

Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual "To Do List"
(things God has shown me today)

Service Music

Pre-service - Into the Word - E. Whitsett

A Closer Walk - H. Lillenas

Prelude - Open My Eyes - C. Scott

Special Music - GARDEN - C. Miles

For the Christian, meditation means having “the word of Christ dwell in you richly” (Colossians 3:16). It is not, like secular meditation, “doing nothing and being tuned in to your own mind at the same time,” but it is feeding our minds on the words of God and digesting them slowly, savoring the texture, enjoying the juices, cherishing the flavor of such rich fare. Meditation that is truly Christian is guided by the gospel, shaped by the Scriptures, reliant upon the Holy Spirit, and exercised in faith.

—David Mathis, desiringGod.org

Christian meditation, very simply, is the ability to hear God's voice and obey his word. It is that simple. I wish I could make it more complicated for those who like things difficult. It involves no hidden mysteries, no secret mantras, no mental gymnastics, no esoteric flights into the cosmic consciousness. The truth of the matter is that the great God of the universe, the Creator of all things, desires our fellowship...

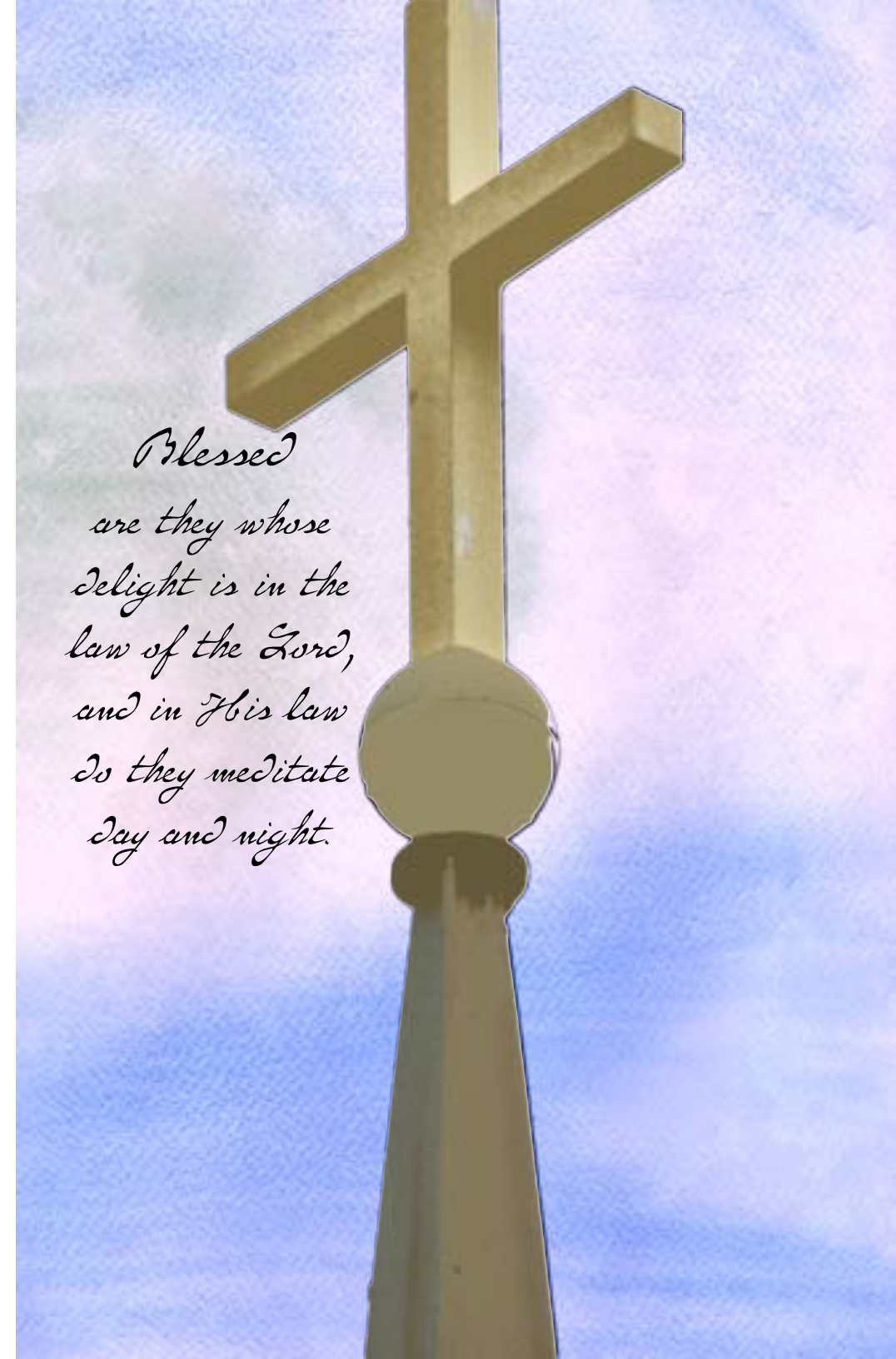
...For all the devotional masters the *meditatio Scripturarum*, the meditation upon Scripture, is the central reference point by which all other forms of meditation are kept in proper perspective.

