

Notes of Sermons Preached by Pastor Henry Haddow at Brockham Green
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Morning Sermon

*To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power,
both now and ever. Amen. Jude 25*

Those of you that were here last Lord's Day will remember that we read by way of text the 24th as well as the 25th verses of this epistle. And as the Lord helped us, we tried to speak a few things concerning the persons that Jude mentions as the Lord being able to keep from falling, and to present faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. The Lord's saints are in His hands, and He is able to keep them. And having redeemed them, and having bought them with His own blood, He is able to present them faultless before the throne of His glory. O what joy is that which will fill thy Lord when He presents you, poor sinner, in the day of eternity, faultless before the presence of His glory! For the joy which was set before Him He endured the cross. That joy which was set before Him was having His people with Him, and He will present them without spot, or wrinkle, or blemish, with exceeding joy.

You have been singing of the love of God. It is a mercy to know it. Some men speak of it, and profess to know it, but they belie this profession. That soul that knows the love of God seeks to know the will of God, and has, must have, a single eye to the glory of God. Have you a single eye to God's glory in your salvation? We may have more to say about that later on. This I am satisfied of: if we knew more of the love of God, we should seek to know more of His will, and seek grace to be found doing the will of God. O the love of God! Greater love hath no man than this. Jesus Christ laid down His life for His enemies. I do not know whether you noticed particularly that we read just now concerning Christ's love for the church (*Ephesians ch.5*). There was love. To think that Jesus Christ should come, and give His life a ransom for such sinners as we were in the Adam fall transgression!

*He saw me ruined in the fall,
Yet loved me notwithstanding all.*

What would you think of a person coming and taking a beggar for his wife? Jesus Christ, the Prince of Glory, came into this world and suffered with beggars.

*He loved me notwithstanding all;
He saved me from my lost estate;
His loving-kindness, O how great! (Samuel Medley)*

When you think, friends, of the Lord espousing the cause of His people, and engaging to present them faultless before the throne of His glory with exceeding joy, are you not lost in wonder, adoration, and praise?

Those of you that were here last Lord's Day, what have been your thoughts during the past week? Have you had any meditation upon the 24th verse? And has your meditation been sweet concerning the Son of God? O have you had one moment's sweet meditation during the past week? My dear hearers, bear with me whilst I force the question upon you. Have you had one moment's sweet meditation upon the person of the Son of God as being able to keep you from falling, and as being able to present you faultless before the throne of His glory with exceeding joy? *My meditation of Him*, says the psalmist, *shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord. (Psalm 104:34)* The Lord is graciously pleased to favour His people in their meditation, and they are glad. They meditate upon Him, and they see Him, and they are glad as they see Him.

Does Jesus reveal Himself to men and women? Yes, He does. Have you seen Him during the past week, and been glad? Have you gazed upon Him, and seen the King in His beauty, the land of far distance? Have you sat at His feet, searched His Word, and sat under His shadow with great delight? Have you said: “Blessed Jesus, dying Lamb, precious Saviour”? You know, sometimes the soul is favoured to use such language, and when this is the case, she cannot set forth her Beloved as she would.

*Living tongues are dumb at best;
We must die to speak of Christ. (John Berridge)*

I have been speaking of Him publicly for upwards of thirty years. In my poor way I have been trying to speak of Him here for more than twenty years. This day I enter upon the seventeenth year of my pastorate. But how feeble I have been! I have never been able to speak of Him as I would speak of Him. A man has never lived yet, that has known the grace of God and that has set Christ forth as he would set Him forth. The apostle Paul felt himself to be the chief of sinners, but he could never set Christ forth as he would set Him forth. *This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on Him to life everlasting. (1 Timothy 1:15)* Eternal matter – ineffable!

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. O have you thus been favoured, my dear hearers, through the grace of God, to use such language, *to the only wise God our Saviour?* O our God is the only wise God, our God is the only wise Saviour. There is no God save Israel’s God. He is the Lord; He is God, the wise God; there is no Saviour save Israel’s Saviour. He is a Saviour. He does save; He is the only Saviour – a just God and a Saviour. O what a blessed Doxology we have in the words of our text! O what a blessed ascription of wisdom and glory and dominion and power unto the only wise God and Saviour!

