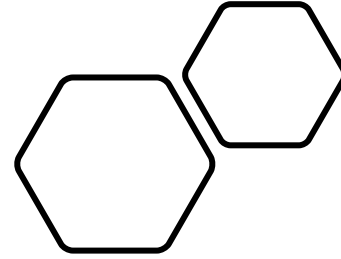


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Grace and Truth

J.S.B. Monsell

#351 "On Our Way Rejoicing"

On our way rejoicing,
As we homeward move,
Hearken to our praises,
O Thou God of love!
Is there grief or sadness?
Thou our joy shalt be
Is our sky beclouded?
Light is found in Thee!

James Edmeston.

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1. On our way re-joic-ing, As we homeward move, Hearken to our

prais-es, O Thou God of love! Is there grief or sad-ness?

Thou our joy shalt be! Is our sky beclouded? Light is found with Thee!

2 On our way rejoicing,
Gladly let us go:
Jesus is our Leader!
Conquered is our foe!
Christ without, our Safety!
Christ within, our Joy!
Who, if we but trust Him,
Can our hope destroy?

3 Unto God the Father
Joyful songs we sing!
Unto God the Saviour
Thankful hearts we bring!
Led by God the Spirit,
Gladly we adore—
On our way, rejoicing,
Now and ever more.

J. S. B. Monsell.

Hearken to
our praises
As we
home ward
move

Psalms 5:2 Hearken
unto the voice of my
cry, my King, and my
God: For unto thee
will I pray. KJV

This is not a
common expression
found in the Bible,
more often it is God
who calls us to
listen, not for God
to listen to us!!

I like how he makes
rejoicing a process
along the way
toward home.

2 Corinthians 5:8 “at
home with the
Lord.”

Is our sky beclouded?

- Monsell was not thinking of the beauty of these clouds,
- But the kind of clouds that keep us from seeing the light of God.

- When we think of sad and grievous times and events, it is not that alone that is before us, but not knowing the God of love in that circumstance.



O Thou God of
love!

The author brings out the God of love, not the God of judgment. This too could be a short cut to say, but I believe the author believed this as a result of knowing the Word and testing it by experience.

Christ work of salvation makes this love possible, otherwise we would be under the law.

Regarding seeing God, this is a dispensation of grace.

Water's third state

What are clouds made from? Clouds are water vapor, The third state of matter.

It is still water, though it is up in the air.

Clouds portend a range of dangerous ice storms, or summertime hail,

to the mild misty rain.

Yet clouds are still made of the vapor of water.

Biblical context to the words of the song,
Monsell speaks of knowing God before introducing grief or sadness.

The Ethiopian Eunuch and Acts 8:39, and a lot happened before his rejoicing before this took place.

Yes, it is a short cut to begin with praising God, and to cut short the entire work of God in a matter misses out on the presence of God in the process.

In this song, the author approaches a loving God to hear His praises, and then asks himself and us whether there are problems within and without, and of course, we affirm this.

Samson did
not know his
strength left
him. Judges
16:20

We are just like everybody else with only natural senses if we just say this or that makes us sad or causes grief. That was hot, that was cold, and to our heart a circumstance was sad or caused me grief.

The Holy Spirit gives us supernatural eyes in our natural body, we have the Spirit led awareness of God.

Christian life is to cultivate and plant seeds of faith in good soil and see these seeds sprout into plants that produce fruit for God, the praise He deserve.

Light is found in Thee

Our hymn writer, Monsell
Poetically expressed the theme of
Rejoicing, and in our Bible study of
Acts 8:32 the rejoicing was after the
Light came to the Ethiopian Eunuch.



Verse 2 On
Our Way
Rejoicing

On our way rejoicing

Gladly let us go

Jesus is our Leader (Matthew 23:10)

Conquered is our foe!

Christ without, our Safety!

Christ within, our Joy! (John 15:11)

Who, if we but trust Him,

Can our hope destroy?

Verse 3
Unto God
The Father

Unto God the Father

Joyful songs we sing!

Unto God the Savior

Thankful praises bring!

Led by God, the Spirit

Gladly we adore –

On our way rejoicing

Now and ever more

The Lord's Joy

Hebrews 12:1-3

NASB

- Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

This scene hardly needs my words as it speaks for itself, however it occurred to me that this beautiful covering is given as an illustration of how God can cover and cleanse us from our sin and sins. Isaiah said, “Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be whiter than snow” Chapter 1 verse 18.

Sunday January 8th



- This is last Sunday, the 15th, it shows the morning sun shining on the Black Pines. All in a row, so that each can see plenty of light, not casting a shadow on its neighbor tree.