Whereas the study of Scripture centers on exegesis, the meditation of Scripture centers on internalizing and personalizing the passage. The written Word becomes a living word addressed to you. This is not a time for technical studies, or analysis, or even the gathering of material to share with others. Set aside all tendencies toward arrogance and with a humble heart receive the word addressed to you. Often I find kneeling especially appropriate for this particular time.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer says, "... just as you do not analyze the words of someone you love, but accept them as they are said to you, accept the Word of Scripture and ponder it in your heart, as Mary did.

That is all. That is meditation.” (*The Way to Freedom*, p.59) When Bonhoeffer founded the seminary at Finkenwalde, a one-half hour silent meditation upon Scripture was practiced by everyone.

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*Blessed
are they whose
Delight is in the
law of the Lord,
and in His law
do they meditate
day and night.*

Now walk with God and He will be your dear - est Friend,
 — Wher - e'er you go, in ev - 'ry - thing you do.
 And may your life re - flect His love to ev - 'ry-one.
 Now walk with God and He will walk with you.
 Now walk with God and He will walk with you.

Deeper, Deeper

Charles P. Jones, 20th Century Charles P. Jones, 20th Century

1. Deep - er, deep - er in the love of Je - sus Dai - ly let me go;
 2. Deep - er, deep - er! Bless - ed Ho - ly Spir - it, Take me deep - er still,
 3. Deep - er, deep - er! tho' it cost hard tri - als, Deep - er let me go!
 4. Deep - er, high - er, ev - 'ry day in Je - sus, Till all con - flicts past

High - er, high - er in the school of wis - dom, More of grace to know.
 Till my life is whol - ly lost in Je - sus And His per - fect will.
 Root - ed in the ho - ly love of Je - sus, Let me fruit - ful grow.
 Finds me con - qu'ror, and in His own im - age Per - fect - ed at last.

REFRAIN

Oh, deep - er yet, er yet, I pray, And
 Oh, deep - er yet, I pray, deep - er yet, I pray, And

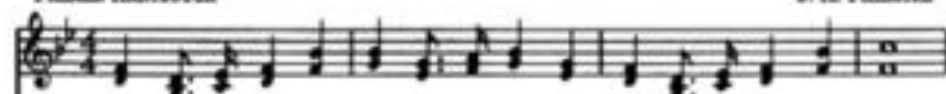
high - er ev - 'ry day, And wis -
 high - er ev - 'ry day, high - er ev - 'ry day, And wis - er, bless - ed

- er, bless - ed Lord, In Thy pre - cious, ho - ly Word.
 Lord, wis - er, bless - ed Lord.

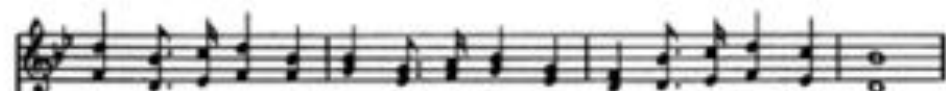
I Am Resolved

PALMER HARTBOUGH

J. H. FULLMORE



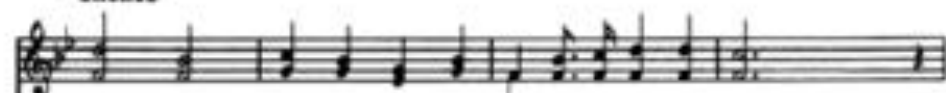
1. I am re-solved no long-er to lin-ger, Charmed by the world's de-light;
2. I am re-solved to go to the Sav-iour, Leav-ing my sin and strife.
3. I am re-solved to fol-low the Sav-iour, Faith-ful and true each day,
4. I am re-solved to en-ter the Kingdom, Leav-ing the paths of sin.



Things that are high-er, things that are no-bler, These have al-lured my sight.
He is the true One; He is the just One; He hath the words of life.
Heed what He say-eth, do what He will-eth; He is the liv-ing Way.
Friends may op-pose me, foes may be-set me; Still will I en-ter in.

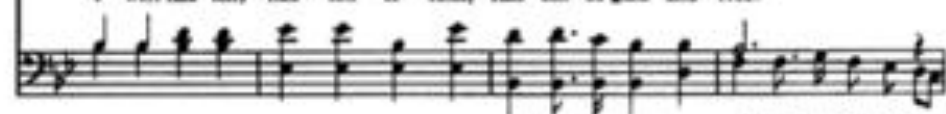


CHORUS



I will has-ten to Him, Has-ten so glad and free.

I will has-ten, has-ten to Him, Has-ten so glad and free.



Has-ten glad and free.



Je - sus, Great-est, High-est, I will come to Thee.

Je - sus, Je - sus,