We want to speak this day of the Lord as the only wise God our Saviour. *Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is one Lord.* There are gods many, friends, but there is only one wise God, and He is our Saviour. The wisdom of God is seen. You look at the works of God in creation, and what have you to say? *How manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all.* And so, the psalmist, having said that, and looking at *the great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. There go the ships: there is that leviathan...These wait all upon Thee; that Thou givest them they gather: Thou openest Thine hand, they are filled with good. (Psalm 104:24-28)* You cannot look at the works of God in creation, and see the great and terrible sea, but that you have this thought: He is the wise God. O my friends, *in wisdom has He made them all.*

But look away from the works of God in creation, and think of the plan of salvation. Here shines forth the wisdom of God, eternal wisdom, infinite wisdom. He determined the plan of salvation. He is the wise God. And not only did He determine the plan of salvation, and determine to save His people, but He determined all that they should pass through in this time state, and undertook to keep them all through the journey of life, and to perform the thing that He had appointed for them – that inheritance He had laid up for them. *Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried by fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:6,7)*

O I wish I could speak of this wise God; I wish I could set Him forth. He is wisdom, and mark this: He gives wisdom, He bestows wisdom. *Christ Jesus, who of God, says the apostle, is made unto us wisdom. (1 Corinthians 1:30)* Have you wisdom? Are you a wise man? I am not speaking so much of the wisdom of this world. There are men, they are wise men, but I believe this: even those that are wise – naturally – they think themselves at times to be fools. A man may have a little knowledge, and

think himself a wise man. Men that are wise in the things of this world, they profess they know but little. I do not say so in all cases.

But the Lord, He gives wisdom that makes wise unto salvation. That is what I want to speak of more particularly. He gives wisdom, He makes wise. We have no wisdom unless the Lord bestows it. Do you know anything of spiritual wisdom? The Queen of Sheba came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear of the wisdom of Solomon. All her hard questions Solomon was able to answer. But bear this in mind: God gave him this wisdom; God had made him wise. He asked God for wisdom, and God gave him wisdom. *The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgement with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. (Matthew 12:42)* The Lord Jesus Christ is wisdom. *I wisdom dwell with prudence. (Proverbs 1:12)* And He is able to make wise. And when poor sinners hear of the wisdom of Christ – ah, some of you will follow me here – they come to Him with their hard questions, and they find that it was a true report they heard of Him, that He is able to tell them all that was in their heart, and to do exceedingly abundantly above all they are able to ask or even to think. And He is able to make such a fool, as you feel yourself to be, wise.

It is impossible to understand the Word of God unless we are spiritually enlightened. We must have the Spirit of God, and we must be led into the deep mystery of Christ, and have these things revealed unto us. *The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14)* The Lord Jesus Christ said in the days of His flesh: *I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. (Matthew 11:25)* O it is a mercy of mercies, beloved, to know wisdom, and to know Jesus Christ, who is the power of God! (That we may have to speak of later on.) He is the wisdom of God, the only wise God.

Do you lack wisdom? Do you need wisdom? If you have the grace of God in you, you do. The more grace you have, the more you need wisdom, and you say, “Give wisdom to direct my way, Lord. I am a fool. I do not know which way to take.” If you have a grain of grace in you, you search this Book, and you desire to have wisdom to walk before God, and to be made wise unto salvation, and to have wisdom to walk before your fellow men too. I know what this is. The Lord make me wise. A wise man’s eyes are in his head, and he makes use of them. *Let thine eyes look straight on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. (Proverbs 4:25)* The Lord gives wisdom to this man. This man receives wisdom from the Lord. He asks the Lord to direct his every step. *The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. (Psalm 37:23)*

We may take wrong steps. A minister said to me this morning, “I do want the Lord to direct me. I did once take a step without His direction – I lost everything.” I said, “Yes, I have tasted the cup.” You know you must taste the cup to be enabled to enter into it, and then you know the path the man has been called to tread, and you can fully sympathise with him. And so we may be left to follow the inclination of our own minds.

