

Jesus Takes The Broken Matthew 11:28-30

"Just As I Am" (#330 HFW) speaks of a desire to come to the Lord

Written by Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871) of London, England. At 30 she was attacked by a serious illness which left her an invalid. At first bitter, she later improved in outlook and decided to devote her life to humanitarian interests.

In 1834 while lying awake in great pain and feeling useless, she wrote these words as a poem to sell for a small contribution to benefit a girls' school. However, her sister-in-law, found the paper after returning late that night and sent it to a publisher without her knowledge. It was printed anonymously on a leaflet in 1835. Later that year, when the family doctor came around for a visit, he gave Charlotte a new leaflet which he had purchased to cheer shut-ins. Charlotte immediately recognized her own words, and, in fact, the sale of the leaflet made far more money for the school than did the bazaar. The next year, she went on to publish a whole book of verses called "The Invalid's Handbook," which contained a number of her poems, including this one. The tune (Woodworth) was composed by a well-known American hymn-tune composer of the 19th century, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868). It first appeared in his 1849 collection, the "Third Book of Psalmody."

This song focuses more on God's grace and mercy than we are sometimes comfortable with. Yet it does speak of the submission which we must have as we come to God for salvation.

He Calls

Verse 1 Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bids't me come to Thee, O lamb, of God, I come, I come.

Indicates that we must come to Christ

My excuses are not sufficient, I will not plead my case for God's favor - **Titus 3:5**

Rather, our only plea is that Christ's "blood was shed for" us - **Romans 5:8**

To be saved we must come to Christ, He will receive those who come to Him - **John 6:37**

He Cleanses

Verse 2 Just as I am and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot, To thee whose blood can cleanse each tho't, O lamb of God I come, I come.

The means of cleansing is found in Christ - **Isaiah 1:18**

We should not wait but come now - **2Corinthians 6:2**

To rid our souls of the dark spots that sin has caused - **2Peter 3:14**

Of course, the price that has been paid to accomplish this the blood of Jesus - **Matthew 26:28**

He Calms

Verse 3 Just as I am, tho' tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears, within, without, O lamb of God I come, I come.

On our own we will be in constant conflict. In Christ we can overcome

All of us are tossed about from time to time with conflicts and doubts - **Galatians 5:17**

Fears and foes push us to find a way to overcome. Through Christ we can - **Romans 8:37**

David understood the blessings found in letting God remove His failures - **Psalms 51:1-2**

He Welcomes

Verse 5* Just as I am thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome pardon, cleanse relieve, Because thy promise I believe, O lamb, of God I come, I come.

We must truly believe in order to come to Christ

Jesus promised He will receive us because He is the Lamb of God - **John 1:29**

He came to welcome, pardon, cleanse, and relieve because of the love of God - **1John 1:9**

Therefore, believe, and Christ said those who believe in Him will be provided for - **John 6:35**

He Supplies

Verse 4* Just as I am Poor, wretched, blind Sight, riches, healing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O lamb of God I come, I come.

Our condition is one of dire need, yet the Lamb supplies all - **Isaiah 55:1**

Poor, wretched and blind, without hope; We need sight, riches and healing - **Revelation 3:17-18**
In Christ all these things are found in abundance - **Matthew 6:33**

He Loves

Verse 6* Just as I am thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; How to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O lamb of God I come, I come.

God's Love has made the way clear and we need to come to Him.

God's love is beyond our understanding - **John 3:16**

Through this expression of love there is nothing to separate us from God - **Hebrews 10:19-22**

We need to give our self completely to Him and Him alone - **James 4:7-8**

Let Him Change Me

Added **Chorus** from acappella group - I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed. I come desp'rate to be rescued, I come empty to be filled. I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ, the Lamb, And I'm welcome with open arms praise God, just as I am.

A reminder that we come to God to be changed, not stay the same!

No matter what our station in life, God will accept us if we are willing to submit.

Coming to God requires submitting to His Will

No conflict or need should keep us from God

Jesus has prepared the way, we just need to follow.

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