

My Loved Ones:

God says in Nahum 1:7 - "The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knows them that trust in Him."

Charles Wesley was the younger brother of John Wesley, and they, together with George Whitefield, founded the Methodist movement. Both John & Charles were excellent preachers, but their particular giftedness was that John was the administrator / organizer and Charles was the hymn-writer with a huge heart.

We don't know the cause of the writing of the hymn we're looking at today, but it was written within the first two years that Charles came to know Jesus as Savior. He titled it "In Temptation [and Trial]." We face times of temptation and trial these days, and need the comfort of this hymn as well.

Notice the words that he calls Jesus: "Lover," "Healer," "Refuge," "Fountain," "Pilot"[Captain], "More than all I need," etc. In other words, Jesus gives comfort, power and grace in every circumstance. Jesus will provide protection to those who run to Him in the trial (stanza 1), because there is no other refuge (stanza 2). Jesus should be our sole desire (stanza 3), because Jesus' grace is the only thing that can cleanse our sins (stanza 4). Read these lyrics today and be encouraged about your Jesus. Pray these words to the Lord as you remind yourself.

Jesus, lover of my soul / Let me to Thy bosom fly, / While the nearer waters roll / While the tempest still is high: / Hide me, O my Savior, hide / Till the storm of life is past; / Safe into the haven guide / O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none / Hangs my helpless soul on Thee: / Leave, O leave me not alone / Still support and comfort me: / All my trust on Thee is stayed / All my help from Thee I bring; / Cover my defenseless head / With the shadow of Thy wing.

Wilt Thou not regard my call? / Wilt Thou not accept my prayer? / Lo! I sink, I faint, I fall — / Lo! on Thee I cast my care. / Reach me out Thy gracious hand! / While I of Thy strength receive, / Hoping against hope I stand, / Dying, and behold, I live.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want / More than all in Thee I find: / Raise the fallen, cheer the faint / Heal the sick and lead the blind: / Just and holy is Thy name / I am all unrighteousness; / False and full of sin I am / Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found / Grace to cover all my sin; / Let the healing streams abound / Make and keep me pure within: / Thou of life the fountain art / Freely let me take of Thee; / Spring Thou up within my heart / Rise to all eternity.

We love you and are praying for you today.