*With caution we should tread,
For as we sow we reap,
And oft bring mischief on our head,
By some unwary step. (John Berridge)*

And when a man has done this, and the Lord discovers it to the man, he feels it, and is brought to walk more tenderly in after days, and to seek wisdom from the Lord to direct his steps. *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. (James 1:5)* I once heard a man say he never asked God to go with him in his business because he could manage it himself. Poor man! If that man had received wisdom of God, he would have asked God to order his steps and hold him up. *Hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my*

footsteps slip not. (Psalm 17:5) – and be a God of Providence and of grace, and guide me, and make me wise; give me wisdom, and give me to know Thy will.

If any particular thing tries you, be careful, seek wisdom, go to the wise God for wisdom. He is able to answer your hard questions. He knows the desires of your heart, and He will fulfil the desires of them that fear Him. He will hear their cry, and save them. The Lord never makes a mistake – He is too wise. He is the only wise God. There is no God but this God, and He is the only wise God. O the wisdom of God in preparing what He has prepared for His people! Look at it – you think of it for one moment.

*Eternal wisdom has prepared
A soul-reviving feast;
And bids your longing appetites
The rich provision taste. (Isaac Watts)*

O the wisdom of God in the provision He has made for those He makes wise unto salvation! Because they that are made wise unto salvation, that want eternal realities, eternal blessings, that want the blessings of Christ, of His glorious gospel, they want to be favoured at times to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and to feed upon the Lamb once slain, and to eat celestial food. God has provided for them in infinite wisdom, and laid the foundation of their hope in oaths, in promises, in blood. And –

*All must come, and last, and end,
As shall please my heavenly Friend. (John Ryland)*

God makes His people wise to know wisdom, and to confess that He is wise –

*Too wise to err, too good to be unkind –
In all His holy, sovereign will. (Samuel Medley)*

Ah, friends –

*Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face. (William Cowper)*

God is too wise to err, too good to be unkind. It is all in wisdom, O my friends, I am sure it is.

Joseph thought that Jacob had made a great mistake when he unwittingly put his hand upon the head of the younger son. Not so, says Jacob. But Jacob knew what he was doing, without a doubt. Our God is too wise, though we may say, Not so, my Father. We are apt to think sometimes that it cannot be right.

*Could we see how all is right,
Where were room for credence?
But by faith, and not by sight,
Christians yield obedience. (Joseph Hart)*

God is the wise God; He is infinite in wisdom, and –

*He cannot do but what is just,
And must be righteous still. (Thomas Greene)*

If He gives to you, He is good, He is wise. If He takes away, He is wise, He is good. The Father's hand is a wise hand. It is the wise hand of the wise God. He knows what is best for you, and for me.

And looking back – ah! some of you are favoured to look back – what can you say? What do you say? Can you come in and join in this ascription of *glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever, to the only wise God our Saviour?* O my friends, it is sweet, it is blessed, it is glorious, when He enables us to fall flat at His blessed feet, and put the crown on His head, and say in the language of our text: *To the only wise God our Saviour.* O to know this wise God our Saviour! It is worth going through seas of suffering, temptation, and tribulation to get into the gracious experience of this knowledge of God as *the only wise God our Saviour.*

You know, the redeemed in heaven, they ascribe *glory and majesty, dominion and power* unto Him. And so do the saints on earth. I believe all this, in measure, is known in the experience of the blood-bought family of God. And they are brought to ascribe wisdom unto God, *both now and ever.* It is this day, 5th March, as well as for ever. Now we ascribe wisdom unto God, the only wise God. He is wise, infinite in wisdom.

I shall have to leave the subject for this morning. May the Lord add His blessing.

