*

Refrain

*There's a part in that chorus for you and for me,  
And the theme of our praises forever will be:*

Refrain

Perhaps this hymn doesn't seem special to you, but it is very special to me. Some copies of the full hymn will be found in the foyer. Next week, when I return from Reno (God willing, James 4:13) I will begin on another topic.

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## Hallelujah 'Tis Done

Phillip Bliss

(Chorus only)

Ha - lle - lu - jah, 'tis do - ne! He be - lieves on the So - n;

5 XXX is saved by the blood of the cru - ci - fied One.

