

All The Way My Savior Leads Me

Psalm 32:8-9

Introduction

- A. Singing as we know is a specific act of worship
- B. Over the next several months on Sunday Nights I wish to look at some specific songs
- C. Tonight a song which expresses trust in God to instruct and guide us in the way that we should go
 - All The Way My Savior Leads Me
- D. Background of the author
 - 1. The text was written by Frances Jane Crosby VanAlstyne, better known as Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)
 - 2. Blind from six months, Fanny became a prolific poet who was under contract for three hymns a week
 - 3. She put the poem down on paper and sent it to Robert Lowry, who composed the tune
- E. The song is an expression of our faith in Christ to lead us

I. The First Stanza Says That Because Christ Leads Us, We Have Our Needs Provided

*"All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well."*

- A. We have no reason to doubt the tender mercy of Him who is our Guide to see that our needs are taken care of - **Psalm 23.1-6**
- B. Not only the physical needs, but the spiritual needs of heavenly peace and divinest comfort are granted to those who dwell in Him by faith - **Philippians 4.6-7**
- C. Therefore, we can be assured that whatever befalls us, the Lord will do all things for our good

II. The Second Stanza Says That Because Christ Leads Us, We Have His Cheer to Help Us

*"All the way my Savior leads me; Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial, Feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see."*

- A. We all face trials in this life, but He gives us grace and feeds us with His living bread to sustain us - **John 6.32-35 - Hebrews 4.14-16 - 1 Peter 4.12-16**
- B. As we journey through this life, our weary steps will sometimes falter and our soul will thirst - **Psalm 6.6 - Psalm 63.1**
- C. But like the Israelites of old, we can look to the Lord for a spring of joy gushing from the Rock before us - **John 4.10-14**

III. The Third Stanza Says That Because Christ Leads Us, We Have the Fullness of His Love

**"All the way my Savior leads me; O, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, Wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way."**

- A. This fullness is manifested in the fact that perfect rest is promised in the Father's house above -
John 14.1-3
- B. Someday, when Jesus comes, our spirits, clothed immortal, will wing their flight to realms of day -
2 Corinthians 5.1-6
- C. Then, we can sing the song through endless ages that Jesus led us all the way just as He did
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Conclusion

- A. This song is somewhat unusual among the more popular of Fanny Crosby's works in that unlike most others it does not have the standard chorus which follows each stanza
- B. While it is not a song of praise addressed directly to the Lord, it is more of a devotional hymn praising His goodness and guidance than the typical gospel song
- C. If I am to have the hope of going to be with God, I must strive to live here on earth so that "All The Way My Savior Leads Me."