Afternoon Sermon

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 25

God's people are His witnesses. *Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord.* They testify of the wisdom of God; they speak of His wisdom. You have been singing of God's wisdom being perfect: *My wisdom is perfect, supreme is My power. (James Grant)* It is no small mercy to be brought by the grace of God to know the wisdom of God. The Lord makes His people wise, He becomes their wisdom, and they testify that He is *the only wise God*, as Jude blessedly puts it in the words of our text. Our God is infinite wisdom, and as we hinted this morning, He is *too wise to err, too good to be unkind.* He cannot make a mistake. He never will make a mistake. He is *the only wise God and our Saviour.*

Jude knew the wise God to be his Saviour, and it is no small mercy to be brought to know the wise God our Saviour. The Lord Jesus Christ is particularly referred to here – not to the exclusion of the Father, or of the Holy Ghost. Here is the *wise God our Saviour. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. (John 1:3)* He created the world. *He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. (Psalm 33:9)* *He was in the world...and the world knew Him not. (John 1:10)*

We may talk about this mystery, but it is a mercy to be led into the deep mystery of godliness. O what a deep mystery, I repeat, is the mystery of the incarnation of the Son of God! *Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given* – and that child – *the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace* – the Saviour of the world! Christ came into the world to save; He lived to save; He died to save. He rose for the justification of His people, and He is sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, the just God and Saviour. *Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. (Isaiah 45:22)* He has power to save, He is willing to save, and He is able to save. *He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25)* It is no small mercy to be a coming sinner. How many times I have given utterance to this expression. *All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. (John 6:37)*

Do not think Christ will cast you out, if you are coming to Him. There is life, there is faith, and desire, confession, and supplication. You want to know the Saviour, this Christ. You want to know Him, whom to know is life eternal. You hear others say that the Son of God is come, and given us an understanding. This is the true God, the eternal life. You want to say the same, and to have the same

experience, to know the same Saviour, the same Jesus Christ. O what a mercy to live to feel your need of Him!

*All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him. (Joseph Hart)*

If you cannot claim Him yours, it may be you are ready to speak to Him as the only wise God and Saviour. You say, "I do believe this, that He is *the only wise God and Saviour*, that He died for His people, that He is a Saviour, and that He will save His people." And you want to believe that He will save you. *By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8)* "Ah," say you, "I know it is, but I could as soon create a world as believe that He has saved my soul." This is the language of your soul:

*Inspire the living faith,
Which whosoe'er receives,
The witness in himself he hath,
And joyfully believes. (Charles Wesley)*

You want Him to inspire living faith into you. You would believe, and you say, "Lord, I would believe. Help Thou my unbelief. Give me the faith of Thine elect."

O to believe! It is easy, some men will tell you, to believe. "Take God at His word." Well, it is true, when God inspires faith, but it is not true as some professors put it. It is true when God brings faith into exercise. I know it is. Why, sometimes God has brought this faith into exercise into my soul in a moment, and I have believed to the saving of my soul. I have seen Christ. Have you seen Him, and heard His voice? He does reveal Himself to sinners. He is the wise God and Saviour. I am a witness that God saves, and none need despair since this poor man has found mercy there. You need not despair. O, I do not think you will, if a grain of grace has been given you, because God, having begun the work, will carry it on.

*Grace all the work shall crown,
Through everlasting days;
It lays in heaven the topmost stone,
And well deserves the praise. (Philip Doddridge)*

O what a Saviour is our God! He saves from despair, from wrath, and from the damning power of hell, unbelief, and corruption. He saves eternally, everlastingly. O when you are brought before the throne of His glory, having the witness in your own soul, you ascribe glory unto Him. You will get to heaven. I believe such were among that multitude which John saw, redeemed out of every nation, kindred, tongue and tribe, and that ascribe salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. (*see Revelation ch.5*) Salvation belongeth unto the Lord. His blessing is upon His people. It has ever been upon them. He is their God and Saviour, and the redeemed in heaven cry with a loud voice, saying: *Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God. (Revelation 19:1)* There is such a thing in time as knowing the *wise God and Saviour*, and ascribing wisdom and salvation unto Him, and this is heaven begun below. Some of you have had a taste of it, and you will live to sing of salvation when the world is in a blaze. You will *sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. (Revelation 15:3)*

To the only wise God our Saviour. O to know Jesus! Do you know Him, my dear hearer? Has He made known Himself to you? Is this what you long for Him to do? Is this the burden of your cry: *That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings?* (*Philippians 3:10*) There is no God, no Redeemer like Him. He saves His people from all sin, and He brings them to His heaven, the heaven He has prepared for them. He never leaves them, nor forsakes them, world without end. When they are up to their chin in afflictions and troubles, He

comes to them, and comforts them, and causes them to *stand, upheld by His righteous, omnipotent hand. The only wise God our Saviour.*

