

INVENTION
NEW FASHION Fashion 24
 He who can let his eyes pass the hills, And stand amidst beauty that man's eye has never seen, Who finds upon the hillside flowers The hallmark of nobility, Who aligns bows before the immensity Of the humbly seen, He who like Christ, can find in every man A saving heaven of divinity, Who stays a stumbling brother plying his trade, That man, I say, Doth truly pray. —Una W. Harnett

REGINA, 1, 3
 Only birds and human beings sing. The song of a canary, sweet as it is, has probably changed little in thousands of years, but human song is preserved from the distant past and is being produced afresh to meet present needs. We still sing psalms com-

There is both getting and giving in religion. We receive truth, forgiveness, direction, but all this getting leads on to a giving. The greatest giving, of course, is the surrender of ourselves to God. With some, this is an initial experience, with others it is the climax of their spiritual development. Such a surrender includes the giving of time, thought, worship, money, service, love, faith. Yet here again the more we give the more we get in return. It is the person with an outgoing religious life who experiences the fullest inflow of the Holy Spirit. The Bible speaks of God as the giver of every good and perfect gift, who so loved the world as to give Christ for the redemption of man. The New Testament tells of the self-giving of Christ who loved us and gave himself for us. We raise barriers against God when we keep our religion on a "get" basis instead of a "give" basis. With what measure we mete it is measured to us again.
 Joy, 11, 12

There are some eight hundred rejoicing texts in the Bible. These two verses are an illustration of the way in which Hebrew poets attribute human moods to the world of Nature. The idea meant to be conveyed is that man has good reason to worship because of the majesty and power of God. In a day of tragic history our dominant attitude is not that of joy, but more of our gloom is caused by man. To behold the blue of the sky by day or the stars by night, to watch the changing face of Nature throughout the seasons of the year, to listen to the laughter of little children or to behold the frolics of wild animals, to share in glad friendships, appreciate the tests and humors of daily life, be conscious of divine providence day by day, is to have abiding joy. Christ spoke of his joy and said that we might share it. During weeks of war we think of the *Man of Sorrows*, but let us not forget the *Master's Joy*.

ACTS, 11
 The outcome of true worship is right conduct. Religion without morality is of little value. Ethical standards have aesthetic value but the Hebrew prophets and Christian apostles looked for transformed behavior. If we worship God in spirit and in truth, our consciences are made more sensitive about personal relationships. In private worship we seek to true our standards with the will of God. In public worship sometimes the light of a new truth surprises us as we sing. Or a certain verse catches the truth we need to hear. The words of a prayer may give us new faith and hope. Our share in the offering may remind us that all we have is the gift of God. The fulfillment of corporate worship may lead us to have greater concern for others in home and community. The sharing of our worship on Sunday, our faith and inspire our actions throughout the days of the working week.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION
 1. Do we sing more in youth than in age?
 2. Is it possible to witness for God every day?
 3. What does the word "worship" suggest to you?
 4. How do we best express our faith?
 5. What may we do for peace and righteousness?
 (Source: Christian Worship, published by the International Council of Christian Churches, London, 1938.)



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