Now look at the ascription of *glory and majesty, dominion and power*, which Jude ascribes to Him, which may every sinner, every child of God, ascribe unto Him in this time state. It begins here – I am sure it does – and it never ends. As soon as the mortal life ceases it begins as it never has been before. The spirit joins the spirits of the just made perfect in heaven, there to ascribe *glory and majesty, dominion and power* unto *the only wise God our Saviour*. There comes this in the experience of every vessel of mercy: Show me Thy glory, and form me for Thyself. God forms His people for Himself. *I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. (Isaiah 43:7)* And this person that is created for God's glory, that beholds the glory of God, ascribes glory unto God. Do you follow me here? I am sure some of you do. You must be brought by the grace of God to behold the glory of God. *The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. (Isaiah 40:5)* The soul that is brought by the grace of God to long to see the glory of God shall see the glory of God. And that soul will ascribe glory unto God, and sees the glory of God.

God's glory is great in the salvation of Christ. You read *Psalms 21*, and you will find that it is so, for it is written in this psalm: *His glory is great in Thy salvation: honour and majesty hast Thou laid upon Him. (v.5)* – as the Mediator, as the God-Man. The soul that knows it will give unto the Lord glory and strength, and give unto the Lord the glory due to His Name. You cannot do it. You may long to do it – you do it as best you can. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name. You do the best you can. You ascribe glory unto Him as Jude puts it here. He is the King of glory. When He ascended up into heaven, it was said: *Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. (Psalm 24:9)* And the redeemed ascribe glory unto Him.

You see, friends, it says: *Both now and for ever* – both now and unto the ages. It begins now. O have you ever had five minutes at the throne of grace ascribing glory unto your Redeemer? Have you known what it is to ascribe glory unto Him? *Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory. (Psalm 115:1)* You have given glory unto God, the glory of your salvation. You have put the crown upon the head of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you have seen His glory, you have. *We beheld His glory, says John, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)* *We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. (Hebrews 2:9,10)*

O my friends, do you not at times ascribe glory unto *the only wise God our Saviour*? Perhaps you put it more like this at times: *To the only wise God my Saviour*. That is very personal, but it is very blessed. There is nothing like it to be favoured by the Lord to call Him ours in ties of blood. What a blessed Saviour! You give Him the glory of your salvation from first to last. And when you do this, it may be in your meditation you are favoured to see Him come from heaven into this lower world, and trace Him from the garden to the cross. *Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in His apparel, travelling in the greatness of His strength? (Isaiah 63:1)* And as you see Him travelling in the greatness of His strength, you ascribe glory unto Him. You put the crown upon His great head, and you crown Him Lord of all, as you were singing this morning:

*To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all. (Edward Perronet)*

And there is no Lord like Him – He is Lord of lords, and King of kings, God of gods, and Saviour of saviours. And you do ascribe glory unto Him.

And majesty. He is worthy that majesty should be ascribed unto Him, for He is God, the God-Man, the Mediator between God and men. And you may go on, child of God, to ascribe glory unto Him, and majesty. *To Him all majesty ascribe.* O to see Him going forth for your salvation – it will cause you to exclaim: He is worthy of *glory and majesty.* O my friends, we preach Him as God, as the eternal Son of the eternal Father. And we preach Him as the Mediator to the new and better covenant, as the Son of the Father, and as being clothed by the Father, as the Mediator, with majesty and honour. God the Father has laid it upon Him – honour and majesty. And we ascribe it unto Him. O He is worthy of this ascription.

Unto Him...be glory and majesty – and dominion. You know, friends, He now reigns. He has a right to reign. He shall reign. His dominion shall reach from shore to shore. He is the sovereign of all people, all tongues, kindreds and tribes. He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth, and His Name shall endure for ever. His Name shall be continued as long as the sun. All men shall be blessed in Him. All nations shall call Him blessed. Ascribe glory unto Him, majesty unto Him, dominion unto Him, authority unto Him. He shall reign. To His reign there shall be no end. And do not some of you say sometimes, feelingly and graciously:

*Reign o'er us as King, accomplish Thy will,
And powerfully bring us forth from all ill;
Till, falling before Thee, we laud Thy loved Name,
Ascribing the glory to God and the Lamb. (Joseph Hart)*

O this ascription belongs to Him. We would ascribe *glory and majesty, dominion and power* unto Him, now, this afternoon, this gospel day. *Now is the accepted time.* His dominion is from sea to sea, and He is worthy that glory, majesty, and power should be ascribed unto Him. God the Father laid help upon one that is mighty. I do love to think of God the Father charging help upon Christ, laying help upon Christ, giving Him as the Mediator power, laying it upon Him. *I have laid help upon one that is mighty. (Psalm 89:19)*

*Jesus is a mighty Saviour;
Helpless souls have here a Friend. (William Gadsby)*

O yes, He is *mighty to save.* I know this: some of you have mighty sins, and you need a mighty Saviour. O sometimes your soul sinks within you. O my sins have hung heavy upon my soul. Guilt hangs heavy upon my soul. *Mighty to save!* *I that speak in righteousness* – it is His own righteousness – *mighty to save. (Isaiah 63:1)* I should have no hope of getting to heaven were it not that Christ is *mighty to save.* He is a mighty Saviour, an almighty Saviour.

O you may ascribe power unto Him. God the Father and God the Holy Ghost will not be offended when you ascribe *glory and majesty, dominion and power* to Christ. *God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God. (Psalm 62:11)* Power belongeth unto the Lord. He has all power. *All power is given unto (Him) in heaven and in earth. (Matthew 28:18)* O you may ascribe power unto Christ. I am weak, and so are you. You have been confessing it in your hymn of praise after dinner:

*In themselves as weak as worms,
How can poor believers stand? (John Newton)*

It is a mercy to know it, and to look to the Lord who has all power, to keep you. *When I am weak,* says the apostle – Ah! that is it! Would to God many knew what weakness was. Heaps do not know what weakness is. The Lord weakens His people in the way, so that they may know what power He has. And it is well when the Holy Ghost instructs the soul in this, and testifies of Christ as the power of God. Then the soul ascribes power unto Him.

He has power. All power is His. He has power to give eternal life unto as many as the Father hath given Him. *And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. (John 17:3)* He has power to deliver. O my friends, do you not sometimes say: “Jesus Christ, clothed with majesty and power”? I put it to you, my dear people: Do you not sometimes behold Him clothed with majesty and power? *Be not afraid of them that kill the body – do not fear men – but Fear Him, which after He hath killed hath power to cast (both body and soul) into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear Him. (Luke 12:4,5)* He is the Lamb of God slain. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, as well as the Lamb. He has power. *Hearken unto Me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is My law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool. (Isaiah 51:7,8)*

O do not you sometimes ascribe power unto Him? You fall at His feet, perhaps, at the close of the day, and you do confess to Him how weak you are. “I am weak: Thou art mighty. I am helpless; all power is Thine. All power is given unto Thee.” And then He comes, perhaps, and puts strength into you, and you do –

*Through the Redeemer’s precious blood,
Feel the mighty power of God;
Through the rich aid divinely given,
Rise from earth, and soar to heaven. (Richard Burnham)*

And you ascribe power unto Him. You put the crown upon His head. Yes, now, both now and for ever, you ascribe power unto Him.

But friends, I have told you many times, and it will bear repeating, the best is yet to come. You may get weary in the service. You may find, as the disciples found, that the flesh is weak when you would attend to the things of God. *Could ye not watch with Me one hour? (Matthew 26:40)* You may find sometimes that it is impossible to keep awake the one and a half hours. You cannot do as you would. The time is coming, friends, when there will be no weariness. They will serve Him day and night in His temple, now and for ever. They will ascribe salvation unto Him, as in *Revelation 19 verse 7*.

Glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto our God for ever and ever. And there will be no end to it. You may sometimes be blessed in the service, but it comes to an end. But in heaven –

*Congregations ne’er break up,
And Sabbaths have no end.*

His servants serve Him, and –

*There shall we see His face,
And never, never sin;
There, from the rivers of His grace,
Drink endless pleasures in. (Isaac Watts)*

May the Lord add His blessing.